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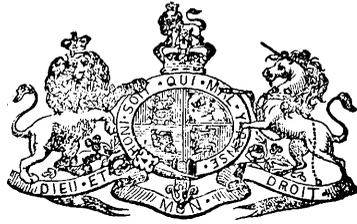
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Names arranged in the Order of Retirement.	Elected at—		Remarks.
	Nomination.	Polling.	
CENTRAL PROVINCE :			
Theodotus John Sumner	15th Aug., 1874	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Frederick Thomas Sargood ... ..	... ..	12th May, 1874.
George Ward Cole	10th Dec., 1870.		
Thomas Turner a'Beckett	20th April, 1870.		
James Graham	20th Sept., 1866.		
SOUTH PROVINCE :			
Thomas Ferrier Hamilton	18th Aug., 1874	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Frank Stanley Dobson	17th Aug., 1872.		
James Balfour	19th June, 1874 ...	Elected instead of the Honorable W. Degraeves, resigned.
John Pinney Bear ... ..	... ..	3rd Oct., 1868.
William Arthur Callander a'Beckett ... ..	... ..	16th Sept., 1868.
SOUTH-WESTERN PROVINCE :			
Henry Cuthbert	25th Aug., 1874	Elected instead of the Honorable R. C. Hope, retired by rotation.
James Henty	23rd Aug., 1872.		
John Cumming	24th Aug., 1870.		
Caleb Joshua Jenner	29th Sept., 1868.		
George Frederick Belcher ... ..	... ..	9th April, 1875 ...
WESTERN PROVINCE :			
Thomas Bromell	11th Sept., 1874 ...	Elected instead of the Honorable J. F. Strachan, retired by rotation.
Niel Black	30th Aug., 1872.		
Thomas McKellar ... ..	... ..	12th Sept., 1870.
Robert Simson	6th Oct., 1868.		
William Skene	14th Dec., 1870.		
NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE :			
Nicholas Fitzgerald	4th Sept., 1874	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
William Campbell ... ..	... ..	16th Sept., 1872.
William Henry Fancourt Mitchell	2nd Sept., 1870.		
Francis Robertson ... ..	... ..	2nd Nov., 1868.
Alexander Fraser	4th July, 1872.		
EASTERN PROVINCE :			
John Alston Wallace	4th Sept., 1874	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Sir Francis Murphy	5th Dec., 1872.		
William Highett	2nd Sept., 1870.		Elected instead of the Honorable B. Williams, deceased. The only opposing candidate having withdrawn, Mr. Wilson was declared duly elected in terms of clause LXXXIX. of Act 29 Vict., No. 279.
William Wilson	13th Jan., 1875	
Robert Stirling Anderson	15th May, 1874.		



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- ” 53. Public Accounts.—Regulation exempting Water Supply Branch of Mines Department, and Melbourne Sewers and Water Supply Branch, from operation of Regulation No. 68 (26th July, 1875).
- ” 54. Public Accounts—Regulations (two) respecting (23rd August, 1875).
- 21st Sept. 55. Victorian Railways.—Lines of Railway authorized under 37 Vict. No. 475.—Estimate of Expenditure for twelve months ending 30th June, 1876—£640,200.
- ” 56. Victorian Railways.—Estimate of Expenditure on North-Eastern Line during twelve months ending 30th June, 1876—£20,650.
- ” 57. Railway Construction Act 1873.—Estimate of proposed expenditure 1875-6—£393,319.
- ” 58. Victorian Railways.—Ballarat and Ararat, Castlemaine and Dunolly, and Ballarat and Maryborough.—Estimate of Expenditure during twelve months ending 30th June, 1876—£31,450.
- ” 59. Post Office Savings Banks.—General Regulations (21st June, 1875).
- ” 60. Post Office Savings Banks.—Amended Regulations for guidance of Postmasters and other officers (21st June, 1875).
- 5th October. 61. Industrial and Reformatory Schools.—Report of Inspector for year 1874.
- ” 62. Patents Statute—Rules and Regulations under (20th September, 1875).
- 6th October. 63. Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria.—Part V.—Interchange (1874).
- ” 64. Discipline Act 1870—Regulation under (20th September, 1875).
- 19th October. 65. Fisheries Act 1873 — Notification under, cancelling Proclamation of Close Season for Murray Cod, Murray Perch, and Murray Bream (14th October, 1875).
- 17th Nov. 66. Statistics, Victoria, 1874.—Part VI.—Production.
- ” 67. Statistics, Victoria, 1874.—Part VII.—Accumulation.
- ” 68. Australasian Statistics, 1874.—Compiled.
- ” 69. Savings Banks.—Returns for Year ending 30th June, 1875.
- 30th Nov. 70. Sewers and Water Supply—Melbourne.—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.—1st July, 1874, to 30th June, 1875.
- 1st Dec. 71. Post Office Savings Banks.—Amended Regulations for guidance of Postmasters and others (22nd November, 1875).
- ” 72. Post Office Savings Banks.—General Regulations (22nd November, 1875).
- 14th Dec. 73. Statistical Register of Victoria, 1874.—Part VIII.—Vital Statistics, &c.
- ” 74. Crown Grants and Leases—Forms of.—Order in Council (29th November, 1875).
- ” 75. Crown Lands to be sold by auction—Charge for.—Order in Council (6th December, 1875).
- ” 76. Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of, for Quarter ending 30th September, 1875.
- ” 77. Supreme Court—General Rule (7th December, 1875).
- 21st Dec. 78. Statistical Register of Victoria.—Part IX.—Religious, Moral, and Intellectual Progress.
- ” 79. Victorian Railways.—Report of Board of Land and Works, for Year ending 30th June, 1875.
- ” 80. Yan Yean Reservoir Water—Report of Analytical Chemist on (11th December, 1875).
- 1876.
- 18th Jan. 81. Friendly Societies—List of—Registered, Expired, Dissolved, &c., during the Year ending 31st December, 1874.
- ” 82. Geological Map of Australia, including Tasmania—First Sketch of.
- 1st Feb. 83. Friendly Societies—Statistics of, for Year 1874, with Introductory Report by Government Statist.
- ” 84. Education.—Report of Minister of Public Instruction for 1874-5.
- 8th Feb. 85. Australasian Statistics, 1874.—Supplementary Tables.
- ” 86. Public Accounts.—Regulations (24th January, 1876).
- 15th Feb. 87. Land Act 1869.—Order in Council.—Regulations (7th February, 1876).
- 7th March. 88. Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict. cap. 55—Statement of Expenditure under, during Year 1874-5.
- ” 89. Health Officer—Report of, for Year ending 31st December, 1875.
- ” 90. Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of, for Quarter ending 31st December, 1875.
- 21st March. 91. Import, Export, Transhipment, and Shipping Returns—Summary of, &c., for the Year 1875.
- 29th March. 92. Volunteer Forces.—Report of Royal Commission (15th March, 1876).
- 4th April. 93. Public Accounts—Regulation respecting—Certifying Accounts for Expenditure by Board for Protection of Aborigines (21st March, 1876).
- 6th April. 94. Land Act 1869—Report of Proceedings under, for Year ending 31st December, 1875.

VICTORIA.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DURING THE SESSION 1875-6.

No.	SHORT TITLES OF BILLS.	By whom and when initiated.	PROGRESS.															Number of Act.	REMARKS.			
			First Reading.	Second Reading.	Committal.	Report.	Re-committal.	Report after Re-committal.	Adoption of Report.	Third Reading.	Passing.	Sent to Legislative Assembly.	Returned from Legislative Assembly.		Amendments considered.	Re-transmitted to Legislative Assembly.	Assent.			Published as Supplement to <i>Government Gazette</i> .		
1	Corporation Bye-Laws &c. Proof Bill ..	Honorable R. S. Anderson ..	1875. 25 May	1875. 25 May	1875. 1 June	1875. 1 June	1875. 8 June	1875. 15 June	1875. 15 June	1875. 22 June	1875. 22 June	1875. 22 June	1875. 22 June	1876. 28 March	1876. ..	1876. ..	1876. ..	1876. 7 April	1876. 7 April	DXXI.		
2	Surgery Degrees Bill	Honorable R. S. Anderson ..	1 June	1 June	8 June	8 June	8 June	..	..	15 June	15 June	15 June	15 June	..	28 March	29 March	29 March	7 April	7 April	DXXV.	Not returned from Legislative Assembly.
3	Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors Bill ..	Honorable R. S. Anderson ..	8 June	8 June	15 June	15 June	20 July	20 July	..	30 Nov.	30 Nov.	30 Nov.	30 Nov.	29 March	Not returned from Legislative Assembly.
4	Cheques &c. Law Amendment Bill ..	Honorable R. S. Anderson ..	22 June	22 June	29 June	6 July	6 July	..	..	13 July	13 July	13 July	13 July	..	28 March	28 March	..	7 April	7 April	DXXII.	
5	Consolidated Revenue Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	29 June	29 June	29 June	29 June	29 June	..	..	29 June	29 June	29 June	..	..	..	..	..	29 June	2 July	DVII.	Not returned from Legislative Assembly.
6	Impounding Law Amendment Bill ..	Honorable R. S. Anderson ..	20 July	20 July	30 Nov.	30 Nov.	7 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	Not returned from Legislative Assembly.
7	Consolidated Revenue Bill (2)	Message from Legislative Assembly	7 Sept.	7 Sept.	7 Sept.	7 Sept.	7 Sept.	..	..	7 Sept.	7 Sept.	7 Sept.	..	..	..	..	..	7 Sept.	10 Sept.	DVIII.	
8	Railway Loan Account and Public Works Loan Account 1872 Application Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	..	..	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	..	..	..	..	..	6 Oct.	8 Oct.	DIX.	
9	Thistle Prevention Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	Ordered to be read a second time "this day six months," 30 November, 1875.
10	Church of England Trust Lands Sale Bill..	Message from Legislative Assembly	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	..	..	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	..	..	..	..	..	19 Oct.	22 Oct.	DXI.	
11	Melbourne Orphan Asylum Sale Bill ..	Message from Legislative Assembly	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	..	..	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	..	..	..	..	..	19 Oct.	22 Oct.	DX.	
12	Consolidated Revenue Bill (3)	Message from Legislative Assembly	19 Oct.	19 Oct.	19 Oct.	19 Oct.	19 Oct.	..	..	19 Oct.	19 Oct.	19 Oct.	..	..	..	..	..	19 Oct.	22 Oct.	DXII.	
13	Consolidated Revenue Bill (4)	Message from Legislative Assembly	1 Dec.	1 Dec.	1 Dec.	1 Dec.	1 Dec.	..	..	1 Dec.	1 Dec.	1 Dec.	..	..	..	..	..	1 Dec.	3 Dec.	DXIII.	
14	Public Health Bill	Honorable R. S. Anderson ..	7 Dec.	7 Dec.	14 Dec.	14 Dec.	18 Jan.	1876. 25 Jan.	1876. 25 Jan.	1876. 1 Feb.	1876. 1 Feb.	1876. 1 Feb.	1876. 1 Feb.	..	28 March	28 March	28 March	
15	Land Act 1869 Amendment (Pastoral Tenants' Rent) Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	22 Dec.	22 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	..	..	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	..	29 March	..	..	..	1876. 7 April	1876. 7 April	DXIV.	
16	University Degrees Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	22 Dec.	22 Dec.	Disposed of on motion for previous question, 25 January, 1876.
17	Collection of Tolls Extension Bill ..	Message from Legislative Assembly	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	..	..	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	23 Dec.	..	..	..	..	..	23 Dec.	24 Dec.	DXIV.	
18	Bathwick's Boundaries Bill	Honorable R. S. Anderson ..	1876. 18 Jan.	1876. 18 Jan.	1876. 25 Jan.	1876. 25 Jan.	1876. 1 Feb.	..	..	2 Feb.	2 Feb.	2 Feb.	2 Feb.	14 March	..	..	..	1876. 7 April	1876. 7 April	DXVIII.	
19	Legal Profession Amalgamation Bill ..	Message from Legislative Assembly	9 Feb.	9 Feb.	Ordered to be read a second time "this day six months," 7 March, 1876.
20	Consolidated Revenue Bill (5)	Message from Legislative Assembly	15 Feb.	15 Feb.	15 Feb.	15 Feb.	15 Feb.	..	..	15 Feb.	15 Feb.	15 Feb.	..	..	..	..	..	15 Feb.	18 Feb.	DXVI.	
21	Expiring Law (Drawbacks Act) Continuation Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	14 March	14 March	21 March	21 March	21 March	..	..	21 March	21 March	21 March	..	..	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXIX.	
22	Expiring Law (Diseases of Stock Act) Continuation Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	14 March	14 March	21 March	21 March	21 March	..	..	21 March	21 March	21 March	..	..	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXX.	
23	Succession Duties Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	28 March	28 March	29 March	29 March	29 March	..	..	29 March	29 March	29 March	..	..	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXXIII.	
24	Tax on Bank Notes Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	28 March	28 March	29 March	29 March	29 March	..	..	29 March	29 March	29 March	..	..	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXXVI.	
25	Police Offences Statute Amendment Bill ..	Message from Legislative Assembly	28 March	28 March	29 March	29 March	4 April	4 April	4 April	4 April	4 April	4 April	4 April	..	6 April	6 April	..	7 April	7 April	DXXXII.		
26	Mining on Private Property Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	28 March	28 March	30 March	30 March	Not reported from Committee.
27	Medical Practitioners Statute 1865 Amendment Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	28 March	28 March	29 March	29 March	29 March	..	..	29 March	29 March	29 March	..	..	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXXVII.	
28	Post Office Statute 1866 Amendment Bill..	Message from Legislative Assembly	28 March	28 March	29 March	29 March	29 March	..	..	29 March	29 March	29 March	..	..	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXXVIII.	Message from Governor with Amendment, 5 April, 1876.
29	Railway Loan Liquidation and Construction Account Application Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	29 March	29 March	30 March	30 March	30 March	..	..	30 March	30 March	30 March	..	..	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXXIX.	
30	Railway Construction Act 1873 Amendment Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	30 March	30 March	4 April	4 April	4 April	..	..	4 April	4 April	4 April	..	..	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXXX.	
31	Loan Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	5 April	5 April	5 April	5 April	5 April	..	..	5 April	5 April	5 April	..	..	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXXXI.	
32	Municipal Councils Liabilities Bill ..	Message from Legislative Assembly	5 April	5 April	6 April	6 April	6 April	..	..	6 April	6 April	6 April	6 April	6 April	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXXXIII.	
33	Appropriation Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	6 April	6 April	6 April	6 April	6 April	..	..	6 April	6 April	6 April	..	..	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXXVII.	
34	Tolls Extension Bill	Message from Legislative Assembly	6 April	6 April	6 April	6 April	6 April	..	..	6 April	6 April	6 April	..	..	..	..	..	7 April	7 April	DXXXIV.	

RECAPITULATION.

Bills initiated during the Session	34
Passed and assented to	28
Not returned from Legislative Assembly	2
Ordered to be read a second time "this day six months"	2
Disposed of on motion for Previous Question	1
Not reported from Committee	1
Total	34

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 25TH MAY, 1875.

Pursuant to Proclamation the Council met.

At Two o'clock the Clerk of the Council read the Proclamation convening the Parliament:—

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency the Honorable SIR WILLIAM FOSTER STAWELL, Knight, the Chief Justice of the Colony of Victoria, and the Administrator of the Government of the said Colony, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS, by the Constitution Act it is amongst other things enacted that it shall 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 may 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 shall deem it expedient: And whereas the said Council and Assembly called "The Parliament of Victoria," stand prorogued until Thursday the sixth day of May instant, and it is expedient further to prorogue the same and to fix the time for holding the next Session thereof: Now therefore I, the Administrator of the Government of Victoria, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria from Thursday the sixth day of May instant until Tuesday the twenty-fifth day of May aforesaid; and also I do hereby fix Tuesday the twenty-fifth day of May 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 Two of the clock in the afternoon, 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 third day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-eighth year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

WILLIAM F. STAWELL.

By His Excellency's Command,
GEO. B. KERFERD.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

APPROACH OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The approach of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was announced by the Usher.

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

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:
MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

I avail myself of the earliest opportunity of resorting to your advice and assistance.

The State system of Education under the Act of 1872 is now becoming firmly established, and is cherished by the people as a most valued National Institution. The Education Department has as rapidly as possible, and to the utmost limit of the funds voted, erected new and substantial school buildings in those localities where they were most urgently needed. Upwards of a hundred buildings are still required to extend the system to places in which there are no schools, and six hundred buildings to replace those held under lease and capitation allowance, and the progress of settlement under the Land Act is constantly creating fresh demands for schools. It is the intention of my Advisers to submit proposals which will enable the Education Department to erect the necessary buildings within a very short period.

The Regulations for the granting of Scholarships in accordance with the provisions of the Act, by which any child displaying unusual ability is enabled, at the charge of the State, to receive a higher education and to graduate at the University, are working very satisfactorily. There are at present thirty pupils of this class, of whom nine are at the University, and it is intended to extend the benefits of this system by increasing the number of the Scholarships available every year.

The necessity of establishing a first-class Training Institution as a complement to our system of Public Instruction, by which, under men of eminent ability, a class of teachers worthy of conducting that system for the future will be trained is fully appreciated by my Advisers. The regulations already in force are laying the foundation of such an institution, which must be perfected as soon as the more pressing educational requirements of the country are satisfied.

A Royal Commission has been appointed for the purpose of obtaining information as to the

position and working of societies formed under the Friendly Societies Statute, with the view of amending the law and placing them on a more satisfactory footing.

