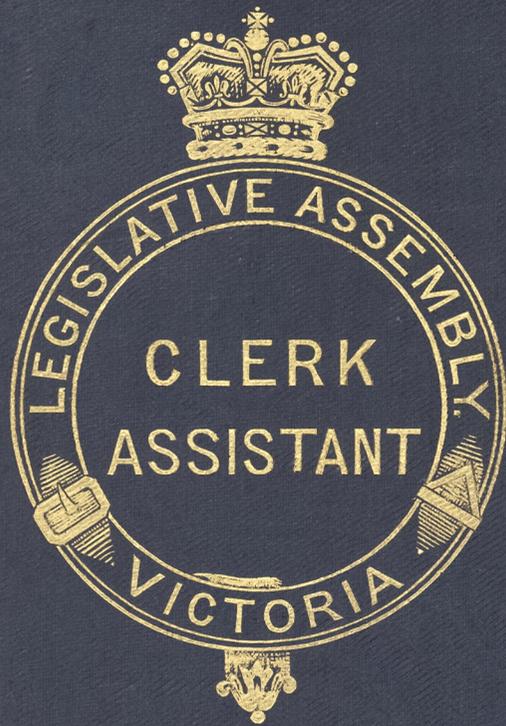


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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Assembly

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH 1883.

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3. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH.—Motion for—resumption of debate.

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COPPIN : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Laws relating to public health.

GEO. H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

PETER LALOR,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 2ND MARCH 1883.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Legislative Council No. 1.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[1]

Friendly Societies.—Fourth Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Government Statist, &c.
No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH.

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1. MR. REES : To move, That the Report of the Board appointed to enquire into the sale of the Cowies' Creek Railway Reserve be now taken into consideration.

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PETER LALOR,
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE MARCH 2 1883.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Legislative Council No. 2.
Orders of the Day.—[1 and 2]
University of Melbourne Law Amendment Bill.—[4]

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly Nos. 1 and 2.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[1]
Census of Victoria 1881—Part V.—Education of the People. No. 1.
Order in Council—Polling-places for Mining Districts. No. 12.
Expiring Laws Continuation Bill—Message. B.—No. 1.
Temporary Advances Bill—Message. B.—No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH 1883.

Question.

1. MR. McCOLL: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary, if Mr. Hade, Assistant Clerk of the Pentridge Stockade, has been suspended.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 8TH MARCH 1883.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Legislative Council No. 3.
Orders of the Day.—[3]

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly No. 3.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[3]
Woods and Westinghouse Continuous Automatic Railway Brakes—Report of the Brake Trial Board, &c., &c. No. 14.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL 1883.

Questions.

1. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works—
 - (1.) When the contract for constructing a pitched channel from the junction of Jack's Creek with the eastern branch of the Plenty to the aqueduct leading to the Yan Yean Reservoir will expire ; and
 - (2.) When those works, now under contract, for the diversion of water from the Wallaby Creek into the Yan Yean watershed will be completed.
2. MR. LAURENS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 - (1.) Whether it be true that, so as to float the recent £4,000,000, the Agent-General has, by direction of the late Government, pledged this colony not to borrow more than £2,000,000 in London during the year 1883.
 - (2.) If the colony is so pledged, does the Treasurer intend to take out of the £4,000,000 very recently obtained for the purpose of constructing railways and other public works, the £1,800,000 required in excess of the £2,000,000 he is thus allowed to borrow to make up the £3,800,000 falling due in London, and which must be paid on the first of October this year ; and, if so, will there be any money available out of the £4,000,000 loan for the construction of even only one mile of railway until a further loan is floated in 1884.
3. MR. M. H. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if it is a fact that the officers in the Office of Titles are collecting for the issue of certificates of titles a greater sum than the maximum amount authorized by law ; and, if so, whether he will remedy the matter.
4. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works when the working drawings for the New Falls Bridge will be completed.
5. MR. M. H. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will endeavor to compromise *bona fide* claims arising from Railway accidents, and not involve the Government in expensive legal proceedings in every case.
6. MR. BOWMAN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is a fact that the Hawthorn station-master and guard, who were tried and acquitted, have not been re-instated ; and if so is it the intention of the Minister to re-employ the station-master and guard.
7. MR. MIRAMS : To ask the Honorable the Premier when he proposes to ask the House to consider the Report of the Tariff Commission upon the Stock Tax.
8. MR. McLEAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if he will cause plans and specifications to be prepared, at an early date, of works required for opening the entrance to the Gipps Land Lakes in accordance with Sir John Coode's scheme.
9. MR. RICHARDSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will apply the table of fares adopted on the 7th February 1883 for suburban lines, and which came into operation on the 1st March, to the Ballarat and Creswick line, or to any other where there is a similar traffic.
10. MR. McINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will, at an early date, appoint a Commission to inquire into the cases of the public servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, with the view of compensating them as far as is now possible ; and also for the purpose of considering the claims of the families of any who may have died soon after being so dismissed.
11. DR. QUICK : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is correct that the names of a large number of ratepayers were omitted from the electoral roll of the electoral district of Sandhurst, used on the occasion of the last general election ; and, if so, will he cause an enquiry to be made into the same.
12. MR. BOLTON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if it is his intention to permit malting in bond.
13. DR. QUICK : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General what progress has been made with the work of codifying the Statute Law of the colony in accordance with the provision made on the Estimates.
14. MR. WALKER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he proposes to make similar concessions to the first batch of tenderers for the recent loan as were made to the later tenderers in respect to the payment of interest by the colony.
15. DR. QUICK : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Government will take steps to reduce the upset price of Crown Lands sold down to a limited depth under the Residence Areas Act.
16. MR. W. M. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will allow Volunteers in uniform to travel free on all Victorian lines, for purposes of drill or rifle practice.
17. MR. CONNOR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if provision has been made on the Additional Estimates to continue the cutting of the bar in Corio Bay.

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8. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the honorable member for Polwarth and South Grenville, Mr. Robertson, be excused from attendance during the present session, owing to urgent business necessitating the honorable member's temporary absence from the colony.
9. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of forwarding an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to place a sum of money upon the Additional Estimates for the current financial year to compensate engine-driver Brown, of the Victorian Railways, for the serious injuries he received while in the discharge of his duty.
10. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, pending the production of the full information respecting the transfer of selections, which is being prepared to the order of this House, and pending further legislation upon the mode of disposing of the remaining Crown lands, this House is of opinion that all further alienations of those lands, whether by selection or auction, should at once cease.
11. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, for a return showing—
 - (1.) The total number and area of the selections taken up under the various sections of the Land Acts now in force, for the twelve months ending the 31st March 1883.
 - (2.) The total number and area of all the selections transferred during the same twelve months.
12. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, our educational system should not be trammelled by denominational action ; and that, therefore, the part of the text of appointing a Royal Commission on Education, referring to the alleged grievance of a portion of the population, should be cancelled.
13. **MR. W. M. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing :—
 - (1.) The number of persons convicted in the colony during the last ten years, with the religion of each, and the relative number of each sect with their proportion to the population of the colony.
 - (2.) The number of lunatics confined in the same period, with their religious sect, and number in proportion to the population.
 - (3.) The number of known paupers in the colony, with their religion, and proportion of each sect to the population of the colony.
 - (4.) The religion of all Government servants, with the proportion of each sect to their proportion of the population of the colony.
14. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of amending the Distillation Act 1862.
15. **MR. BOLTON** : To move for leave to introduce an Amending Electoral Bill for the purpose of subdividing the district of Moira into two electoral districts, giving each two representatives.
16. **MR. GILLIES** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions :—
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 8TH MARCH 1883.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council No. 4.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[5]
 Assent to Reserved Act—Message. B 1.
 The War in Egypt—Message. B 2.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly Nos. 4 and 5.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[5]
 Reply to Address of Congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen on the Recent British Victories in Egypt—Message. B.—No. 3.
 Proclamation of the Assent of Her Majesty the Queen to the "Legislative Council Elections for 1882 Validating Act"—Message. B.—No. 4.
 Estimates of the Expenditure for the Year Ending 30th June 1883—Message. B.—No. 5.
 Hawthorn Railway Accident—Minutes of Evidence taken at the Inquest by the Coroner, Dr. Youl, on the death of William Cozens Thomas. No. 11.
 Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Reports of the, for Quarter ended 31st December 1882. No. 13.
 Order in Council—Land Act 1869—Regulation. No. 15.

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 - (2.) If the contract will be completed within the contract time ; and, if not, when.
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Question.

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH APRIL.

General Business.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH APRIL 1883.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council No. 5.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly No. 6.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[6]

Statistical Register, 1881.—Part V.—Interchange. No. 3.

The Hospitals for the Insane—Report of the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1881. No. 7.

The Sanatory Station—Report on, for the year 1882. No. 8.

Royal Commission on Police—Special Report on the Detective Branch. No. 10.

Industrial and Reformatory Schools—Report of the Secretary, for the year 1881. No. 16.

Public Works Temporary Advances Act 1883—Yan Yean Waterworks Extension—Estimate of Expenditure. A.—No. 1.

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Trades Union Bill.—[6] (To Members of Assembly only.)

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 6TH APRIL 1883.

Statute of Trusts 1864 Amendment Bill.—[5]

Notes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly No. 7.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[7]

Statistical Register, 1881.—Parts VI.—Law, Crime, &c. ; VII.—Accumulation ; and VIII.—Production. Nos. 4, 5, and 9.

Trades Union Bill.—[6] (Issue completed.)

Public Health Statute 1865 further Amendment Bill.—[8]

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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3. MR. CONNOR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will consider the desirability of causing suitable reservations of land to be made in the different electoral provinces, for the endowment of agricultural colleges and schools of agriculture, and for experimental farms.
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 - (1.) Whether anything has been done since 1863 to diminish the danger of floods in the Yarra ; and, if so, what.
 - (2.) Whether anything has been done since that date to increase the danger ; and, if so, to what extent.
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9. MR. HALL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he will complete the delivery of gravel from the townships of Shepparton, Numurkah, and Wanghun.

(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

Private Bill Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MR. GILLIES : To move, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills prior to the order for the third reading of a Bill be suspended, and that leave be given to introduce a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited to construct tramways in the Cities of Melbourne, Fitzroy, Collingwood, Prahran, and Richmond, and the Towns of Emerald Hill and Hotham, and the Boroughs of St. Kilda, Brunswick, Kew, Hawthorn, and Sanaridge, and for other purposes,*" and that the said Bill be read a first time, a second time, committed to a Select Committee, and reported, and that the report be considered at the stage reached by the House on the 20th December 1882.

Contingent on the above motion being carried, Mr. Gillies to move, That the House will direct that the fees ordinarily charged in respect of Private Bills be not charged this Session to the petitioners for the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Bill up to the stage reached by the House on the 20th December 1882.

General Business.

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Government Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
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THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL.

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Naval and Artillery Forces—Return. C 1.

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Melbourne Harbor Trust—The Accounts of, for the Quarter ended 30th September 1882. No. 6.
Statistical Register, 1881.—Part IX.—Religious and Intellectual Progress. No. 18.
Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 30th June 1883. B.—No. 8. (To Members of Assembly only.)
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 - (1.) Whether there are at the present time any of the Government diamond drills available.
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5. **MR. JAMES :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if the payment of last month's salaries to the employés in the Ballarat district has been delayed ; and if so, will he take steps to have payment made as soon as possible.
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9. **MR. W. MADDEN :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will cause experiments to be made on some of the agricultural reserves of the colony—the Longerenong Reserve for instance—with a view of ascertaining what artificial grasses are best suited for cultivation on our dry northern plains.
10. **MR. CONNOR :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will consider the desirability of causing suitable reservations of land to be made in the different electoral provinces, for the endowment of agricultural colleges and schools of agriculture, and for experimental farms.
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 - (2.) Whether anything has been done since that date to increase the danger ; and, if so, to what extent.
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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. DEAKIN :** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money as loans for water supply in the country districts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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General Business.

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Contingent on the above motion being carried, Mr. Gillies to move, That the foregoing resolutions be adopted as a Standing Order of this House.

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1. REIMBURSEMENT OF MEMBERS BILL—Second reading:

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ORDER OF DAY :—

1. ALIENATION OF CROWN LANDS.—Motion respecting—Resumption of debate.—*The question is—*
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WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL.

*General Business.**(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH APRIL 1883.