Recent occurrences have shown the desirability of enquiring into the condition of the Volunteer Force. A Royal Commission has therefore been appointed to ascertain what improvements can be effected in its management, or whether it is expedient to substitute for it some other means of defence.

The Commissioners appointed to act with the neighboring colonies in the representation of Australasia at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia and at an Intercolonial Exhibition to be held in Melbourne during the present year have received the most gratifying promises of support from the people of Victoria and of co-operation from the Commissioners appointed by New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania. I have every reason to hope that the products and resources of Australia will not be inadequately represented at these exhibitions. The kingdoms of Siam and Hawaii, the British possessions of the Straits Settlements and Fiji, the French colony of New Caledonia, and the Dutch Possessions in Netherlands-India, have undertaken to send contributions to the Melbourne Exhibition, and there is reason to believe that the Cape of Good Hope, Western Australia, Queensland, and Japan will also be represented.

The advantages which will accrue to this and the other colonies of the Australasian group, by the establishment of a free interchange of the growth, products, and manufactures of the various colonies have occupied the attention of my Advisers. Negotiations with this object are now in progress with Tasmania which my Advisers have reason to hope will result satisfactorily, and ultimately lead to a common understanding on this subject among the Australasian colonies.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates for the year will be submitted to you without delay. In their preparation ample provision has been made for the maintenance of the Public Service, consistent at the same time with a wise economy.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

At the General Election for the present Parliament the Government of that day abstained from submitting any other question of policy than that of Constitutional Reform, for the purpose of ascertaining the opinion of the people solely upon that question. The result showed a desire on the part of the constituencies that the radical defect which underlies our Constitution in the event of an irreconcilable difference of opinion between the two branches of the Legislature should be cured. During last Session of Parliament earnest and anxious consideration was given to this difficult subject, without, however, arriving at any legislative determination thereon. It will be the duty of my Advisers to submit for your consideration proposals on Constitutional Reform and on the Representation of the People in Parliament. I trust that your deliberations will lead to the adoption of such amendments of the law as will meet the acknowledged requirements of the country.

The adjustment of the incidence of taxation on a more satisfactory basis is ripe for settlement and demands your most earnest attention. To secure a more equitable distribution of the public burdens proposals will be submitted to you for raising revenue from sources hitherto exempt from taxation, as well as for altering and remitting certain duties of Customs, thereby affording substantial relief to the great body of the people.

The continued increase in the number of applications for selections under the Land Act induced the Government to institute enquiries with a view of ascertaining the classes of persons who were applying for licenses, to what uses the lands previously held under licence were put after the three years' probation had expired, and to what extent transfers by sale or mortgage had been effected. The result of these enquiries will be laid before you. The settlement effected under the Land Act 1869 has been of a satisfactory character ; but experience has shown that the present law is not sufficiently comprehensive to meet the wants of several classes. A measure proposing to admit of persons selecting who are now debarred, to restore the area of selection to 640 acres, to simplify the procedure for obtaining licences, to make adequate provision to prevent evasion of the law, and to readjust the Assessment on Stock will be laid before you. To this your attention will be at once invited.

Your assent will also be asked to a Bill to provide for the care and management of State Forests and Timber Reserves.

The lines of Railway, the construction of which was authorized in 1871, are now completed, and it is gratifying to know that this has been effected at a cost not exceeding the amount sanctioned by Parliament for that purpose. In the case of those lines authorized in 1873, for which contracts have been let, very satisfactory progress has been made ; and the permanent surveys of the lines which have not yet been placed under contract are now sufficiently advanced to admit of tenders being called for in a few weeks. The promised trial surveys of new lines are, with one or two exceptions, completed ; and my Advisers will be able to carry out their intention of submitting to you during the present Session further proposals for Railway extension.

A Bill will be submitted for your consideration making better and more economical provision for the Public Service, and providing for the establishment of Superannuation, Life Assurance, and Fidelity Funds, in which the members of the Public Service will have a mutual interest.

The present state of the mining industry renders it more than ever necessary that the subject of mining for gold and silver on private lands should be speedily dealt with. The Bill formerly submitted to Parliament will be again introduced, and I trust that the wisdom of the Legislature will enable it to arrive at a satisfactory settlement of this difficult question.

The necessity for improving the accommodation for shipping in the port of Melbourne has been pressed upon the attention of my Advisers. Experience in other countries has shown that the most effective means of accomplishing such an object is to entrust the control of the harbor to a body constituted for that purpose. A Bill therefore for the establishment of a Harbor Trust has been prepared, and will be duly presented to you.

A Bill to improve the administration of the laws affecting ships and seamen by the constitution of a Marine Board will also be placed before you.

An amendment of the laws regulating the sale of Wines, Beer, and Spirits has been urgently demanded by all who have given attention to the subject. A Bill has been prepared for the better regulation of this trade, and in view of the important social consequences which are involved, I commend the measure to your most earnest consideration.

The requirements of our Municipal and other Corporations often make it necessary to give evidence of their bye-laws and proceedings. You will be invited to consider a Bill to facilitate the proof in such cases, and so put an end to a difficulty which at present exists.

Measures will be brought before you to amend the enactments relating to Masters and Operatives, and also to facilitate the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration, with a view to prevent as well as to determine differences.

Several other measures of importance will be submitted for your consideration. Among these will be Bills to establish a Metropolitan Board of Works, to amend the Mining Companies Statute 1871, to amend the Police Offences Statute and the Law with regard to Impounding, Life Assurance, and Pharmacy; also Bills relating to Fugitive Criminals and Absconding Debtors, to the introduction of skilled Assessors to assist in the disposal of questions involving technical or professional knowledge; likewise Bills relating to Justices of the Peace, Juries, and Attorneys, which, it is believed, will effect desirable alterations in the administration of justice.

I commend to your careful consideration these and other measures that will be brought before you, and I pray that your labors may, under the blessing of Providence, conduce to the continued prosperity of the country and happiness of the people.

WILLIAM F. STAWELL

Melbourne, 25th May, 1875.

Which being concluded, a copy of the Speech was delivered to the President, and a copy to Mr. Speaker, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government left the Council Chamber.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorable the President, and the Honorables T. T. a'Beckett, W. A. C. a'Beckett, R. S. Anderson, J. Balfour, W. Campbell, G. W. Cole, J. Cumming, H. Cuthbert, N. Fitzgerald, J. Graham, J. Henty, W. Highett, C. J. Jenner, F. T. Sargood, R. Simson, T. J. Sumner, and J. A. Wallace severally delivered to the Clerk the Declarations required by the seventh clause of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, as hereunder set forth:—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, WILLIAM HENRY FANCOURT MITCHELL, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the full value of Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Emberton, in the county or reputed county of Dalhousie, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

“Four thousand seven hundred acres (4700) of the Barfold estate.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Metcalfe are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows:—

“No. 103, South Riding; owner, W. H. F. Mitchell; occupier, ditto. Barfold estate in Emberton, 4700 acres. Full net annual value, £1500.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“W. H. F. MITCHELL.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, THOMAS TURNER A'BECKETT, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

“1. Part of allotment 19, block 14, city of Melbourne, in Little Collins street, with buildings thereon, known as the Bishop's Registry and Cottenham Chambers.

“2. Portion 139, allotment B, part of Crown allotment A, portion 144 and part of portion of allotment 139A, in the parish of Prahran, having in the whole a frontage of about six hundred feet to Alma road, by a depth of about six hundred and seventy feet, with dwelling-house and out-buildings erected on portion 139, allotment B.

“3. Portion of Dendy's special survey, having a frontage to Church street and Wall street, Brighton, consisting of one acre and a half, with dwelling-house and other buildings erected thereon.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda and Brighton, and in the city of Melbourne, are rated in the rate-books of such municipal districts and city respectively as follows:—

“No. 1. Rated in the city of Melbourne rate-book at £400 per annum.

“No. 2. Rated in the municipal district of St. Kilda at over £300 per annum.

“No. 3. Rated in the municipal district of Brighton at over £100.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“THOS. T. A'BECKETT.”

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, WILLIAM ARTHUR CALLANDER A'BECKETT, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Jika-jika, in the county or reputed county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

- " 1. Part 1 of section 8, of allotment 20, city of Melbourne.
- " 2. Allotment 3 of section 4, city of Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follow :—

- " 1. Over £250 per annum. 2. Over £100 per annum.

"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 of the Colony of Victoria.

"W. A. C. A'BECKETT."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, ROBERT STIRLING ANDERSON, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of Boroondara, South Melbourne, Holden, and West Melbourne, in the county or reputed county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

- "Freehold land and premises at Kew, where I reside.
- "Freehold land and premises at Emerald Hill.
- "Freehold land and premises at Sunbury.
- "And land and premises in West Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Kew, Emerald Hill, Bulla, and Melbourne, are rated in the rate-books of such municipal districts as follows :—In excess of Two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

"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 of the Colony of Victoria.

"ROBERT S. ANDERSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, JAMES BALFOUR, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the value of Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of Melbourne and Boroondara, in the county or reputed county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

- "Land and tenements situated in Little Collins street, Melbourne.
- "Land and tenements situated in Little Flinders street, Melbourne.
- "Land situated in the parish of Boroondara.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Melbourne and Kew are rated in the rate-books of such municipal districts as follows :—Over Two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

"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 of the Colony of Victoria.

"JAMES BALFOUR."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, WILLIAM CAMPBELL, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Carlsruhe and city of Melbourne, in the counties or reputed counties of Dalhousie and Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

- " 1. Six hundred and forty acres freehold, parish of Carlsruhe.
- " 2. Allotment of land and building in King street, in the city of Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Kyneton and Melbourne are rated in the rate-books of such municipal districts respectively as follow :—

Freehold	About two miles from Kyneton	...	} In excess of £250 a year.
Ditto	King street, Melbourne	...	

"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 of the Colony of Victoria.

"W. CAMPBELL."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, GEORGE WARD COLE, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the

parish of Jika-jika, in the county or reputed county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

“Allotment 4 of section 2, fronting Flinders and Little Flinders streets, with bonded stores, houses, &c., &c.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such municipal district as follows :—

“Cole’s Bonded Stores, Flinders street, at over £350 per annum.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“GEORGE WARD COLE.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, JOHN CUMMING, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same : And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Terinallum, in the county or reputed county of Hampden, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

“Freehold land in the parish of Terinallum.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the shire of Mortlake are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows :—In excess of Two hundred and fifty pounds a year.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“JOHN CUMMING.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, HENRY CUTHBERT, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria, of the value of Four thousand pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same : And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Cardigan, in the county or reputed county of Grenville, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

“Allotment 6 of sec. 11, containing Twenty-four acres two roods and fourteen perches, situate in the county of Grenville, parish of Cardigan.

“Also an allotment of Eighty acres in said parish and county.

“Also allotment of Eighty acres adjacent to Ballan, and other allotments of land in the city of Ballarat.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Ballarat, Shire of Ballarat, and Shire of Ballan, are rated in the rate-books of such municipal districts as follows :—At over £250 per annum.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“HENRY CUTHBERT.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, NICHOLAS FITZGERALD, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the value of Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same : And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Castlemaine, in the county or reputed county of Talbot, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

“House and land and business premises situate in Castlemaine.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Castlemaine are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows :—Over Two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“N. FITZGERALD.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, JAMES GRAHAM, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same : And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Melbourne, in the county or reputed county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

“Allotments Nos. 11, 12, and portions of No. 10, block No. 11, situate in Bourke, Russell, and Little Collins streets, in the city of Melbourne, with the several buildings erected thereon.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows :—Over Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling per annum.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“JAS. GRAHAM.”

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, JAMES HENTY, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of Duneed, Pakenham, Nar-nar-Goon, and town of Geelong, in the counties or reputed counties of Grant and Mornington, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

"(5000) Five thousand acres of freehold land; offices and stores, Brougham place, Geelong.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Barrabool, Berwick, and town of Geelong, are rated in the rate-books of such municipal districts respectively as follows:—

"In excess of Five hundred pounds (£500) per annum.

"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 of the Colony of Victoria.

"JAS. HENTY."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, WILLIAM HIGHETT, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Maindample, in the county or reputed county of Delatite, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

"Freehold estate of upwards of five thousand acres.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Mansfield are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows:—At over £250 per annum.

"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 of the Colony of Victoria.

"WILLIAM HIGHETT."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, CALEB JOSHUA JENNER, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the value of Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of Ballarat and St. Kilda, in the counties or reputed counties of Bourke and Grenville, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

"42 feet frontage to Armstrong street, Ballarat, by a depth of 165 feet, on which is erected a stone warehouse.

"46 feet to Yuille street, Ballarat, by 112 feet, and buildings.

"6 acres of land, Brighton road, St. Kilda, known as Alfriston, on which is erected a residence, and other improvements.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Ballarat and St. Kilda are rated in the rate-books of such municipal districts respectively as follows:—Over Two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

"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 of the Colony of Victoria.

"C. J. JENNER."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, FREDERICK THOMAS SARGOOD, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the full value of Twenty-five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Prahran, in the county or reputed county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

"Forty-five acres of land and dwelling house, situated in East St. Kilda, and known as Rippon Lea.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follow:—At £605 per annum.

"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 of the Colony of Victoria.

"F. T. SARGOOD."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, ROBERT SIMSON, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Brewster, in the county or reputed county of Ripon, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

"Five thousand four hundred and twenty-three acres of freehold land.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Ripon are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows :—

Description of Property.	Situation.	Riding or Division.	Electoral District and Division.	Full Net Annual Value.
5423 acres	Brewster ...	North 1	Ripon and Hampden, Raglan ...	Over £700.

“ 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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“ ROBERT SIMSON.”

“ In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria No. 334, I, THEODOTUS JOHN SUMNER, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the full value of Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same : And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

“ All those lands and tenements in the borough of Brunswick, known as Stony Park, Willow Bank, and lands thereunto adjacent.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Brunswick and Northcote are rated in the rate-books of such municipal districts as follows :—At no less than Three thousand 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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“ THEO. JNO. SUMNER.”

“ In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, JOHN ALSTON WALLACE, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the annual value of Two hundred and fifty pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same : And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of Wooragee, Bright, Nepean, and Fingal, in the counties or reputed counties of Mornington, Delatite, and Bogong, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

“ Six hundred and sixty-six acres of land in the parish of Wooragee ; lands and dwelling-houses in the parish of Bright ; one hundred and sixty-two acres of land in the parish of Nepean ; five hundred and sixty-five acres of land in the parish of Fingal ; town allotments in the townships of Beechworth and Stanley.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Beechworth, Bright, and Kangarong, are rated in the rate-books of such municipal districts respectively as follows :—

“ At over Two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

“ 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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“ JOHN A. WALLACE.”

RETURN OF WRITS.—The President announced to the Council that a Writ issued by him for the election of a member for the Eastern Province in the room of the Honorable Benjamin Williams, deceased, had been returned to him, and that the Returning Officer had certified that William Wilson, of East St. Kilda, gentleman, was duly elected in pursuance of the Writ ; and that a Writ issued by him for the election of a member for the South-Western Province in the room of the Honorable Philip Russell, resigned, had been returned to him, and that the Returning Officer had certified that George Frederick Belcher, financial agent, Geelong, was duly elected in pursuance of the Writ.

COMMISSION.

COMMISSION TO SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS.—The President announced that, in virtue of the Commission hereunder set forth, he would be prepared to swear in any new Members who might be introduced.

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

To the Honorable WILLIAM HENRY FANCOURT MITCHELL, President of Our Legislative Council of Our Colony of Victoria.

WHEREAS, by the Bill contained in the Schedule to a Statute passed in the Session of Our Imperial Parliament holden in the eighteenth and nineteenth years of Our reign, intituled, “ *An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill, as amended, of the Legislature of Victoria to establish a Constitution in and for the Colony of Victoria,*” it is enacted that no Member, either of the Legislative Council or of the Legislative Assembly, shall be permitted to sit or vote therein respectively until he shall have taken and subscribed before the Governor, or before some person authorized by the Governor in that behalf, the oath in the said Bill mentioned : WE DO THEREFORE by these presents command and authorize you from time to time, in the Parliament House, in the City of Melbourne, to administer the said oath to such Members of the said Legislative Council as have not already

taken and subscribed the same. IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved the Right Honorable JOHN HENRY THOMAS VISCOUNT CANTERBURY, of the City of Canterbury in the County of Kent, and BARON BOTTESFORD, of Bottesford in the County of Leicester, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria, &c., &c., &c., at Melbourne, this twenty-eighth day of October, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in the thirty-fourth year of Our reign.

(L.S.)

CANTERBURY.

By His Excellency's Command,
JAMES McCULLOCH.

Entered on Record by me, in Register of Patents,
Book 13, page 445, this twenty-eighth day of
October, One thousand eight hundred and
seventy.

W. H. ODGERS.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS.—The Honorables William Wilson and George Frederick Belcher being severally introduced, took and subscribed the oath required by the thirty-second clause of the Constitution Act, and delivered to the Clerk the declarations required by the seventh clause of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, as hereunder set forth:—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, WILLIAM WILSON, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony or Victoria of the freehold value of Three thousand pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of _____ in the county or reputed county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

“Dwelling place known as Dalquhearn, on the Dandenong Road.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows:—

“At Three hundred and thirty pounds per annum.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“WILLIAM WILSON.”

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, GEORGE FREDERICK BELCHER do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the value of Seven thousand pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the town of Geelong in the county or reputed county of Grant, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

“All that block of land (with buildings erected thereon) situate at the corner of Moorabool and Great Ryrie streets, Town of Geelong aforesaid, being part of allotment No. 18 of block No. 35, Geelong.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the Town of Geelong are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows:—

Shop No. 1, rated at £72 per annum.

”	2	”	72	”
”	3	”	110	”
”	4	”	170	”
”	5	”	144	”
”	6	”	72	”
”	7	”	100	”

£740 annual valuation.

“And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colourably 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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“G. F. BELCHER.”

CORPORATION BYE-LAWS, ETC., PROOF BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the proof of Bye-laws and Proceedings of Corporations.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in, and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday, the 1st proximo.

SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The President reported the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

The Honorable H. Cuthbert moved, That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable H. Cuthbert moved, That such Committee consist of the Honorables T. T. a'Beckett, T. J. Sumner, W. Highett, C. J. Jenner, F. T. Sargood, T. F. Hamilton, G. F. Belcher, and the mover.

Question—put and passed.

The Select Committee withdrew to prepare the Address.

The Honorable H. Cuthbert brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, and moved that the same be read.

The Address was read at the Table by the Clerk, as follows:—

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir WILLIAM FOSTER STAWELL, Knight, the Chief Justice of the Colony of Victoria, and the Administrator of the Government of the said Colony, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, Her Most Gracious Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, are gratified to learn that Your Excellency has availed yourself of the earliest opportunity of resorting to our advice and assistance.

We concur with Your Excellency that the State system of Education under the Act of 1872 is now becoming firmly established, and is cherished by the people as a most valued National Institution. We assure Your Excellency of our satisfaction at learning that the Education Department has as rapidly as possible, and to the utmost limit of the funds voted, erected new and substantial school buildings in those localities where they were most urgently needed, and that it is the intention of Your Excellency's Advisers to submit proposals which will enable the Education Department to erect the necessary buildings within a very short period which are still required to extend the system to places in which there are no schools, to replace those held under lease and capitation allowance, and to meet the demands which the progress of settlement under the Land Act is constantly creating.

We inform Your Excellency that we are glad that the Regulations for the granting of Scholarships in accordance with the provisions of the Act, by which any child displaying unusual ability is enabled, at the charge of the State, to receive a higher education and to graduate at the University, are working very satisfactorily, and that there are at present thirty pupils of this class, of whom nine are at the University; and, further, that it is intended to extend the benefits of this system by increasing the number of the Scholarships available every year.

We concur in the necessity of establishing a first-class Training Institution as a complement to our system of Public Instruction, by which, under men of eminent ability, a class of teachers worthy of conducting that system for the future will be trained, and express our satisfaction that the system is fully appreciated by Your Excellency's Advisers, and also that the regulations already in force are laying the foundation of such an institution, which we also concur in thinking must be perfected as soon as the more pressing educational requirements of the country are satisfied.

We convey to Your Excellency our satisfaction that a Royal Commission has been appointed for the purpose of obtaining information as to the position and working of societies formed under the Friendly Societies Statute, with the view of amending the law and placing them on a more satisfactory footing.

We regret that recent occurrences have shown the desirability of enquiring into the condition of the Volunteer Force, and learn with satisfaction the appointment of a Royal Commission upon the subject.

We are gratified that the Commissioners appointed to act with the neighboring colonies in the representation of Australasia at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, and at an Inter-colonial Exhibition to be held at Melbourne during the present year have received the most gratifying promises of support from the Australian Colonies, as well as from countries not subject to British rule.

We recognize the fact that the advantages which will accrue to this and the other colonies of the Australasian group by the establishment of a free interchange of the growth, products, and manufactures of the various colonies, have occupied the attention of Your Excellency's Advisers, and that negotiations with this object are now in progress with Tasmania which Your Excellency's Advisers have reason to hope will result satisfactorily, and ultimately lead to a common understanding on this subject among the Australasian Colonies.

We observe that it is the intention of Your Excellency's Government to submit to Parliament measures of Constitutional Reform, and we can assure Your Excellency that they will receive our most careful consideration.

We admit that the adjustment of the incidence of taxation on a more satisfactory basis is ripe for settlement and deserves our most earnest attention; and we thank your Excellency for intimating that to secure a more equitable distribution of the public burdens proposals will be submitted to us for raising revenue from sources hitherto exempt from taxation, as well as for altering and remitting certain duties of Customs, thereby affording substantial relief to the great body of the people.

We observe with satisfaction that the continued increase in the number of applications for selections under the Land Act induced the Government to institute enquiries with a view of ascertaining the classes of persons who were applying for licences, to what uses the lands previously held under licence were put after the three years' probation had expired, and to what extent transfers by sale or mortgage had been effected, and thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the result of these enquiries will be laid before us. We regret that experience has shown that the present law is not sufficiently comprehensive to meet the wants of the several classes, and assure

Your Excellency that our best attention will be given to any measure for the amendment of the existing Land Act which may be submitted to it.

We are glad to learn that our assent will also be asked to a Bill to provide for the care and management of State Forests and Timber Reserves.

We assure Your Excellency of our great gratification that the lines of Railway, the construction of which was authorized in 1871, are now completed at a cost not exceeding the amount sanctioned by Parliament for that purpose; that in the case of those lines authorized in 1873, for which contracts have been let, very satisfactory progress has been made; that the permanent surveys of the lines which have not yet been placed under contract are now sufficiently advanced to admit of tenders being called for in a few weeks; that the promised trial surveys of new lines are, with one or two exceptions, completed; and that Your Excellency's Advisers will be able to carry out their intention of submitting to us during the present Session further proposals for Railway extension.

We further express satisfaction that a Bill will be submitted for our consideration making better and more economical provision for the Public Service, and providing for the establishment of Superannuation, Life Assurance, and Fidelity Funds, in which the members of the Public Service will have a mutual interest.

We concur with Your Excellency in thinking that the present state of the mining industry renders it necessary that the subject of mining for gold and silver on private lands should be speedily dealt with; and we trust the wisdom of the Legislature will enable it to arrive at a satisfactory settlement of this difficult question.

We convey to Your Excellency our gratification at being informed that the necessity for improving the accommodation for shipping in the port of Melbourne has been pressed upon the attention of Your Excellency's Advisers. We admit that experience in other countries has shown that the most effective means of accomplishing such an object is to entrust the control of the Harbor to a body constituted for that purpose; and observe that a Bill for the establishment of a Harbor Trust has been prepared, and will be duly presented to us, as well as a Bill to improve the administration of the laws affecting ships and seamen by the constitution of a Marine Board.

We admit that amendment of the laws regulating the Sale of Wines, Beer, and Spirits has been urgently demanded by all who have given attention to the subject, and assure Your Excellency that the Bill prepared for the better regulation of this trade, in view of the important social consequences which are involved, will receive our most earnest consideration.

We agree with Your Excellency that the requirements of our Municipal and other Corporations often make it necessary to give evidence of their bye-laws and proceedings, and express our readiness to consider a Bill to facilitate the proof in such cases, and so put an end to a difficulty which at present exists.

We assure Your Excellency of our satisfaction that measures will be brought before us to amend the enactments relating to Masters and Operatives, and also to facilitate the establishment of Councils of Conciliation and of Arbitration, with a view to prevent as well as to determine differences.

We inform Your Excellency that we shall be prepared to give our attention to the several other measures of importance that will be submitted for our consideration; namely, Bills to establish a Metropolitan Board of Works, to amend the Mining Companies Statute 1871, to amend the Police Offences Statute and the Law with regard to Impounding, Life Assurance, and Pharmacy; also Bills relating to Fugitive Criminals and Absconding Debtors, to the introduction of skilled Assessors to assist in the disposal of questions involving technical or professional knowledge, and Bills relating to Justices of the Peace, Juries, and Attorneys, which, it is believed, will effect desirable alterations in the administration of justice.

We promise Your Excellency our careful consideration of these and other measures that will be brought before us, and pray with Your Excellency that our labors may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, conduce to the continued prosperity of the country and happiness of the people.

The Honorable H. Cuthbert moved, That the Address be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government by the President and such Members as may desire to accompany him.

Question—put and passed.

DAYS OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present session, and that half-past four o'clock be the time of meeting on each day; and that on Wednesday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business.

Question—put and passed.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Honorables the President, T. T. a'Beckett, C. J. Jenner, Sir F. Murphy, and H. Cuthbert, be appointed a Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House.

Question—put and passed.

PRINTING COMMITTEE.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Honorables J. Henty, J. Cumming, W. Highett, T. Bromell, and J. A. Wallace, be appointed a Printing Committee, and that papers presented to the House be referred to the said Committee for report.

Question—put and passed.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (JOINT).—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Honorables the President, F. T. Sargood, Dr. Dobson, F. Robertson, and J. Graham, be members of the Joint Committee of both Houses to manage the Library.

Question—put and passed.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Honorables The President, Niel Black, W. Campbell, J. Balfour, and the Mover, be members of the Joint Committee of both Houses to manage and superintend the Parliament Buildings.

Question—put and passed.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE (JOINT).—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Honorables T. J. Sumner, T. F. Hamilton, R. Simson, N. Fitzgerald, and G. F. Belcher, be members of the Joint Committee of both Houses to manage the Refreshment Rooms.

Question—put and passed.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Honorable C. J. Jenner be Chairman of Committees.

Question—put and passed.

SELECTORS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH CONDITIONS OF THE LAND ACT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson laid upon the Table a Return to an Order of the Council, and to a Supplementary Order made respectively on the 15th and 17th December, 1874, and moved, That the Return be printed.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following Papers :—

1. Public Parks and Gardens.—Regulations respecting vote of £7000 for improving, &c.
2. Land Act 1869.—Regulations.—Lime sites (3rd May, 1875).
3. Land Act 1869.—Regulations.—Form of Crown grant in Fee (22nd March, 1875).
4. Land Act 1869.—Regulations (25th January 1875).
5. Agricultural Societies.—Regulations respecting vote of £7000 (1874-5).
6. Agricultural Societies.—Additional Regulations (26th April, 1875).
7. Horticultural Societies.—Regulations for distribution of £500 (1874-5).
8. Flax and Silk—Regulations respecting vote (£1000) for encouraging production of (25th January, 1875).
9. Beetroot Sugar.—Regulations in connection with vote of £5000 (25th January, 1875).
10. Mines, Report of Chief Inspector of—for 1874.
11. Mining Surveyors and Registrars.—Reports for quarter ending 31st December, 1874.
12. Sanatory Station.—Report of Chief Medical Officer for year 1874.
13. Health Officer—Report of.—Year ending 31st December, 1874.
14. Statistical Register, Victoria, Part I.—Blue Book.
15. Statistical Register, Victoria, Part II.—Finance, &c.
16. Statistical Register, Victoria, Part III.—Population.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson laid on the Table the following papers :—

1. Public Accounts—Regulations respecting.—(4th January, 1875.)
2. Volunteer Statute.—Amended Regulations under Statute 1865.—(15th February, 1875.)
3. Discipline Act 1870—Amended Regulations under.—(14th December, 1874.)
4. Echuca Land Board.—Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 1st proximo.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 1ST JUNE, 1875.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

CORPORATION BYE-LAWS, ETC., PROOF BILL.—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 1ST JUNE, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBER.—The President announced to the Council that he had received an intimation from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government to the effect that the Honorable Thomas McKellar has resigned his seat in the Legislative Council.

ISSUE OF WRIT, WESTERN PROVINCE.—The President announced to the Council his intention to issue a Writ on Thursday the 3rd instant, for the election of a Member for the Western Province, in the room of the Honorable T. McKellar, resigned.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—In pursuance of the "The Electoral Act 1856," the President laid upon the Table the following Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Victorian Electoral Act 1856, I do hereby appoint—

- The Honorable Thomas Turner a'Beckett,
- The Honorable Robert Stirling Anderson,
- The Honorable Henry Cuthbert,
- The Honorable James Balfour,
- The Honorable William Highett,
- The Honorable Theodotus John Sumner, and
- The Honorable William Arthur Callander a'Beckett,

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

Given under my hand this first day of June, 1875.

W. H. F. MITCHELL,
President of the Legislative Council.

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables Dr. Dobson, W. Skene, F. Robertson, and T. F. Hamilton, delivered to the Clerk the declarations required by the seventh clause of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, as hereunder set forth:—

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, FRANK STANLEY DOBSON, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the value of Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Hawthorn, in the county or reputed county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

"Houses and land in the borough of Hawthorn.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Hawthorn are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follow:—Over Two hundred and fifty pounds a year.

"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 of the Colony of Victoria.

"F. STANLEY DOBSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, WILLIAM SKENE, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the full value of Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of Kanoualla and Warrigure, in the county or reputed county of Dundas, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

"The freehold property known as Skene.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the shire of Dundas are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows:—Over Two hundred and fifty pounds a year.

"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 of the Colony of Victoria.

"WILLIAM SKENE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, FRANCIS ROBERTSON, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the value of over Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of Newham, Edgecomb, Doutta Galla, and Maribyrnong, in the counties or reputed counties of Bourke and Dalhousie, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

"Eight allotments in the parish of Newham, two allotments in Edgecomb, one allotment in Maribyrnong, and one allotment in Doutta Galla.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Newham, the shire of Kyneton, the Keilor road board, and the boroughs of Essendon and Flemington, are rated in the rate-books of such municipal districts as follows:—At over Two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

"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 of the Colony of Victoria.

"FRANCIS ROBERTSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, THOMAS FERRIER HAMILTON, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the full value of Three thousand pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Gisborne, in the county or reputed county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

"Section 32, Gisborne, and allotment 29, section 35, same parish; total, seven hundred and forty-nine acres.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Gisborne Shire are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follow:—

No. on Roll.	Owner.	Net Annual Rental Value.	Electoral Division.
449	T. F. Hamilton	£165	Division— South Province.
525		135	
		£300	

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

"THOMAS F. HAMILTON."

ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The President informed the Council that His Excellency the Administrator of the Government would be prepared to receive the Address of the Council in reply to His Excellency's Speech on Wednesday the 2nd instant, at three o'clock, at the Government offices.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following papers:—

1. Government Statists—Conference of, in Tasmania, 1875.—Report.
2. Railway Loan.—Correspondence relative to Four per cent. Loan, 1874.
3. King Island—Report of Board on necessity of a second Light-house at (22nd February, 1875).
4. Pilot Board—Accounts of, for Year ending 31st August, 1874.
5. Import, Export, and Shipping Returns—General Summary of, for Year 1874.
6. Diseases—Return of, for Year 1874. (Chief Medical Officer.)

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

SURGERY DEGREES BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the University of Melbourne to confer Degrees in Surgery.

Question—put and past.

Bill brought in, and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday, the 8th instant.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT) COMMITTEE, AND LIBRARY (JOINT) COMMITTEE.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the members of this House who are members of the Parliament Buildings and Library Committees be authorized to sit upon days on which this House does not sit.

Question—put and passed.

CORPORATION BYE-LAWS, ETC., PROOF BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Ordered.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at five minutes to five o'clock until Tuesday, the 8th instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1875.

1. The Hon. H. CUTHBERT: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works, the cause of the delay in issuing the new edition of the Victorian Statutes; and how soon it will be ready for publication.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors.
2. The Hon. DR. DOBSON: To move, That all the papers connected with the land now held by the Honorable J. J. Casey, at Portsea, be laid upon the Table of this House; also, that there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the form of application required to be made by licensees under the 19th section of the Land Act of 1869, when applying for the lease or Crown grant of their selections, which was in force on the coming into office of the present Ministry; also a copy of each form for the like purpose which has subsequently been adopted by the Lands department, specifying the date at which such form was adopted; also, to ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works, whether any portion of the fencing upon, or bounding the land of the Honorable J. J. Casey, at Portsea, was erected at the public expense; and, if so, what was the amount of such expenditure, and what was the date of the erection of such portion of the fencing.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SURGERY DEGREES BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. CORPORATION BYE-LAWS, ETC., PROOF BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 2nd June.

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

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

REPLY OF HIS EXCELLENCY TO ADDRESS OF COUNCIL.—The President announced to the Council that the Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, in reply to his Speech opening the Parliament, adopted on the 25th ultimo, had been presented in accordance with the resolution of the House to His Excellency, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following reply :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

It affords me much gratification to receive your loyal address, and to learn that your careful consideration will be given to the measures which may be submitted to you by my Advisers.

WILLIAM F. STAWELL.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 2nd June, 1875.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—The President laid on the Table, for the second time, the Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable Sir F. Murphy delivered to the Clerk the declaration required by the seventh clause of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, FRANCIS MURPHY, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the full value of Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of Ballarat and Mooroduc, in the counties or reputed counties of Grenville and Mornington, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

“Part of Government allotment No. 5, section 6, township of Ballarat, in Lydiard street, with the buildings erected thereon.

“Five acres, part of section 9, parish of Mooroduc, adjoining the town of Mornington.

“Lots 1 and 12 of section 9, adjoining former.

“Allotment 17 of section 25, parish of Mooroduc.

“And I further declare that such of the lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Ballarat and Mornington are rated in the rate-books of such municipal districts respectively as follows :—

“Of the annual value of £250.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“FRANS. MURPHY.”