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

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly No. 9.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[9]

Additional Estimates of Expenditure—Message. B.—No. 8. (To Members of Council only.)

Expiring Laws Continuation Bill.—[1] (To Members of Assembly only.)

Payment of Members Bill.—[10] (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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Government Business.

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*General Business.**(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*

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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Ways and Means—

1. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, our educational system should not be trammelled by denominational action ; and that, therefore, the part of the text of appointing a Royal Commission on Education, referring to the alleged grievance of a portion of the population, should be cancelled.
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 - (2.) That married men should be allowed to select 640 acres at ten shillings per acre, to be paid for at the rate of sixpence per acre, extending over a period of twenty years, together with a leasehold for ten years of seven adjoining 640-acre sections at the rate of one halfpenny per acre per annum ; the Government to pay for all permanent water improvements upon these leasehold blocks in the event of resuming them at the end of the ten years for the purpose of being thrown open to re-selection or such other use as might then be deemed best in the national interests.
 - (3.) That no transfer should be allowed during the period of the selector's undertaking either with respect to the 640-acre selections or the accompanying leaseholds, excepting by will in case of decease.
 - (4.) That in the case of any selector during the currency of his undertaking being forced to abandon his holding owing to circumstances over which he may have no control, the amount of his improvements should be valued and paid to him by the Government ; the land to be thrown open to re-selection, and such amount charged to the next occupier.
 - (5.) That unmarried men should be allowed to select and lease upon the same terms as married men, but only up to the extent of half of the foregoing specified areas.
 - (6.) That unmarried women should be inadmissible as selectors or leaseholders.
 - (7.) That non-landholders should be allowed to select and lease according to the foregoing conditions, notwithstanding that at a former period they may have taken up land in the colony.

GEO. H. JENKINS,
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 17th April.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 13TH APRIL 1883.

Question and Order of the Day.—[7]
Melbourne Harbour Trust Act 1876 Amendment Bill.—[14] (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly No. 10.
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Expiring Laws Continuation Bill.—[1] (Issue completed.)
Payment of Members Bill.—[10] (Issue completed.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1883.

Questions.

1. MR. STAUGHTON : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether he has taken into consideration the advisability of purchasing the Kensington Hill right out, in order to use the material when required.
2. MR. A. HARRIS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will let out the Government diamond drills at a nominal cost, as grants in aid to prospecting, to responsible organizations.
3. MR. LAURENS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when the sub-way and other works will be carried out at the North Melbourne station.
4. MR. D. M. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he intends to give employment to those persons who have obtained certificates of competency, and who are outside of the department.
5. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if there is any great inconvenience or loss of time experienced by the inhabitants of South Yarra, through the Oakleigh trains not stopping at the South Yarra station; and, if so, will he have a station erected at the Bridge in Chapel street, near Palermo street, and order the Oakleigh train to stop there.
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7. MR. A. HARRIS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when the new School Buildings at Broadlands, near Bairnsdale, will be proceeded with.
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11. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if his attention has been called to the increase of rabbits upon the unoccupied Crown lands in the Howqua shire; and if he will direct prompt measures to be taken to prevent this pest from extending into this district.

General Business.

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2. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL.—Second reading.
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(From twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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Government Business.

ORDER OF DAY :—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Third reading.

THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL.

Question.

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WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 13TH APRIL 1883.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council No. 7.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[8]

Payment of Members Bill.—[10] (To Members of Council only.)

Water Supply Loans Bill.—[13] (To Members of Council only.)

Melbourne Harbour Trust Act 1876 Amendment Bill.—[14] (Issue completed.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[11]

Estimate of Expenditure under the Railway Loan Act 1881, No. 717, and The Application Act 1883, No. 740. A.—No. 4.

Assent to Acts—Message. B.—No. 6.

Railway Loan Account Application Bill—Message. B.—No. 7.

Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the Year ending 30th June 1883—Message. B.—No. 8. (Issue completed.)

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WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL.

General Business.

(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF DAY :—

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19TH APRIL 1883.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[12].

Report of Proceedings taken under the provisions of the Land Act 1869, the Land Act 1878, the Land Acts Amendment Act 1880, and the Land Act 1880, during the year ending 31st December 1882. No. 17.