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following papers :—

1. Post Office and Telegraph Department.—Report for 1874.
2. Post Office Savings Bank.—Statement of Accounts for Year ending 31st December, 1874.
3. Land Act 1869—Report of Proceedings under, for year 1874.
4. Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of, for Quarter ending 31st March, 1875.
5. Polling Places for Mining Districts.—Beechworth, 11th January, 1875; Beechworth, 18th January, 1875; Maryborough, 18th January, 1875; Ballarat, 1st February, 1875; Gippsland, 1st February, 1875; Sandhurst, 15th February, 1875.
6. Boundaries of Maryborough Mining District—Alteration of, 8th March, 1875; substitution of divisions, Maryborough Mining District, 18th January, 1875.
7. Gold Mining Leases—Regulations altering, 8th April, 1875.
8. Mining Registrars—Fees of, in Gippsland District.—Order in Council (18th May, 1875).

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, in accordance with notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in, and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday, the 15th instant.

PORTSEA, LAND HELD BY HONORABLE J. J. CASEY.—The Honorable Dr. Dobson, in accordance with notice moved, That all the papers connected with the land now held by the Honorable J. J. Casey, at Portsea, be laid upon the Table of this House; also, that there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the form of application required to be made by licensees under the 19th section of the Land Act of 1869, when applying for the lease or Crown grant of their selections, which was in force on the coming into office of the present Ministry; also a copy of each form for the like purpose which has subsequently been adopted by the Lands department, specifying the date at which such form was adopted.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

SURGERY DEGREES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered—That the adoption of the Report of the Committee be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday, the 15th instant.

CORPORATION BYE-LAWS, ETC., PROOF BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

Ordered—That the adoption of the Report of the Committee be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday, the 15th instant.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 15th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 15TH JUNE, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. SURGERY DEGREES BILL.—Adoption of Report.
3. CORPORATION BYE-LAWS, ETC., PROOF BILL.—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 15TH JUNE, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—The President laid on the Table, for the third time, the Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following papers:—

1. Remission of Sentences on condition of leaving Victoria.—Despatch (Circular) from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State (9th November, 1874).
2. Stock, Inspectors of, in Australian Colonies—Report of Conference of, held in Sydney in November, 1874.
3. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Report of Trustees for the year 1874-5.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable T. Bromell delivered to the Clerk the declaration required by the seventh clause of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, as hereunder set forth:—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, THOMAS BROMELL, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria, of the value of Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of Cavendish, Karrawalla, Karabel, and Mocanger, in the county or reputed county of Dundas, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

“Ten thousand acres, with dwelling-house, wool-shed, and appurtenances.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Dundas are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows:—
Over Two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“THOMAS BROMELL.”

PETITION.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett presented a Petition signed by W. Ridge and others, praying that certain amendments may be made in the Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors Bill.

Petition received and read at the Table by the Clerk.

ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Ordered.

SURGERY DEGREES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The Chairman of Committees having certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable the Council of the University of Melbourne to confer Degrees in Surgery.*”

Question—put and passed.

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

CORPORATION BYE-LAWS, ETC., PROOF BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill being called on, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the same be discharged with a view to the re-committal of the Bill.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now re-committed.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with further amendments, and with an amended title.

Ordered—That the adoption of the Report of the Committee be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday, the 22nd instant.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 22nd instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **CORPORATION BYE-LAWS, ETC., PROOF BILL.**—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following papers :—

1. Mineral Statistics of Victoria for 1874.
2. Legislative Assembly Chamber—Lighting and Ventilation of—Progress Report of Royal Commission on (3rd June, 1875).
3. Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict. cap 55—Expenditure under, during the year 1873–4.
4. Flax—Additional Regulation relating to £900 for Encouragement of Growth and Production of (7th June, 1875).

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson laid on the Table, pursuant to the Act 22 Victoria No. 86, the following Paper :—

Public Accounts—Regulation respecting (31st May, 1875).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

CHEQUES, ETC., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Cheques, Bills of Exchange, and Promissory Notes.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in, and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday the 29th instant.

ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Ordered.

CORPORATION BYE-LAWS, ETC., PROOF BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The Chairman of Committees having certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to facilitate the Proof of Bye-laws and Proceedings of Corporations and for other purposes.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 29th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CHEQUES, ETC., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

WRIT—RETURN OF.—WESTERN PROVINCE.—The President announced to the Council that the Writ issued by him for the election of a member for the Western Province in the room of the Honorable Thomas McKellar, resigned, had been returned to him, and that the Returning Officer had certified that Samuel Wilson, Esq., was duly elected in pursuance of the Writ.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following Paper:—

Aborigines, Board for Protection of—Eleventh Report of (15th May, 1875).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER.—The Honorable Samuel Wilson, being introduced, took and subscribed the oath required by the thirty-second clause of the Constitution Act, and delivered to the Clerk the declaration required by the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, as hereunder set forth:—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, SAMUEL WILSON, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the net annual value of over one thousand pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Ercildoun, in the county or reputed county of Ripon, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow:—

“Freehold land of a value of over Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Lexton are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows:—20,506 acres pasture land and tenements, at a net annual value of £6,889.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“SAM^L. WILSON.”

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Sixty-one thousand three hundred and thirty-eight pounds eight shillings and seven pence to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four and five, and the sum of Four hundred and fifty thousand pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six,*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 29th June, 1875.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The Chairman of Committees having certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Sixty-one thousand three hundred and thirty-eight pounds eight shillings and seven pence to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four and five, and the sum of Four hundred and fifty thousand pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILL.—The President announced to the Council that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, intimating that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber at half-past five o'clock, on Tuesday the 29th day of June, to assent to a Bill passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly.

CHEQUES, ETC., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the consideration of the Bill in Committee of the whole Council be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day.

Ordered.

APPROACH OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The approach of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was announced by the Usher.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILL.—His Excellency the Administrator of the Government came into the Council Chamber, and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber; who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to assent in Her Majesty's name to the following Bill:—

"An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Sixty-one thousand three hundred and thirty-eight pounds eight shillings and seven pence to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four and five, and the sum of Four hundred and fifty thousand pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six."

The Royal Assent being read by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the following words:—

"In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

"WILLIAM F. STAWELL,
Administrator of the Government."

A Schedule of the Bill assented to was delivered to Mr. Speaker.

The Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government left the Council Chamber.

ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the President do now leave the Chair, with a view to the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Ordered.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 6th proximo.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 6TH JULY, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CHEQUES, ETC., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—To be considered in Committee.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

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TUESDAY, 6TH JULY, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following Paper :—

Penal Establishments and Gaols.—Report of Inspector-General for year 1874.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson laid on the Table the following Paper :—

Education Act 1872—Regulations under (1st July, 1875).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

CHEQUES, ETC., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now committed.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the adoption of the Report of the Committee be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Ordered.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at a quarter-past six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 13th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 13TH JULY, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CHEQUES, ETC., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Adoption of Report.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 13TH JULY, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following Paper:—

Statistical Register—Part IV.—Law, Crime, etc.

Ordered to lie on the Table

PETITION.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson presented a Petition, signed by M. J. Macnamara and others, styling themselves articled clerks, praying that a matriculation examination may be maintained as a preliminary to articles or admission.

Petition received.

The Petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

PETITION.—The Honorable G. F. Belcher presented a Petition, signed by John McGonigal and others, styling themselves Roman Catholic residents of Geelong, praying for relief in the matter of State schools.

Petition received.

The Petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

CHEQUES, ETC., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment moved by the Honorable F. T. Sargood, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert, instead thereof the words "the Bill be now re-committed on the sixth clause."

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—That the Report be now adopted—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Cheques Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Ordered.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 20th instant.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1875.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following Papers:—

1. Public Parks and Gardens—Regulation (additional) respecting distribution of Vote for. (28th June 1875.)
2. University of Melbourne—Report of Council of, for Year ending 31st May, 1875.
3. Royal Commission on Lighting, &c., Legislative Assembly Chamber—Second Progress Report of (24th June, 1875).

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act 1874.*"

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in, and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, read a first time, and ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday, the 27th instant.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now re-committed.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the adoption of the Report of the Committee be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to seven o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 27th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 27TH JULY, 1875.

1. The Hon. J. BROMELL: To ask the Honorable R. S. Anderson, the Commissioner of Public Works, when the tenders for the construction of the line from Ararat to Hamilton and from Hamilton to Portland will be called for.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 27TH JULY, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable Niel Black delivered to the Clerk the declaration required by the seventh clause of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, NIEL BLACK, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the full value of Five thousand pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parishes of Terang and Glenormiston, in the county or reputed county of Hampden, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

“Freehold estate of upwards of twelve thousand acres, known as Mount Noorat and the Sisters.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Hampden are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows :—
Over £250 a year.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“NIEL BLACK.”

IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the debate be adjourned until the next day of meeting.

Question—That the debate be adjourned until the next day of meeting—put and passed.

POSTPONEMENT.—The following Order of the Day was postponed until Tuesday the 10th proximo :—

“*Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors Bill.*”—Adoption of Report.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until this day fortnight.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at a quarter to five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 10th proximo.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1875.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON: To move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable Alexander Fraser until the end of the present Session of Parliament.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Adjourned debate on second reading.
2. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.**—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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Minutes of the Proceedings

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.TUESDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable J. P. Bear delivered to the Clerk the declaration required by the seventh clause of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, JOHN PINNEY BEAR, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the colony of Victoria of the full value of Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same : And further that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Tabilk, shire of Goulburn, in the county or reputed county of Moira ; and in the borough of Brighton, parish of Moorabbin ; the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

“A. One half undivided interest in the Tabilk vineyard, homestead, estate and lands, comprising about 1,847 acres on the east bank of the Goulburn River, in the above-mentioned parish and county.

“B. About ten acres of land fronting the Esplanade, at Brighton, and known as the Esplanade portion of the Moorabbin property, in the Borough of Brighton.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the Shire of Goulburn above described are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows :—
Tabilk Vineyard, Shire of Goulburn, £750 per annum.

“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 of the Colony of Victoria.

“J. P. BEAR.”

PETITION.—The Honorable W. A. C. a’Beckett presented a Petition from Patrick Conroy, and others, styling themselves Roman Catholic residents at Williamstown, Footscray, and Werribee, and praying for relief in the matter of State Schools.

Petition received.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. Wilson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday the 7th September.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at a quarter to five o’clock until half-past four o’clock on Tuesday the 7th proximo.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1875.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. R. S. ANDERSON : To move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable Alexander Fraser until the end of the present Session of Parliament.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Adjourned debate on second reading.
2. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.**—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PETITION.—The Honorable F. Robertson presented a Petition signed by Michael Farrelly and others, styling themselves Roman Catholic residents at Kilmore, and praying for relief in the matter of State schools.

Petition received.

The Petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

PAPERS.—The Honorable W. Wilson, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following papers :—

1. Observatory.—Tenth Report of Board of Visitors, for year ending 29th May, 1875.
2. Savings Banks.—General Order of Commissioners (13th July, 1875).
3. Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of, for quarter ending 30th June, 1875.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

PAPERS.—The Honorable W. Wilson laid on the Table the following papers :—

1. Public Accounts.—Regulation exempting Water Supply Branch of Mines Department, and Melbourne Sewers and Water Supply Branch from operation of Regulation No. 68 (26th July, 1875).
2. Public Accounts—Regulations (two) respecting (23rd August, 1875).

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

ABSENCE, LEAVE OF, TO HON. A. FRASER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, in accordance with notice, moved, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable A. Fraser until the end of the present Session of Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

POSTPONEMENTS.—The following Orders of the Day were severally postponed until Tuesday the 21st instant :—

“*Impounding Law Amendment Bill.*”—Adjourned debate on second reading.

“*Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors Bill.*”—Adoption of report.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Seven hundred thousand pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six,*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 7th September, 1875.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (2).—The Honorable W. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable W. Wilson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable W. Wilson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable W. Wilson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable W. Wilson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable W. Wilson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Seven hundred thousand pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. Wilson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until this day fortnight.

Question—put and passed.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILL.—The President announced to the Council that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, intimating that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, this day, to assent to a Bill passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly.

APPROACH OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The approach of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was announced by the Usher.

ROYAL ASSENT TO A BILL.—His Excellency the Administrator of the Government came into the Council Chamber, and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber; who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to assent in Her Majesty's name to the following Bill:—

"An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Seven hundred thousand pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six."

The Royal Assent being read by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the following words:—

"In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act."

"WILLIAM F. STAWELL,
Administrator of the Government."

A Schedule of the Bill assented to was delivered to Mr. Speaker.

The Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government left the Council Chamber.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past seven o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 21st instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPERS.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett laid on the Table the following papers:—

1. Victorian Railways.—Lines of Railway authorized under 37 Vict. No. 475.—Estimate of Expenditure for twelve months ending 30th June, 1876, £640,200.
2. Victorian Railways.—Estimate of Expenditure on North-Eastern Line during twelve months ending 30th June, 1876, £20,650.
3. Railway Construction Act 1873.—Estimate of proposed Expenditure 1875-6, £393,319.
4. Victorian Railways.—Ballarat and Ararat, Castlemaine and Dunolly, and Ballarat and Maryborough.—Estimate of Expenditure during twelve months ending 30th June, 1876, £31,450.
5. Post Office Savings Banks.—General Regulations (21st June, 1875).
6. Post Office Savings Banks.—Amended Regulations for guidance for Postmasters and other officers (21st June, 1875).

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

PETITION.—The Honorable G. F. Belcher presented a Petition signed by James L. Hegarty and others, styling themselves Roman Catholic residents at Elaine, Lethbridge, Anakie, Steiglitz, Darriwill, and Meredith, and praying for relief in the matter of State schools.

Petition received.

The Petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

PETITIONS.—The Honorable W. Campbell presented similar Petitions from Kyneton, from Redesdale and Baynton, from Taradale, from Woodend, from Malmesbury, and from Tylden.

Petitions received.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until this day fortnight.

Question—put and passed.

PETITIONS.—The Honorable C. J. Jenner presented Petitions from certain Roman Catholic residents at Ballarat, and at Ballarat East, praying for relief in the matter of State schools.

Petitions received.

POSTPONEMENTS.—The following Orders of the Day were severally postponed until Tuesday the 5th proximo:—

“*Impounding Law Amendment Bill.*”—Adjourned debate on second reading.

“*Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors Bill.*”—Adoption of Report.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes to five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday the 5th proximo.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 14.

Minutes of the Proceedings

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and expenditure of certain sums from the 'Railway Loan Account' and from the 'Public Works Loan Account 1872,' for Salaries, Wages, and Contingencies for the service of the year ending the Thirtieth day of June One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six;*" also, a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Thistle Prevention Statute 1865,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1875.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the sale of Trust Lands and the application of the proceeds and of Trust Moneys in the purchase of a site and building thereon a Church for the Members of the Church of England in the parish of Prahran,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1875.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Melbourne Orphan Asylum Corporation to sell and otherwise deal with certain Land situate at Emerald Hill vested in such Corporation as a site for an Asylum for Orphan Children and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1875.

RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACCOUNT 1872 APPLICATION BILL.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the issue and expenditure of certain sums from the 'Railway Loan Account' and from the 'Public Works Loan Account 1872' for Salaries, Wages, and Contingencies for the service of the year ending the Thirtieth day of June One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

PETITIONS.—The Honorable N. Fitzgerald presented Petitions severally from certain Roman Catholic residents at Castlemaine, at Maryborough, and at Stawell, praying for relief in the matter of State schools.

Petitions received.

PETITION.—The Honorable S. Wilson presented a similar Petition from certain Roman Catholic residents at Ararat.

Petition received.

The Petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

PETITION.—The Honorable W. Highett presented a similar Petition from certain Roman Catholic residents at South Gipps Land.

Petition received.

PETITIONS.—The Honorable G. F. Belcher presented similar Petitions from certain Roman Catholic residents at Colac and at Duneed.

Petitions received.

MELBOURNE ORPHAN ASYLUM SALE BILL.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, requesting that they will be pleased to communicate to this House copies of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of that House to which the Bill may have been referred during the present Session of Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

STANDING ORDERS, SUSPENSION OF.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Melbourne Orphan Asylum Sale Bill from being proceeded with and passed through its various stages this day.

Question—put and passed.

MELBOURNE ORPHAN ASYLUM SALE BILL.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett produced a certificate shewing that a sum of Twenty pounds had been paid into the hands of the Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, and moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable T. T. a'Beckett, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Melbourne Orphan Asylum Corporation to sell and otherwise deal with certain Land situate at Emerald Hill vested in such Corporation as a site for an Asylum for Orphan Children and for other purposes.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

THISTLE PREVENTION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable T. Bromell moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time, and, on the motion of the Honorable T. Bromell, ordered to be printed, and the second reading be made an Order of the Day for this day week.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND, PRAHRAN, TRUST LANDS SALE BILL.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly requesting that they will be pleased to communicate to this House copies of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of that House to which the Bill may have been referred during the present Session of Parliament.

Question—put and passed.

STANDING ORDERS, SUSPENSION OF.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Church of England, Prahran, Trust Lands Sale Bill from being proceeded with and passed through its various stages this day.

Question—put and passed.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND, PRAHRAN, TRUST LANDS SALE BILL.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett produced a certificate showing that a sum of Twenty pounds had been paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, and moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable T. T. a'Beckett, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the sale of Trust Lands and the application of the proceeds and of Trust Moneys in the purchase of a site and building thereon a Church for the Members of the Church of England in the Parish of Prahran.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. CXIV.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Standing Order No. CXIV be suspended, so as to admit of the presentation of the Melbourne Orphan Asylum Sale Bill, and the Prahran Church Bill, for the Royal Assent, without payment of the expense of publication.

Question—put and passed.

PAPER.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following Paper :—

Industrial and Reformatory Schools.—Report of Inspector for year 1874.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

PAPER.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett laid on the Table the following Paper :—

Patents Statute—Rules and Regulations under (20th September, 1875).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

POSTPONEMENTS.—The following Orders of the Day were severally postponed until Tuesday, the 12th instant :—

"*Impounding Law Amendment Bill.*"—Adjourned debate on second reading.

"*Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors Bill.*"—Adoption of Report.

The Council adjourned at six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Wednesday the 6th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1875.

1. The Hon. R. SIMSON: To ask the honorable gentleman representing the Government to lay on the Table of this House the total expense to this Colony incurred in the appeal cases of Messrs. Winter, McMillan, and Ettershank, relating to certificate lands.

TUESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. THISTLE PREVENTION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.
3. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ROYAL ASSENT TO A BILL.—The President announced to the Council that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, intimating that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, this day, to assent to a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly.

PAPER.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following Paper :—
Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria.—Part V.—Interchange (1874).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

PAPER.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett laid on the Table the following Paper :—
Discipline Act 1870—Regulation under (20th September, 1875).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

APPROACH OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The approach of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was announced by the Usher.

ROYAL ASSENT TO A BILL.—His Excellency the Administrator of the Government came into the Council Chamber and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber ; who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to assent in Her Majesty's name to the following Bill :—

“ An Act to sanction the issue and expenditure of certain sums from the ‘ Railway Loan Account ’ and from the ‘ Public Works Loan Account 1872,’ for Salaries, Wages, and Contingencies for the service of the year ending the Thirtieth day of June One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.”

The Royal Assent being read by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the following words :—

“ In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

“ WILLIAM F. STAWELL,
“ Administrator of the Government.”

A Schedule of the Bill assented to was delivered to Mr. Speaker.

The Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government left the Council Chamber.

PETITION.—The Honorable G. F. Belcher presented a Petition signed by Patrick Ryan and others, styling themselves Roman Catholic residents at Gordons, Wallace, and Ormond.

Petition received.

The Petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday the 19th instant.

Question—put and passed.

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council copies of the Report and Evidence of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed in the present Session of Parliament on the Bill intituled “ *An Act to enable the Melbourne Orphan Asylum Corporation to sell and otherwise deal with certain Land situate at Emerald Hill vested in such Corporation as a site for an Asylum for Orphan Children and for other purposes,* ” as requested by the Legislative Council.

C. MACMAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1875.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council copies of the Report and Proceedings from the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed during the present Session on the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the sale of Trust Lands and the application of the proceeds and of Trust Moneys in the purchase of a site and building thereon a Church for the Members of the Church of England in the parish of Prahran,*" in accordance with the request of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 5th October, 1875.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments, reporting a clerical error in the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the sale of Trust Lands and the application of the proceeds and of Trust Moneys in the purchase of a site and building thereon a Church for the Members of the Church of England in the Parish of Prahran,*" and acquaint them that the Legislative Assembly have corrected the error in the said Bill, with which they request the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 6th October, 1875.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Council Chamber,
6th October, 1875.

SIR,

I do myself the honor to report in pursuance of the provisions of the Joint Standing Order, No. 21, that the following clerical error has been discovered in the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of Trust Lands and the application of the proceeds and of Trust Moneys in the purchase of a site and building thereon a Church for the Members of the Church of England in the parish of Prahran,*" viz., clause 5, line 3, after the word "according" the word "to" is omitted.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

The Honorable the Speaker.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND, PRAHRAN, TRUST LANDS SALE BILL.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the Council do concur with the Legislative Assembly in the correction of the clerical error reported in this Bill.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday the 19th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. THISTLE PREVENTION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.
3. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 16.

Minutes of the Proceedings

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PETITION.—The Honorable N. Fitzgerald presented a Petition from certain Roman Catholic residents at Sandhurst, praying for relief in the matter of State schools.

Petition received.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.—The President announced to the Council that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, intimating that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, this day, to assent to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and sixty thousand pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MACMAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 19th October, 1875.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (3).—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and sixty thousand pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

PAPER.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett laid on the Table the following Paper :—
Fisheries Act 1873—Notification under—cancelling Proclamation of close season for Murray
Cod, Murray Perch, and Murray Bream (14th October, 1875).
Ordered to lie on the Table.

PETITIONS.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett presented Petitions severally from certain Roman Catholic residents at Sunbury, and at Gisborne, praying for relief in the matter of State schools.
Petitions received.

THISTLE PREVENTION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable H. Cuthbert moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the debate be adjourned until this day week.
Question—That the debate be adjourned until this day week—put and passed.

POSTPONEMENT.—The following Orders of the Day were severally postponed until Tuesday the 26th instant :—

“ *Impounding Law Amendment Bill.*”—Adjourned debate on second reading.

“ *Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors Bill.*”—Adoption of Report.

APPROACH OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The approach of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was announced by the Usher.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.—His Excellency the Administrator of the Government came into the Council Chamber and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber ; who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to assent in Her Majesty's name to the following Bills :—

“ *An Act to enable the Melbourne Orphan Asylum Corporation to sell and otherwise deal with certain Land situate at Emerald Hill vested in such Corporation as a site for an Asylum for Orphan Children and for other purposes.*”

“ *An Act to authorize the sale of Trust Lands and the application of the proceeds and of Trust Moneys in the purchase of a site and building thereon a Church for the Members of the Church of England in the parish of Prahran.*”

“ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and sixty thousand pounds to the service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six.*”

The Royal Assent being read severally by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the following words :—

“ In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

“ WILLIAM F. STAWELL,

“ Administrator of the Government.”

A Schedule of the Bills assented to was delivered to Mr. Speaker.

The Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government left the Council Chamber.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Wednesday, 20th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **THISTLE PREVENTION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Adjourned debate on second reading.
2. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Adjourned debate on second reading.
3. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.**—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 17.

Minutes of the Proceedings

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable C. J. Jenner, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Wednesday the 17th proximo.
Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Wednesday the 17th proximo.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. THISTLE PREVENTION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.
3. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. THISTLE PREVENTION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.
3. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 19.

Minutes of the Proceedings

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—In pursuance of *The Electoral Act of 1856*, the President laid upon the Table a Warrant appointing the Honorable Robert Stirling Anderson a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to fill the vacancy in the Committee created by his acceptance of office.

VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Victoria Electoral Act 1856, I do hereby appoint—

The Honorable ROBERT STIRLING ANDERSON

to be a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

Given under my hand this thirtieth day of November, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

W. H. F. MITCHELL,
President of the Legislative Council.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT) COMMITTEE.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the Honorable R. S. Anderson be a member of the Joint Committee of both Houses to manage and superintend the Parliament Buildings.

Question—put and passed.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson laid on the Table the following Paper :—

Sewers and Water Supply, Melbourne.—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, 1st July, 1874, to 30th June, 1875.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

PETITIONS.—The Honorable W. A. C. a'Beckett presented Petitions, severally, from Roman Catholic residents at Coburg, Brunswick, Epping, and Beveridge, praying for relief in the matter of State schools.

Petitions received.

THISTLE PREVENTION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—being read, the debate was resumed.

Amendment moved by the Honorable F. Robertson, That the word "now" be omitted with a view to add the words "this day six months" after the word "time."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word "now," proposed to be omitted, stand part of the question—put and negatived.

Question—That the words "this day six months" proposed to be added be so added—put and passed.

Question—That the Bill be read a second time this day six months—put and passed.

IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—being read, the debate was resumed.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered.

ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relative to Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

The Council adjourned at a quarter to six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Wednesday the 1st proximo.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1875.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

1. The Hon. G. F. BELCHER : To ask the honorable member representing the Government whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to amend the present *Lunacy Statute*.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 20.

Minutes of the Proceedings

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The President laid on the Table, for the second time, the Warrant appointing the Honorable R. S. Anderson a member of the Elections and Qualifications Committee.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and eighty-two thousand five hundred pounds to the service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1875.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (4).—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and eighty-two thousand five hundred pounds to the service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government agreed to by them on the thirtieth ultimo, praying "that a Court of General Sessions may be held at St. Arnaud," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1875.

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM FOSTER STAWELL, Knight, Chief Justice of the Colony of Victoria, and the Administrator of the Government of the said Colony, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the _____ and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in Parliament assembled, pray that a Court of General Sessions may be held at St. Arnaud.

ST. ARNAUD, COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS AT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Council concur with the Legislative Assembly in presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, praying that a Court of General Sessions may be held at St. Arnaud.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be carried to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council concur with them in presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, praying that a Court of General Sessions may be held at St. Arnaud.

IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Ordered.

ROYAL ASSENT TO A BILL.—The President announced to the Council that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government intimating that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, this day, to assent to a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly.

APPROACH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The approach of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was announced by the Usher.

ROYAL ASSENT TO A BILL.—His Excellency the Administrator of the Government came into the Council Chamber and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber; who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to assent, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bill:—

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and eighty-two thousand five hundred pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six.”

The Royal Assent being read by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the following words:—

“In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

“WILLIAM F. STAWELL,
“Administrator of the Government.”

A Schedule of the Bill assented to was delivered to Mr. Speaker.

The Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government left the Council Chamber.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following Papers:—

1. Post Office Savings Banks.—Amended Regulations for guidance of Postmasters and others (22nd November, 1875).

2. Post Office Savings Banks.—General Regulations (22nd November, 1875).

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes past five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday the 7th instant.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1875.

1. The Hon. G. F. BELCHER: To ask the honorable member representing the Government whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to amend the present *Lunacy Statute*.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 7th December.

PRINTING—at a quarter past four o'clock.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The President laid on the Table, for the third time, the Warrant appointing the Honorable R. S. Anderson a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the laws relating to or affecting Public Health.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in; and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday the 14th instant.

IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with amendments.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now re-considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with further amendments.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the adoption of the Report of the Committee be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday the 14th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1875.

1. The Hon. W. A. C. A'BECKETT: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if the Government are aware that it is the custom to run goods trains on Sundays; and if so, in what interests it is done.
2. The Hon. S. WILSON: To ask the honorable member representing the Government when it is proposed to settle the question of the disputed boundary between the borough of St. Kilda and the shire of Caulfield; the matter in dispute being a portion of the borough of St. Kilda, which has been included, by a mistake in the Local Government Act, in both municipalities, the residents having been served with notices to pay rates to both shire and borough for the same property, or double rates.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following Papers:—

1. Statistical Register of Victoria, 1874.—Part VIII.—Vital Statistics, &c.
2. Crown Grants and Leases—Forms of.—Order in Council (29th November, 1875).
3. Crown Lands to be sold by Auction—Charge for.—Order in Council (6th December, 1875).
4. Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of, for quarter ending 30th September, 1875.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson laid on the Table the following Paper:—
Supreme Court.—General Rule (7th December, 1875).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Ordered.

IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable F. T. Sargood moved, That the debate be adjourned until this day week.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be adjourned until this day week—put and negatived.

Question—That the Report of the Committee be now adopted—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the Impounding of Cattle.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday the 21st instant.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1875.

1. The Hon. J. BALFOUR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs, whether the attention of the Honorable the Attorney-General has been directed to the so called Art Union advertised to take place at Ballarat ; and whether, in his opinion, the same is not contrary to law.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 21st December.

PRINTING—at a quarter past four o'clock.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the Council the following Paper :—

Statistical Register, Victoria.—Part IX.—Religious, Moral, and Intellectual Progress.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson laid on the Table the following Papers :—

1. Victorian Railways.—Report of Board of Land and Works, for Year ending 30th June, 1875.
2. Yan Yean Reservoir Water—Report of Analytical Chemist on.—(11th December, 1875.)

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable A. Fraser delivered to the Clerk the declaration required by the seventh clause of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of the Act 32 Victoria, No. 334, I, ALEXANDER FRASER, do declare and testify that I am duly seised at law or in equity of an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the Colony of Victoria of the value of Two thousand five hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands and tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Prahran, in the county or reputed county of Bourke, the description of which lands and tenements are as follow :—

“No. 1. Part allotment 139A, parish of Prahran, county of Bourke, having a frontage to Alma street of 100 feet by a depth of 300 feet to Chapel street, with dwelling-house and other buildings thereon erected, being in my own occupation.

“No. 2. Part allotment 139A, parish of Prahran, county of Bourke, having a frontage of 370 feet to Argyle street, with improvements.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands and tenements as are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda are rated in the rate-books of such municipal district as follows :—

“No. 1. Rated in the rate-book of the district of St. Kilda at Two hundred and twenty pounds per annum.

“No. 2. Rated in the rate-book of the district of St. Kilda at Fifty pounds per annum.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colourably 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 of the colony of Victoria.

“ALEX. FRASER.”

PRINTING COMMITTEE.—FIRST REPORT.—The Honorable W. Highett brought up the First Report of the Printing Committee, and moved that the same be received and printed.

Question—put and passed.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Wednesday the 22nd instant.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1875.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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WEDNESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 re-adjust the rate of Rent payable by Pastoral Tenants of the Crown,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 22ND December, 1875.

LAND ACT 1869 AMENDMENT (PASTORAL TENANTS' RENT) BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time; and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 23RD instant.

PETITION.—The Honorable W. Highett presented a Petition, signed by David Evans, styling himself chairman of a meeting of pastoral tenants of the Crown in the Goulburn, Benalla, Ovens, and Upper Murray Districts, and praying that their case may be enquired into.

Petition received.

The Petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

PETITION.—The Honorable R. Simson presented a Petition, signed by F. E. Hughes and others, styling themselves pastoral tenants of the Crown, merchants, and others, praying that the assessment on stock may not be increased.

Petition received.

The Petition was read at the Table by the Clerk.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 'An Act to incorporate and endow the University of Melbourne,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 22ND December, 1875.

UNIVERSITY DEGREES BILL.—The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time, and, on the motion of the Honorable T. T. a'Beckett, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for the 12TH proximo.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Thursday, the 23RD instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1875.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND ACT 1869 AMENDMENT (PASTORAL TENANTS' RENT) BILL.—To be read a second time.
 2. PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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WEDNESDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 1876.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. UNIVERSITY DEGREES BILL.—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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THURSDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1875.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 extend the time for the Collection of Tolls,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1875.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

COLLECTION OF TOLLS EXTENSION BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the time for the Collection of Tolls.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

LAND ACT 1869 AMENDMENT (PASTORAL TENANTS' RENT) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be “*An Act to re-adjust the rate of Rent payable by Pastoral Tenants of the Crown.*”

Question—put and passed.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on the next day of meeting of the Council.

Ordered.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.—The President announced to the Council that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, intimating that it is His Excellency’s intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, this day, to assent to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly.

APPROACH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The approach of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was announced by the Usher.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.—His Excellency the Administrator of the Government came into the Council Chamber and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber ; who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to assent in Her Majesty’s name to the following Bills :—

“*An Act to extend the time for the Collection of Tolls.*”

“*An Act to re-adjust the rate of Rent payable by Pastoral Tenants of the Crown.*”

The Royal Assent being read severally by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the following words :—

“In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

“WILLIAM F. STAWELL,

“Administrator of the Government.”

A Schedule of the Bills assented to was delivered to Mr. Speaker.

The Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency the Administrator of the Government left the Council Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday, the 18th proximo.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes past eight o’clock until half-past four o’clock on Tuesday, the 18th proximo.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1876.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **UNIVERSITY DEGREES BILL.**—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following Paper :—

Friendly Societies—List of, registered expired, dissolved, &c., during the year ending 31st December, 1874.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson laid on the Table the following Paper :—

Geological Map of Australia, including Tasmania—First Sketch of.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to define the boundaries of Bailiwicks.

Question—put and passed.

Bill brought in, and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for the next day of meeting of the Council.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO HONORABLE N. FITZGERALD.—The Honorable W. Highett, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That leave of absence be given to the Honorable N. Fitzgerald until the end of the year.

Question—put and passed.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the adoption of the Report of the Committee be made an Order of the Day for the next day of meeting.

Question—put and passed.

UNIVERSITY DEGREES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable W. Campbell moved, That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

Question—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Thursday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at a quarter to six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Thursday, the 20th instant.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1876.

1. The Hon. R. SIMSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if the Government intend, during the present Session of Parliament, to repeal the Thistle Act now in force in the colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 25TH JANUARY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. G. W. COLE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, setting forth that, in the opinion of this Council, measures should be at once taken to carry out the consideration of His Excellency the late Acting-Governor's Address to the two Houses of Legislature, on opening the Parliament on the 25th May, on the subject of "Constitutional Reform," as follows :— (per *Hansard*, 25th May, p. 3)—

"Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly: At the general election for the present Parliament the Government of that day abstained from submitting any other question of policy than that of Constitutional Reform, for the purpose of ascertaining the opinion of the people solely upon that question. The result showed a desire on the part of the constituencies that the radical defect which underlies our Constitution in the event of an irreconcilable difference of opinion between the two branches of the Legislature should be cured. During last session of Parliament earnest and anxious consideration was given to this difficult subject, without, however, arriving at any legislative determination thereon. It will be the duty of my Advisers to submit for your consideration proposals on Constitutional Reform and on the representation of the people in Parliament. I trust that your deliberations will lead to the adoption of such amendments of the law as will meet the acknowledged requirements of the country."

The Legislative Council says—

"We observe that it is the intention of Your Excellency's Government to submit to Parliament measures of Constitutional Reform, and we can assure Your Excellency that they will receive our most careful consideration."

We deem it our duty to the country to bring this important subject before Your Excellency, in hopes that no delay may take place in carrying out the last paragraph of the Address.

We beg, therefore, that all other measures may be postponed until this important subject may have been duly considered.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. UNIVERSITY DEGREES BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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THURSDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1876.

At the expiration of half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Council there was no quorum present, and the President took the Chair, and, without question put, adjourned the Council to the next sitting day.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1876.

1. The Hon. R. SIMSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if the Government intend, during the present Session of Parliament, to repeal the Thistle Act now in force in the colony.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. UNIVERSITY DEGREES BILL.—Adjourned debate on second reading.
2. BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL.—To be read a second time.
3. PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 28.

Minutes of the Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

UNIVERSITY DEGREES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—

That this Bill be now read a second time—being read, the debate was resumed.

The Honorable Sir F. Murphy moved the previous question.

Question—That the question be now put—put and negatived.

BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, The

Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Ordered.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill being called on, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged with a view to the re-committal of the Bill.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now re-committed.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same with further amendments.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the adoption of the Report of the Committee be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes to seven o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 1st proximo.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1876.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. W. HIGGETT : To move, That a Return be laid on the Table of this House showing the number of Electors for the Legislative Council on the Roll for each Electoral Province, distinguishing those who are Ratepayers from those on the General Roll.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—Adoption of Report.

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TUESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following Papers:—

1. Friendly Societies—Statistics of, for year 1874, with introductory Report by Government Statist.

2. Education.—Report of Minister of Public Instruction for 1874–5.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

ELECTORS IN PROVINCES.—The Honorable W. Highett, in accordance with notice, moved, That a Return be laid on the Table of this House, showing the number of Electors for the Legislative Council on the Roll for each Electoral Province, distinguishing those who are Ratepayers from those on the General Roll.

Question—put and passed.

BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the adoption of the Report of the Committee be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S.

Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the laws relating to or affecting Public Health.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

The Council adjourned at ten minutes to five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Wednesday, the 2nd instant.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1876.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL.—Adoption of Report.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to define the Boundaries of Bailiwicks.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 8th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 31.

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TUESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ELECTORS IN PROVINCES.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson laid on the Table a Return to the Order of the Council made on the 1st instant.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson laid on the Table the following Papers :—

1. Australasian Statistics, 1874.—Supplementary Tables.
2. Public Accounts.—Regulations (24th January, 1876).

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Wednesday, the 9th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 32.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 amalgamate all the branches of the Legal Profession in Victoria," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 9th February, 1876.

LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL.—The Honorable F. T. Sargood moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time; and, on the motion of the Honorable F. T. Sargood, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 23rd instant.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Thursday, the 10th instant.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1876.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL.—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

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Minutes of the Proceedings

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

The Council adjourned during pleasure.

At eight o'clock the President resumed the Chair.—Notice being taken that there was not a quorum present, the President forthwith counted the House, and, a quorum not being present, adjourned the Council without question put, to the next sitting day.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1876.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

I. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL.—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 34.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following Paper:—

Land Act 1869.—Order in Council.—Regulations (7th February, 1876).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Council adjourned during pleasure.

At six o'clock the President resumed the Chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Five hundred and forty thousand two hundred pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 15th February, 1876.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (5).—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Five hundred and forty thousand two hundred pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six*."

Question—put and passed.

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

ROYAL ASSENT TO A BILL.—The President announced to the Council that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, intimating that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, this day, to assent to a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly.

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

ROYAL ASSENT TO A BILL.—His Excellency the Governor came into the Council Chamber and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber; who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to assent, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bill:—

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Five hundred and forty thousand two hundred pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and six.”

The Royal Assent being read by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the following words:—

“In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty I assent to this Act.

“G. F. BOWEN,
“Governor.”

A Schedule of the Bill assented to was delivered to Mr. Speaker.
The Legislative Assembly withdrew.
His Excellency the Governor left the Council Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at a quarter past six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 22nd instant.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1876.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL.—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 29th instant.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY, 1876.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL.—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PETITION.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson presented a Petition from T. Hamlet Taylor and others, styling themselves President and Members of the Law Institute of Victoria, praying that the Legal Profession Amalgamation Bill may not be passed.

Petition received.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Petition be referred to the Committee to which the Legal Profession Amalgamation Bill may be referred.

Question—put and passed.

POSTPONEMENT.—The following Order of the Day was postponed until Tuesday, the 7th proximo :—

“Legal Profession Amalgamation Bill.”—To be read a second time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 7th proximo.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1876.

1. The Hon. G. F. BELCHER : To draw the attention of the Honorable member representing the Government to the present impure state of the water supplied to the Town of Geelong from the Stony Creek Reservoir ; and to ask whether the Government will take into consideration the position of the payers of the water rates pending the construction of proper filter beds.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL.—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPERS.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following papers :—

- 1. Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Victoria, cap. 55.—Statement of Expenditure under, during year 1874-5.
2. Health Officer—Report of, for year ending 31st December, 1875.
3. Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of, for quarter ending 31st December, 1875.

Ordered severally to lie on the Table.

LEGAL PROFESSION AMALGAMATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable F. T. Sargood moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Amendment moved by the Honorable H. Cuthbert, That the word "now" be omitted, with a view to add the words "this day six months" after the word "time."

Question—That the word "now," proposed to be omitted, stand part of the question—put and negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and passed.

Question—That the Bill be read a second time this day six months—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes to six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 14th instant.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1876.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. W. A. C. A'BECKETT: To move, That a Return be laid on the Table of this House stating in the following manner (1st) :—

Table with 6 columns: Names of Examiners of Titles, Date of Appointment, Position (if any) held in Government Service previously, Occupation immediately previous to Appointment, Profession (if any), Salary from January 1875.

- (2nd.) Whether promotion to the office of Examiner of Titles goes by seniority or not ; and, if it does, what officers or offices are and in what department are reckoned as next on the list for such promotion.
(3rd.) Whether "The Land Transfer Statute" requires any qualification for the office of Examiner of Titles or not ; and, if it does, what qualification.
(4th.) A copy of the returns showing the progress of the work in the office of Commissioner of Titles, presented monthly to the Attorney-General, from January, 1875, to December, 1875.
(5th.) The various branches of the Lands Titles Office, the names and offices of the various heads of each branch, and their relation in point of authority to one another.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 14th March.

PRINTING—at a quarter past four o'clock.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to define the Boundaries of Bailiwicks,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 14th March, 1876.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act for the continuation of an expiring law;*" also a Bill intituled "*An Act to continue an expiring law,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 7th March, 1876.

EXPIRING LAW (DRAWBACKS ACT) CONTINUATION BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time, and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday the 21st instant.

EXPIRING LAW (DISEASES OF STOCK ACT) CONTINUATION BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time, and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday the 21st instant.

PRINTING COMMITTEE.—SECOND REPORT.—The Honorable W. Highett brought up the Second Report of the Printing Committee, and moved, That the same be adopted and printed.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes to five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday the 21st instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1876.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. EXPIRING LAW (DRAWBACKS ACT) CONTINUATION BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. EXPIRING LAW (DISEASES OF STOCK ACT) CONTINUATION BILL.—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following Paper :—

Import, Export, Transhipment, and Shipping Returns—Summary of, &c., for the year 1875.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

EXPIRING LAW (DRAWBACKS ACT) CONTINUATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act for the Continuation of an Expiring Law.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

EXPIRING LAW (DISEASES OF STOCK ACT) CONTINUATION BILL.—The Order of Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to Continue an Expiring Law.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved, without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past five o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 28th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to or affecting Public Health ;*" also the Bill intituled—

"*An Act to enable the Council of the University of Melbourne to confer Degrees in Surgery ;*" and the Bill intituled—

"*An Act to amend the Law relating to Cheques, Bills of Exchange, and Promissory Notes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to these Bills with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 28th March, 1876.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to facilitate the Proof of Bye-Laws and proceedings of Corporations and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 28th March, 1876.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons Statute 1870 ;*" and a Bill intituled—

"*An Act to impose a Tax upon Bank Notes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 28th March, 1876.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend 'The Police Offences Statute 1865,' and 'The Police Offences Statute Amendment Act 1872 ;*" also a Bill intituled—

"*An Act to provide for Mining on Private Property for Gold and Silver ;*" also a Bill intituled—

"*An Act to amend 'The Medical Practitioners Statute 1865 ;*" and a Bill intituled—

"*An Act to further amend 'The Post Office Statute 1866,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 28th March, 1876.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in this Bill be now taken into consideration.

Question—put and passed.

The following amendments were severally read; and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, were agreed to :—

Clause 1, line 2, omit “1875,” and insert “1876”

Clause 7, line 2, omit “any accumulation of manure, dung, soil, or filth or”

„ line 4, after “matter” insert “or any accumulation of manure, dung, soil, or filth”

„ line 8, omit “notice either verbally or in writing” and insert “a notice signed by himself”

Clause 20, line 8, omit “either”

„ line 9, omit “or to alter”

The amendment in clause 20, line 13—Omit “neither” and “nor altered”—being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Council agree to omit the word “neither” and do insert the word “not” instead.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Council agree to omit the words “nor altered.”

Question—put and passed.

The amendment in clause 20—At end of clause insert “and from and after the passing of this Act no cesspool for the reception of nightsoil below the ground shall be constructed in any city, town, or borough”—being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the word “and” be omitted from the amendment.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the remaining words of the amendment be made a separate clause to follow clause 20 in the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The following amendments being read,—

Clause 21. Omit this clause.

Clause 22, line 2, after “stream” insert “channel, lake, lagoon, swamp, or waterhole”

„ line 5, after “stream” insert “channel, lake, lagoon, swamp, or waterhole”

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Council agree to the amendment to omit clause 21.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Council agree to the amendments in clause 22.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to some amendments, and have agreed to other amendments with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

SURGERY DEGREES BILL.—The amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in this Bill was read as follows :—

Clause 1, line 8, after “graduated at” insert “the University of Melbourne or at”

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the amendment be amended as follows :—After “Melbourne” insert “prior to 1st May, 1876, after examination as Bachelors of Medicine or Doctors of Medicine;” and after “or” insert “who may have graduated in Surgery.”

Debate ensued.

Ordered—That the further consideration of the Message be postponed until Wednesday, the 29th instant.

CHEQUES, ETC., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in this Bill were read as follows, and agreed to, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson :—

Clause 3, line 1, omit “issued.”

„ line 5, after “crossed” insert “and without the name of any banker”

„ line 6, omit “have been issued” and insert “be”

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, to acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly.

SUCCESSION DUTIES BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time; and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 29th instant.

TAX ON BANK NOTES BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time; and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 29th instant.

POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time; and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 29th instant.

MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time; and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 30th instant.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time; and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 29th instant.

POST OFFICE STATUTE 1866 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time; and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 29th instant.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes to six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Wednesday, the 29th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1876.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **SURGERY DEGREES BILL.**—Further consideration of Message from Legislative Assembly.
2. **SUCCESSION DUTIES BILL.**—To be read a second time.
3. **TAX ON BANK NOTES BILL.**—To be read a second time.
4. **POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—To be read a second time.
5. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.**—To be read a second time.
6. **POST OFFICE STATUTE 1866 AMENDMENT BILL.**—To be read a second time.

THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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WEDNESDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following Paper :—

Volunteer Forces.—Report of Royal Commission (15th March, 1876).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

SURGERY DEGREES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Message from the Legislative Assembly with an amendment in this Bill being read, the debate was resumed on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson—That the amendment be amended as follows :—After “Melbourne” insert “prior to 1st May, 1876, after examination as Bachelors of Medicine or Doctors of Medicine;” and after “or” insert “who may have graduated in Surgery.”

Question—That the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly be agreed to with the said amendments—put and passed.

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

SUCCESSION DUTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend ‘The Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons Statute 1870.’*”

Question—put and passed.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Laws relating to or affecting Public Health,*” and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council on the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in this Bill.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 29th March, 1876.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled “*An Act to enable the Council of the University of Melbourne to confer Degrees in Surgery,*” and acquaint them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council on the amendments of the Legislative Assembly in this Bill.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 29th March, 1876.

TAX ON BANK NOTES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to impose a Tax upon Bank Notes.*"

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend 'The Medical Practitioners Statute 1865.'*"

Question—put and passed.

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

POST OFFICE STATUTE 1866 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend 'The Post Office Statute 1866.'*"

Question—put and passed.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money from 'The Railway Loan Liquidation and Construction Account,' established under the provision of section forty-two of 33 Vict. No. 360,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 29th March, 1876.

C. MÁC MAHON,
Speaker.

RAILWAY LOAN LIQUIDATION AND CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time; and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 30th instant.

The Council adjourned at twenty minutes past six o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Thursday, the 30th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1876.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. RAILWAY LOAN LIQUIDATION AND CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 Construction Act 1873,’*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 30th March, 1876.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1873 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time; and, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, ordered to be printed, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday the 4th proximo.

MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put.

Council divided.

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The Hon. R. S. Anderson
H. Cuthbert
T. T. a'Beckett
C. J. Jenner
Sir F. Murphy
G. F. Belcher
F. T. Sargood
J. Balfour
F. Robertson
J. A. Wallace
A. Fraser
W. Wilson (*Teller*).

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The Hon. W. Campbell
J. Graham
Sir S. Wilson
W. A. C. a'Beckett
W. Highett
J. Cumming
Dr. Dobson
J. P. Bear
R. Simson (*Teller*).

The question was therefore passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
Ordered.

POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
Ordered.

RAILWAY LOAN LIQUIDATION AND CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be “*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money from ‘The Railway Loan Liquidation and Construction Account,’ established under the provision of section forty-two of 33 Victoria, No. 360.*”

Question—put and passed.

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

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past ten o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Tuesday, the 4th proximo.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1876.

1. The Hon. W. CAMPBELL : To ask whether the Government have taken any steps to defend the appeal case of Woolley and Co. *versus* the Ironstone Company.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1873 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be read a second time.
2. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson laid on the Table the following Paper:—

Public Accounts.—Regulation respecting certifying accounts for expenditure by Board for Protection of Aborigines (21st March, 1876).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

POSTPONEMENTS.—The following Orders of the Day were severally postponed until after the disposal of the third Order of the Day:—

“*Railway Construction Act 1873 Amendment Bill.*”—To be read a second time.

“*Mining on Private Property Bill.*”—To be further considered in Committee.

POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with amendments.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now re-committed.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with further amendments.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the adoption of the Report be made an Order of the Day for this day, after the disposal of the other Orders of the Day.

Question—put and passed.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1873 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend ‘The Railway Construction Act 1873.’*”

Question—put and passed.

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

MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council being read, the President left the Chair.
The Chairman of Committees left the Chair.

POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill being read, the Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable T. T. a'Beckett, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable T. T. a'Beckett moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the 'Police Offences Statute 1865' and the 'Police Offences Statute Amendment Act 1872.'*"

Question—put and passed.

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

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past nine o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Wednesday, the 5th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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WEDNESDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 raising of Money for Railways and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 5th April, 1876.

LOAN BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and for other purposes.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Message from His Excellency the Governor, recommending an amendment in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend 'The Post Office Statute 1866,'*" which has been agreed to by the Legislative Assembly and with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 5th April, 1876.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

In pursuance of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly the following amendment which he recommends to be made in the Bill "*To further amend 'The Post Office Statute 1866'*" :—

Clause 3, line 7, strike out the word "or" and insert "one" in lieu thereof.
5th April, 1876.

POST OFFICE STATUTE 1866 AMENDMENT BILL.—CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Council do concur with the Legislative Assembly in agreeing to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor in this Bill, viz. :—

Clause 3, line 7, strike out the word “or” and insert “one” in lieu thereof.

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council have concurred with them in making the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 Local Government Act 1874,’*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 5th April, 1876.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS LIABILITIES BILL.—The Honorable H. Cuthbert moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable H. Cuthbert moved, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at half-past eight o'clock until half-past four o'clock on Thursday, the 6th instant.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1876.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. F. T. SARGOOD : To move, That a Return be printed, giving—
 - (1.) The original estimate of the cost of furnishing Government House.
 - (2.) The actual amount expended or authorized to date.
 - (3.) The estimated amount required to complete the furnishing.
 - (4.) All correspondence (relating to the same) between the Government and the Agent-General.
 - (5.) All correspondence (relating to the same) between the Government and any persons either in or out of the colony.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL COUNCILS LIABILITIES BILL.—To be read a second time.

G. W. RUSDEN,
Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

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THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

PAPER.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented to the Council the following paper:—

Land Act 1869—Report of proceedings under, for year ending 31st December, 1875.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the last day of June One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

C. MAC MAHON,

Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 6th April, 1876.

APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the last day of June One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council 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 Police Offences Statute 1865,' and 'The Police Offences Statute amendment 'Act 1872,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have disagreed to one of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill; have agreed to another amendment with an amendment; and have made an amendment consequent on an amendment of the Legislative Council, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 6th April, 1876.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Council do not insist on their amendment in clause 3, line 3.

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Council do agree to the following amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the new clause A.

Line 32, after "person" insert "and any person who shall manage or conduct or assist in managing or conducting any such lottery or scheme."

Question—put and passed.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Council concur with the Legislative Assembly in the consequential amendment made by them, viz. :—

Clause 3, line 2, leave out all words after "shall" to end of clause, and insert "be and the same is hereby repealed."

Question—put and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint them that the Council do not insist on their amendment in clause 3; concur with the Legislative Assembly with their amendment in the new clause A; and have agreed to the consequential amendment made by the Legislative Assembly.

FURNITURE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE.—The Honorable F. T. Sargood, in accordance with notice, moved, That a Return be printed, giving—

1. The original estimate of the cost of furnishing Government House.
2. The actual amount expended or authorized to date.
3. The estimated amount required to complete the furnishing.
4. All correspondence (relating to the same) between the Government and the Agent-General.
5. All correspondence (relating to the same) between the Government and any persons either in or out of the colony.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS LIABILITIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read, the Honorable H. Cuthbert moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable H. Cuthbert moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same with an amendment.

The Honorable H. Cuthbert moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the Bill, as certified, was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable H. Cuthbert, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable H. Cuthbert moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend 'The Local Government Act 1874.'*"

Question—put and passed.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced to the Council the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend 'The Local Government Act 1874,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 6th April, 1876.

C. MAC MAHON,
Speaker.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to extend the time for the Collection of Tolls,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Melbourne, 6th April, 1876.

C. MACMAHON,
Speaker.

TOLLS EXTENSION BILL.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and passed.

Question—That the President do now leave the Chair—put and passed.

The President left the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the same without amendment.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the Report of the Committee be now adopted.

Question—put and passed.

The President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, the Bill, on the motion of the Honorable R. S. Anderson, was read a third time and *passed*.

The Honorable R. S. Anderson moved, That the title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the time for the Collection of Tolls.*"

Question—put and passed.

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

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.—The President announced to the Council that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor informing him that it is the intention of His Excellency to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, on Friday, the 7th instant, at two o'clock, to give the Royal Assent to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable R. S. Anderson, with leave of the Council, moved without notice, That the House, at its rising this day, adjourn until two o'clock to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past eight o'clock until two o'clock on Friday, the 7th instant.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

VICTORIA.

No. 46.

Minutes of the Proceedings

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1876.

The Council met in accordance with adjournment.

The President took the Chair.

The President read the Prayer.

APPROACH OF THE GOVERNOR.—The approach of His Excellency the Governor was announced by the Usher.

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS.—His Excellency the Governor came into the Council Chamber and commanded the Usher to desire the attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Council Chamber, who, being come with their Speaker, he, after a speech to His Excellency, delivered the Appropriation Bill to the Clerk of the Parliaments, who brought it to the table.

His Excellency was pleased to assent, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bills :—

- “ *An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the last day of June One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.*”
- “ *An Act to define the Boundaries of Bailiwicks.*”
- “ *An Act for the Continuation of an Expiring Law.*”
- “ *An Act to continue an Expiring Law.*”
- “ *An Act to facilitate the proof of Bye-Laws and proceedings of Corporations and for other purposes.*”
- “ *An Act to amend the Law relating to Cheques, Bills of Exchange, and Promissory Notes.*”
- “ *An Act to amend 'The Duties on the Estates of Deceased Persons Statute 1870.'*”
- “ *An Act to amend the Laws relating to or affecting Public Health.*”
- “ *An Act to enable the Council of the University of Melbourne to confer Degrees in Surgery.*”
- “ *An Act to impose a Tax upon Bank Notes.*”
- “ *An Act to amend 'The Medical Practitioners Statute 1865.'*”
- “ *An Act to further amend 'The Post Office Statute 1866.'*”
- “ *An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money from 'The Railway Loan Liquidation and Construction Account,' established under the provision of section forty-two of 33 Victoria No. 360.*”
- “ *An Act to amend 'The Railway Construction Act 1873.'*”
- “ *An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and for other purposes.*”
- “ *An Act to further amend 'The Police Offences Statute 1865' and 'The Police Offences Statute Amendment Act 1872.'*”
- “ *An Act to amend 'The Local Government Act 1874.'*”
- “ *An Act to extend the time for the Collection of Tolls.*”

The Royal Assent being read severally by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the following words :—

“ In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I assent to this Act.

“ G. F. BOWEN,
“ Governor.”

His Excellency was then pleased to speak as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

It becomes my duty to meet you for the purpose of relieving you, for the present, from the discharge of your legislative functions, with a view to the early re-assembling of Parliament.

Although the present protracted Session has not been marked by much important legislation, yet measures have been passed of practical utility, such as the Police Offences Statute amendment Bill, the Public Health Laws amendment, and the Post Office Statute amendment Bill.

The anxious deliberations which have taken place upon various proposals having for their object a change in the incidence of taxation will, it is hoped, lead to the formation of a sound public opinion as to the direction which future proposals of a like kind should take.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I thank you on behalf of Her Majesty for the liberality with which you have granted Supplies for the requirements of the Public Service ; and I have to congratulate you on the fact that for the past three quarters of the financial year the Revenue has exhibited a marked buoyancy.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The success which attended the labors of the Commissioners appointed to act with the neighboring colonies in the representation of Australasia at the Centennial Exhibition, in Philadelphia, is a subject of congratulation.

The Report recently presented to you of the Royal Commission appointed to ascertain what improvements can be effected in the management of the Volunteer Force will have the attentive consideration of my Advisers during the recess.

Your liberality in providing for a loan will enable the Legislature to authorize the construction of new lines of railway, the completion and construction of many important waterworks, and the erection of buildings affording ample school accommodation, so as to extend the advantages of our national system of education.

The necessity for a measure dealing with mining on private property has been re-affirmed ; and it is admitted on all sides that such a measure would remove a serious obstacle to mining enterprise, and enable a saving to be effected in the administration of the departments. It is therefore to be regretted that Parliament, whilst agreeing to the principles of a measure on this subject, is yet unable to concur in passing it into law.

It will be the duty of my Advisers, during the brief recess at their disposal, to carefully examine the Public Expenditure, with a view of making such alterations as will conduce to greater economy in the future without impairing the Public Service.

I now, in Her Majesty's name, declare this Parliament to be prorogued to Tuesday the 9th of May next, and it is hereby prorogued accordingly.

G. F. BOWEN.

Melbourne, 7th April 1876.

Which being concluded, a copy of the Speech was delivered to the President of the Council and a copy to Mr. Speaker ; and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.
His Excellency the Governor left the Council Chamber.

G. W. RUSDEN,

Clerk of the Council and Clerk of the Parliaments.

SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1875-6.

No. 1.—ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Appointed 25th May, 1875.

The Hon. T. T. a'Beckett T. J. Sumner W. Highett C. J. Jenner	The Hon. F. T. Sargood T. F. Hamilton G. F. Belcher H. Cuthbert (<i>Mover</i>).
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No. 2.—STANDING ORDERS.

Appointed 25th May, 1875.

The Hon. The President T. T. a'Beckett C. J. Jenner	The Hon. Sir F. Murphy H. Cuthbert.
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No. 3.—PRINTING.

Appointed 25th May, 1875.

The Hon. J. Henty J. Cumming W. Highett	The Hon. T. Bromell J. A. Wallace.
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No. 4.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

Appointed 25th May, 1875.

The Hon. The President F. T. Sargood Dr. Dobson	The Hon. F. Robertson J. Graham.
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No. 5.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

Appointed 25th May, 1875.

The Hon. The President N. Black W. Campbell.	The Hon. J. Balfour R. S. Anderson* (<i>Mover</i>).
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* The Hon. R. S. Anderson vacated his seat on accepting an office of profit ; was re-elected, and re-appointed to this Committee (30th November, 1875).

No. 6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

Appointed 25th May, 1875.

The Hon. T. J. Sumner T. F. Hamilton R. Simson	The Hon. N. Fitzgerald G. F. Belcher.
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No. 7.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Appointed (by President's Warrant) 1st June, 1875.

The Hon. Thomas Turner a'Beckett Robert Stirling Anderson* Henry Cuthbert James Balfour	The Hon. William Highett Theodotus John Sumner, and William Arthur Callander a'Beckett.
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* The Hon. R. S. Anderson vacated his seat on accepting an office of profit ; was re-elected, and re-appointed to this Committee by the President's Warrant (30th November, 1875).

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1875.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1875.

ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS BILL.—Proposed new clause.—Nothing in this Act shall lessen any right or power given or created inferentially or directly by the Transfer of Lands Statute and notwithstanding anything herein contained the Commissioner of Titles may continue to issue licenses to sell the forms directed to be used under the Statute and it shall be lawful for the owners of land or their agents to transact business in the Land Title Office as was done before the passing of this Act or as (in accordance with the provisions of the Transfer of Lands Statute) the Commissioner with the consent of the Governor in Council may from time to time direct.

Motion made—That the above clause stand part of the Bill.—(*Hon F. T. Sargood.*)

Question—That the above clause stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Contents, 7.

The Hon. W. Highett
 F. T. Sargood
 J. A. Wallace
 N. Fitzgerald
 W. Wilson
 G. F. Belcher
 T. Bromell (*Teller*).

Not Contents, 8.

The Hon. R. S. Anderson
 J. Graham
 R. Simson
 T. F. Hamilton
 J. Balfour
 J. Cumming
 W. A. C. a'Beckett
 T. T. a'Beckett (*Teller*).

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1875.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 2.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1875.

IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Clause 10.—Section twenty-five of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following provisions shall be read as substituted therefor :—When great cattle shall not have been released from the pound within “fourteen” days and any other cattle within seven days after the delivery posting or publication of the notice directed in section twenty-four of the principal Act such great or other cattle shall be sold by public auction. The sale shall be made on the first day next after the expiration of such fourteen days or seven days respectively which shall be for the time being appointed by the Governor in Council or the council of the municipality by notice in the *Government Gazette* and a newspaper published in the district for the holding of pound sales: And at such sale the poundkeeper shall act as auctioneer and such sale shall be held at the pound and shall commence at the hour of noon and not more than one head of great cattle nor more than ten sheep goats or pigs shall be sold in one lot and the poundkeeper shall not in person or by his agent either purchase any cattle at any such sale or have any interest of any kind in cattle so purchased.

Motion made—That the word “fourteen,” occurring in the third line of the above clause, be struck out, with a view of inserting the word “twenty-one.”—(*Hon. W. Wilson*).

Question—That the word proposed to be struck out be so struck out—put.

Committee divided.

Contents, 5.

The Hon. N. Black
J. Balfour
W. Wilson
N. Fitzgerald
W. Campbell (*Teller*).

Not Contents, 9.

The Hon. R. S. Anderson
J. Graham
S. Wilson
W. Skene
G. F. Belcher
J. Cumming
F. T. Sargood
T. F. Hamilton
R. Simson (*Teller*).

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1875-6.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 3.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1876.

No. 1.—MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Clause 1.—This Act shall be called and may be cited as “*The Mining on Private Property Statute.*”

Motion made—That the above clause stand part of the Bill.—(*Hon. R. S. Anderson.*)

Amendment proposed—“That, in consequence, of doubts having arisen as to the right to gold in land alienated from the Crown, and of that question having been referred for the decision of Her Majesty’s Privy Council, the Chairman do leave the Chair.”—(*Hon. J. P. Bear.*)

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Chairman do leave the Chair—put.

Committee divided.

Contents, 10.
The Hon. W. Campbell
J. Graham
Sir S. Wilson
J. Cumming
J. P. Bear
Dr. Dobson
T. F. Hamilton
W. Highett
The President
R. Simson (*Teller*).

Not Contents, 10.
The Hon. W. A. C. a’Beckett
H. Cuthbert
T. T. a’Beckett
R. S. Anderson
Sir F. Murphy
F. T. Sargood
J. A. Wallace
G. F. Belcher
J. Balfour
W. Wilson (*Teller*).

The Tellers having declared that the numbers for the Contents and for the Not Contents were respectively ten, or equal, the Chairman gave his vote with the Contents, and declared the question to have been carried.

1875.

VICTORIA.

SELECTORS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH
CONDITIONS OF THE LAND ACT.

RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, 15TH DECEMBER, 1874,
AND SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER, 17TH DECEMBER, 1874.

THE HONORABLE DR. DOBSON.—15TH AND 17TH DECEMBER, 1874.

LAI'D UPON THE COUNCIL TABLE BY THE HONORABLE R. S. ANDERSON, AND ORDERED BY
THE COUNCIL TO BE PRINTED, 25TH MAY, 1875.

RETURN, giving the names of all selectors under the Land Act 1869 who have received their certificates of improvements, lease, or Crown grants respectively, in all cases in which the selector has not complied with the conditions of the Land Act with respect to occupation and cultivation, or either of them.—(15th December, 1874.)

RETURN, giving the names of all Selectors under the Land Act 1869 who have received their certificates of improvements, leases, or Crown grants respectively, or whose allotments have been put up for sale, with the improvements valued, in all cases in which the Selector has not complied with the conditions of the Land Act 1869 with respect to occupation or cultivation, or either of them.—(17th December, 1874.)

SELECTORS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH CONDITIONS OF
THE LAND ACT.

RETURN.

In regard to "selectors who have not complied with the conditions of the Land Act," before a return can be made under this head, it is necessary to consider first the question of law as to what really satisfies the "occupation" and "cultivation" conditions, and next the question of fact as to whether such legal satisfaction has been effected.

The Board of Land and Works issues no certificate under the 20th section unless and until the licensee has proved to its satisfaction that he has complied with the conditions of the said licence.

This, therefore, would in brief be the return to one portion of the order of the Legislative Council; but as this might be deemed too bald a statement, and be in fact liable to misapprehension, I have, in the annexed Memorandum No. 1, furnished particulars as to the principles which have guided the Board.

of Land and Works in granting or withholding its certificates. This with the Memorandum submitted on a previous occasion during this session (*vide Hansard*, vol. xvii., p. 120), in explanation of the "full compliance" required by the 98th section of the Land Act 1869, and the "substantial compliance" indicated in the 20th section, will, it is hoped, make the matter intelligible and satisfactory.

Memoranda Nos. 2 and 3 consist of interim returns of land sold by auction in cases in which such land had been applied for or had been licensed under section 19 of the Land Act 1869.

Department of Crown Lands and Survey,
23rd December 1874.

W. H. ARCHER,
Secretary for Lands.

MEMORANDUM NO. 1.

Under the 19th section of the Land Act 1869, the Governor is empowered to grant licences to whomsoever he thinks fit.

The 20th section prescribes the conditions of such licences and the obligations of selectors, and directs that selectors, at the expiration of the term of their licences, shall "prove to the satisfaction of the Board of Land and Works, by such evidence as it may require," that they have complied with the conditions of their licences.

The Crown accepts as final the certificate under seal of such Board as to whether or not a licensee has complied with the conditions of his licence, and when the Board has given a certificate of such compliance, the Governor issues a lease or Crown grant, as the case may be.

All papers which are now presented to the Board are previously subjected to the scrutiny of an officer specially appointed for the purpose, who schedules the result of his investigation in each case for the guidance of the Board. In addition to this, the inspector of the department (recently appointed) is required, *inter alia*, "to examine all papers prepared for submission to the Board of Land and Works before acted upon, and to point out any particulars in which they may appear to clash with the regulations in force or with the law." And the inspector, after such examination of papers so prepared, certifies whether the law has or has not been strictly complied with in respect thereto.

In no case that I am aware of has a lease or Crown grant been issued by the department under the 20th section until and unless the certificate of the Board has been given that, with respect to the selection for which the lease or grant is sought, the Board was satisfied the provisions of the Land Act had been complied with.

The Board of Land and Works never hesitates if it is satisfied that the law has been substantially complied with, to grant its certificate. For instance, if a selector live upon land adjoining his selection held under another title, or if he live on the opposite side of the road to such selection, or within such reasonable distance therefrom as to be covered by the principle laid down in a case decided by the Supreme Court, that "working on other land may be working to save forfeiture of a claim, if done with the decided intention to mine the claim, and with as great rapidity as to result as working on the claim itself might reasonably have," in all such cases the Board would grant its certificate.

Again, as regards the cultivation condition: take, for example, a person who holds 160 acres under the 42nd clause of the Amending Land Act 1865 (which was the maximum area he was entitled to hold under that clause), and who has selected under the Land Act 1869 alongside his 42nd holding the difference between 160 acres and 320 acres. In many such cases the first selection includes the only land most fit for cultivation, and the second comprises land suitable only for pasturage, and valuable to the selector chiefly because of its contiguity to his first holding. The Land Act 1869 requires that one acre in every ten shall be cultivated. It has happened, in some of these cases in which the two holdings together comprise a total of 320 acres, that say 60 acres or more have been under cultivation, planted with cereals and vegetables, and the bulk of it was not within the "four corners" of the second selection. In such cases, guided by the principle laid down in the mining case referred to, the Board would, other conditions being fulfilled, and there being no doubt as to *bona fides*, be satisfied that the cultivation condition had been substantially complied with, and would issue a certificate accordingly.

The Land Act 1869 came into operation on the 1st February 1870, and the first selections thereunder were granted about May 1870. In May 1873 the selectors who obtained licences in 1870 were entitled to apply for leases or grants under the 20th section of the Act. From that time to the present considerable experience has of course been obtained in dealing with cases under that section.

Until some experience had been obtained, it was difficult to lay down any strictly defined rules, and therefore some cases formerly escaped notice that would be detected now, though they are comparatively few.

During the year 1874, and more particularly during its latter half, specific rules have been in operation by which all applications under the 20th section are tested, and, as before stated, wherever the law has not been substantially complied with, the attention of the Board is drawn thereto, and under such circumstances certificates are not granted.

MEMORANDUM NO. 2.

The various classes of cases which would be comprised in a return of selectors under the 19th section of the Land Act 1869, whose selections have been sold with a valuation for improvements in their favor are as follows:—

1. *Return of lands sold by auction at the request of applicants under section 19, Land Act 1869, whose applications under that section, although recommended by the Local Land Board, had not been approved by the Minister.*

Of these there are none,

2. *Return of lands sold by auction at the request of applicants under section 19, Land Act 1869, whose applications under that section had been recommended by the Local Land Board and approved by the Minister, but before a licence or authority to occupy had been issued.*

An enquiry was begun on and has been continued uninterruptedly since the second day of December, with the view of ascertaining how many such cases exist, but only two have yet been discovered, the particulars of which are given herewith.

3. *Return of lands sold by auction which had been licensed under section 19, Land Act 1869, during the currency of the licence or notice to occupy.*

In some of these cases the sale of the land has been applied for by the selector, who has given satisfactory reasons why such a course should be pursued. Sometimes, for instance, the selector has been compelled through illness to abandon his holding, or he had found himself obliged to leave the colony, or (but these instances are very few in number) he has expressed his inability to comply with the law.

4. *Return of lands sold by auction which were held under licence under the 19th section, Land Act 1869, after the expiration of the licence.*

The Board of Land and Works upon the expiration of licence is called upon to exercise its judgment as to whether or not a certificate of improvements shall be granted. In those instances where such certificate is granted, the lease or Crown grant issues as a matter of course. But there are cases in which one or all of the conditions may not have been complied with, and yet there is no doubt of the *bona fides* of the selector. In these latter cases the Board recommends:—

- (a.) That an extension of time be granted ; or,
- (b.) That a fresh licence be issued ; or,
- (c.) That the land be sold by auction, with a valuation for improvements.

If either of the two latter recommendations be adopted the selector loses the three years' rent which he has paid. But the Board is disinclined to demand such a sacrifice unless it has strong reasons for so doing.

In those cases in which there is a doubt as to the *bona fides* of the selector, the land, instead of being put up for sale by auction with a valuation for improvements, is thrown open for re-selection, sometimes with a valuation for improvements in favor of the Crown, sometimes in favor of the present selector, and sometimes allowing the licensee time to remove such improvements.

MEMORANDUM NO. 2A.

- (1.) RETURN of Lands Sold by Auction at the request of applicants under Section 19, Land Act 1869, whose applications under that Section, although recommended by the Local Land Board, had not been approved by the Minister.

Nil.

MEMORANDUM NO. 2B.

- (2.) RETURN of Lands Sold by Auction at the request of applicants under Section 19, Land Act 1869, whose applications under that Section had been recommended by the Local Land Board, and approved by the Minister, but before a Licence or authority to occupy had been issued.

Date of Application.	Name of Applicant and Area applied for.	Date of Recommendation by Local Land Board.	Date of Approval by Minister.	Report by District Surveyor.	Date of Order to Sell.
18/11/73	J. Chatfield Tyler, 160 acres, Greenbrook	5/12/73	3/2/74	I am not aware of any objection to the sale of this land and the additional area, when survey is received, 320 acres, with the valuation asked for attached, £50. It is similar land to that recently offered on the application of Mr. Le Soeuf. It is on the same range, about eight miles north of Pakenham. It is heavily timbered and very scrubby, and is certainly not worth more than £1 per acre in its natural state.	24/2/74
15/10/72	Angus Adam Amos, 320 acres, Terrick-terricks	13/2/73	8/3/73 Afterwards recon- sidered at a public hearing before the Minister and refused 9/6/73	Nil Case publicly heard by Minister	25/7/74

MEMORANDUM No. 2C.

(3.) RETURN of Lands Sold by Auction which had been Licensed under Section 19, Land Act 1869, during the currency of the Licence or Notice to Occupy.

Name of Applicants.	Date of Licence.	Area.			Parish.
		A.	R.	P.	
Richard Freeman	20/12/72	240	0	0	Forbes.
William Done	30/1/73	320	0	0	Unnamed, Pyramid Creek.
J. J. Armstrong	30/1/73	320	0	0	Unnamed, Pyramid Creek.
Hector Munro	22/3/72	116	3	30	Unnamed, Pyramid Creek.
B. C. Ravenscroft	11/6/73	320	0	0	Pawbybyr.
Moses Sloss	29/9/71	110	2	30	Glenlogie.
William Elder	30/1/72	315	2	12	Wallaloo.
M. A. Coburn	12/9/70	153	2	33	Ravenswood.
Duncan Cameron	21/8/74	320	0	0	Chintin.
P. H. Nunn	14/11/72	320	0	0	Urangara.
James Lillie	14/11/72	210	3	32	Urangara.
A. M. Henty	3/12/72	226	1	18	Croxton West.
Robert Little	14/8/72	319	3	26	Eversley.
William Henty	6/12/72	234	0	0	Croxton West.
Joseph Noonan	22/3/72	166	0	0	Jarklan.
M. D. Synnott	22/3/72	320	0	0	Terrick-terrick.
Hector McKinnon	8/1/72	107	2	14	Warrak.
Jno. North	18/12/72	242	2	37	Crowlands.
Flora McDonald	15/4/72	290	1	15	Grassdale.
David Thomas	1/6/74	304	1	37	Unnamed.

MEMORANDUM No. 2D.

(4.) RETURN of Lands Sold by Auction which were held under Licence under Section 19, Land Act 1869, after the expiration of the Licence.

Name of Applicant.	Date of Licence.	Area.			Parish.
		A.	R.	P.	
Samuel Riddell	22/10/70	106	0	27	Wharparilla.
J. C. Addis	11/10/70	320	0	0	Janiember East.
James Coutts (or Coultts)	20/2/71	95	1	20	Powlett.
John S. Mackay	1/11/70	319	3	35	Everton.
E. A. Seamons	16/5/70	320	0	0	Cheddar.
Joseph Little	19/9/70	203	2	39	Moorngag.
Jno. Bickett	24/12/70	76	1	19	Murroon.
James Mankey	16/5/70	8	0	15	Cargerie.
Jno. Donaldson	15/11/70	48	0	0	Balmattum.
E. H. Cameron	29/8/70	168	3	37	Tarrawarra.
Jno. Watson	27/10/70	317	3	2	Wallan-wallan.
P. Bayliss	28/12/70	15	0	0	Nuntin.
F. A. Swift	29/8/70	320	0	0	Mooraduc.
Alexr. McNaughton	12/9/70	98	3	32	Unnamed.

Department of Crown Lands and Survey,
23rd December, 1874.

(Signed)

W. H. ARCHER,
Secretary for Lands.

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VICTORIA.

ELECTORS IN PROVINCES.

RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
THE HONORABLE W. HIGHETT.—1ST FEBRUARY, 1876.

LAI D ON THE COUNCIL TABLE BY THE HONORABLE R. S. ANDERSON, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1876, AND
ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL TO BE PRINTED, 14TH MARCH, 1876.

A RETURN showing the Number of Electors for the Legislative Council on the Roll for each Electoral
Province, distinguishing those who are Ratepayers from those on the General Roll.

Provinces.	Number of Electors.		
	General.	Ratepayers.	Total.
Central	372	8,870	9,242
South	250	3,005	3,255
South-Western	324	2,926	3,250
Western	184	2,705	2,889
North-Western	212	5,641	5,853
Eastern	112	2,870	2,982
Total	1,454	26,017	27,471

Chief Secretary's Office,
Melbourne, 2nd February, 1876.

W. H. ODGERS,
Under Secretary.

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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIRST REPORT

OF THE

PRINTING COMMITTEE.

LAI'D UPON THE COUNCIL TABLE BY THE HONORABLE W. HIGHETT, AND ORDERED BY THE
COUNCIL TO BE PRINTED, 21ST DECEMBER, 1875.

By Authority:

GEORGE SKINNER, ACTING GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MELBOURNE.

REPORT.

In pursuance of the Order of your Honorable House, your Committee have had referred to them the several Papers mentioned in the following table, upon which your Committee beg to report, as appears by such table :—

Title of Paper.	When moved for and by whom.	When laid on Council Table.	By Command.	Report and Remarks of the Committee.
Public Parks and Gardens.—Regulations respecting Vote of £7000 for Improving, &c.	1875. 25th May	By Command	No order made.
Land Act 1869.—Regulations.—Lime Sites (3rd May, 1875)	"	"	"
Land Act 1869.—Regulations.—Form of Crown Grant in Fee (22nd March, 1875)	"	"	"
Land Act 1869.—Regulations.—(25th January, 1875)	"	"	"
Agricultural Societies.—Regulations respecting Vote of £7000 (1874-5)	"	"	"
Agricultural Societies.—Additional Regulations (26th April, 1875)	"	"	"
Horticultural Societies.—Regulations for Distribution of £500 (1874-5)	"	"	"
Flax and Silk.—Regulations respecting Vote (£1000) for encouraging production of (25th January, 1875)	"	"	"
Beetroot Sugar.—Regulations in connection with Vote of £5000 (25th January, 1875)	"	"	"
Mines—Report of Chief Inspector of—for 1874	"	"	"
Mining Surveyors and Registrars.—Reports for Quarter ending 31st December, 1874	"	"	"
Sanatory Station.—Report of Chief Medical Officer for Year 1874	"	"	"
Health Officer.—Report of—Year ending 31st December, 1874	"	"	"
Statistical Register, Victoria, Part I.—Blue Book	"	"	"
Statistical Register, Victoria, Part II.—Finance, &c.	"	"	"
Statistical Register, Victoria, Part III.—Population	"	"	"
Public Accounts—Regulations respecting (4th January, 1875)	"	"
Volunteer Statute.—Amended Regulations under Sta- tute 1865 (15th February, 1875)	"	"
Discipline Act 1870—Amended Regulations under (14th December, 1874)	"	"
Echuca Land Board.—Minutes of Evidence	"	"
Government Statists—Conference of—in Tasmania, 1875.—Report	1st June	By Command	"
Railway Loan.—Correspondence relative to Four per cent. Loan, 1874	"	"	"
King's Island—Report of Board on necessity of a Second Light-house at (22nd February, 1875)	"	"	"
Pilot Board—Accounts of—for Year ending 31st August, 1874	"	"	"
Import, Export, and Shipping Returns—General Sum- mary of—for Year 1874	"	"	"
Diseases—Return of—for Year 1874.—Chief Medical Officer	"	"	"
Post Office and Telegraph Department.—Report for 1874	8th June	"	"
Post Office Savings Bank.—Statement of Accounts for Year ending 31st December, 1874	"	"	"
Land Act 1869—Report of Proceedings under—for Year 1874	"	"	"
Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of—for Quarter ending 31st March, 1875	"	"	"
Polling Places for Mining Districts :—Beechworth, 11th January, 1875 ; Beechworth, 18th January, 1875 ; Maryborough, 18th January, 1875 ; Ballarat, 1st February, 1875 ; Gippsland, 1st February, 1875 ; Sandhurst, 15th February, 1875	"	"	"
Boundaries of Maryborough Mining District—Alteration of—8th March, 1875 ; substitution of Divisions, Maryborough Mining Districts, 18th January, 1875	"	"	"
Gold Mining Leases—Regulations altering, 8th April, 1875	"	"	"
Mining Registrars—Fees of—in Gippsland District.— Order in Council (18th May, 1875)	"	"	"
Remission of Sentences on condition of leaving Victoria. —Despatch (Circular) from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State (9th November, 1874)	15th June	"	"
Stock, Inspectors of, in Australian Colonies—Report of Conference of—held in Sydney in November, 1874	"	"	"
Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Report of Trustees for the Year 1874-5	"	"	"
Mineral Statistics of Victoria for 1874	22nd June	"	"
Legislative Assembly Chamber—Lighting and Ventila- tion of—Progress Report of Royal Commission on (3rd June, 1875)	"	"	"
Schedule D—To Act 18 and 19 Vic. cap 55—Expenditure under—during the year 1873-4	"	"	"

Title of Paper.	When moved for and by whom.	When laid on Council Table.	By Command.	Report and Remarks of the Committee.
Flax—Additional Regulation relating to £900 for Encouragement of Growth and Production of—(7th June, 1875)	1875. 22nd June	By Command	No order made.
Public Accounts—Regulation respecting—(31st May, 1875)	"	"
Aborigines—Board for Protection of—Eleventh Report of (15th May, 1875)	29th June	By Command	"
Penal Establishments and Gaols.—Report of the Inspector-General for Year 1874	6th July	"	"
Education Act 1872—Regulations under (1st July, 1875)	"	"
Statistical Register.—Part IV.—Law, Crime, &c.	13th July	By Command	"
Public Parks and Gardens—Regulation (additional) respecting Distribution of Vote for (28th June, 1875)	20th July	"	"
University of Melbourne—Report of Council of—for Year ending 31st May, 1875	"	"	"
Royal Commission on Lighting, &c., Legislative Assembly Chamber—Second Progress Report of (24th June, 1875)	"	"	"
Observatory.—Tenth Report of Board of Visitors, for Year ending 29th May, 1875	7th Sept.	"	"
Savings Banks.—General Order of Commissioners (13th July, 1875)	"	"	"
Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of—for Quarter ending 30th June, 1875	"	"	"
Public Accounts—Regulation exempting Water Supply Branch of Mines Department, and Melbourne Sewers and Water Supply Branch, from operation of Regulation No. 68 (26th July, 1875)	"	"
Public Accounts—Regulations (two) respecting (23rd August, 1875)	"	"
Victorian Railways.—Lines of Railway authorized under 37 Vict. No. 475—Estimate of Expenditure for twelve months ending 30th June, 1876—£640,200	21st Sept.	... ..	"
Victorian Railways.—Estimate of Expenditure on North-Eastern Line during twelve months ending 30th June, 1876—£20,650	"	"
Railway Construction Act 1873.—Estimate of proposed Expenditure 1875-6—£393,319	"	"
Victorian Railways.—Ballarat and Ararat, Castlemaine and Dunolly, and Ballarat and Maryborough.—Estimate of Expenditure during twelve months ending 30th June, 1876—£31,450	"	"
Post Office Savings Banks.—General Regulations (21st June, 1875)	"	"
Post Office Savings Banks.—Amended Regulations for guidance for Postmasters and other officers (21st June, 1875)	"	"
Industrial and Reformatory Schools.—Report of Inspector for year 1874	5th October	By Command	"
Patents Statute—Rules and Regulations under (20th September, 1875)	"	"
Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria.—Part V.—Interchange (1874)	6th October	By Command	"
Discipline Act 1870—Regulation under (20th September, 1875)	"	"
Fisheries Act 1873—Notification under—Cancelling Proclamation of Close Season for Murray Cod, Murray Perch, and Murray Bream (14th October, 1875)	19th October	... ..	"
Statistics, Victoria 1874.—Part VI.—Production	17th Nov.	By Command	"
Statistics, Victoria, 1874.—Part VII.—Accumulation	"	"	"
Australasian Statistics, 1874.—Compiled	"	"	"
Savings Banks.—Return for Year ending 30th June, 1875	"	"	"
Sewers and Water Supply—Melbourne.—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.—1st July, 1874, to 30th June, 1875	30th Nov.	... ..	"
Post Office Savings Banks.—Amended Regulations for guidance of Postmasters and others (22nd November, 1875)	1st Dec.	By Command	"
Post Office Savings Banks.—General Regulations (22nd November, 1875)	"	"	"
Statistical Register of Victoria, 1874.—Part VIII.—Vital Statistics, &c.	14th Dec.	"	"
Crown Grants and Leases—Forms of.—Order in Council (29th November, 1875)	"	"	"
Crown Lands to be sold by auction—Charge for.—Order in Council (6th December, 1875)	"	"	"
Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of, for Quarter ending 30th September, 1875	"	"	"
Supreme Court—General Rule (7th December, 1875)	"	"

Committee Room,
Parliament House,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1875.

WILLIAM HIGHETT,
Chairman.

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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND REPORT

OF THE

PRINTING COMMITTEE.

LAI'D UPON THE COUNCIL TABLE BY THE HONORABLE W. HIGHETT, AND ORDERED BY THE
COUNCIL TO BE PRINTED, 14TH MARCH, 1876.

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REPORT.

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Statistical Register, Victoria.—Part IX.—Religious, Moral, and Intellectual Progress	1875. 21st Dec.	By Command	No order made.
Victorian Railways.—Report of Board of Land and Works, for year ending 30th June, 1875	"	"
Yean Yean Reservoir Water—Report of Analytical Chemist on (11th December, 1875)	"	"
Friendly Societies—List of—Registered, expired, dissolved, &c., during the year ending 31st December, 1874	1876. 18th Jan.	By Command	"
Geological Map of Australia, including Tasmania—First Sketch of	"	"
Friendly Societies—Statistics of—for year 1874, with introductory Report by Government Statist	1st February	By Command	"
Education.—Report of Minister of Public Instruction for 1874-5	"	"	"
Electors in Provinces.—Return to an Order of the Council	Hon. W. Highett, 1st Feb., 1876.	8th February	... ..	Recommended to be printed.
Australasian Statistics, 1874.—Supplementary Tables	"	No order made.
Public Accounts.—Regulations (24th January, 1876)...	"	"
Land Act 1869.—Order in Council.—Regulations (7th February, 1876)	15th February	By Command	"
Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 55—Statement of Expenditure under, during year 1874-5	7th March	"	"
Health Officer—Report of, for year ending 31st December, 1875	"	"	"
Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of, for quarter ending 31st December, 1875	"	"	"

WILLIAM HIGHETT,
Chairman.

Committee Room, Parliament House,
14th March, 1876.

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