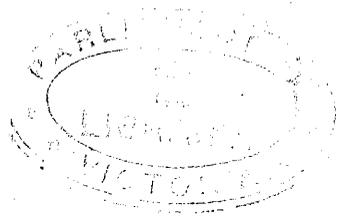


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THURSDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1917.

1. The Council met pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-second day of November, 1917, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk and is as follows:—

FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St. George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation, fix Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November, 1917, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, 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 State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-second day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

A. L. STANLEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

His Honour Mr. Justice Hodges, the Commissioner from His Excellency the Governor appointed to open the Parliament, having been introduced to the Council Chamber by the Usher, His Honour desired the Usher to request the presence of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to hear the Commission read for the commencement and holding of this present Session of the Parliament. The Members of the Legislative Assembly having presented themselves, His Honour Mr. Justice Hodges said:—

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

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

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

GEORGE, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India :

WHEREAS by Proclamation made the twenty-second day of November by His Excellency the Honorable Sir ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St. George, and Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November, was fixed as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Parliament of Victoria, at Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And forasmuch as for certain causes the said Sir ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY cannot conveniently be present in person in the said Parliament at that time: NOW KNOW YE THAT WE, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved His Honour HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES, Justice of Our Supreme Court of Victoria, do give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto you the said HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES full power in Our name to begin and hold the said Session of Our said Parliament, and to do everything which for and by Us, or the said Sir ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY, shall be there to be done; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it may concern to meet our said Parliament, and to the said HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES, that he diligently attend in the premises and form aforesaid. In testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said State to be hereunto affixed.

(L.S.) Witness Our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor of the said State and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c., at Melbourne, this twenty-sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

A. L. STANLEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 29,
Page 11, this twenty-sixth day of November, One
thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

W. A. CALLAWAY.

Then His Honour Mr. Justice Hodges said :—

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

I have it in command from His Excellency to let you know that His Excellency will, at a future time, declare to you in person, in this place, the cause of his calling this Parliament together; and, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, as it is necessary before you proceed to the despatch of business that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen, His Excellency requests that you, in your Chamber, will proceed to the choice of a proper person to be Speaker.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly then withdrew.

The Commissioner withdrew.

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables the President (J. M. Davies), J. G. Aikman, W. Angliss, W. L. Baillieu, W. J. Beckett, A. Bell, F. W. Brawn, F. G. Clarke, G. M. Davis, J. H. Disney, F. W. Hagelthorn, A. Hicks, W. Kendell, D. L. McNamara, J. McWhae, D. Melville, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, R. B. Rees, H. F. Richardson, A. Robinson, and A. O. Sachse severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth :—

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, JOHN MARK DAVIES, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and ten pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Malvern, and are known as lots 51, 52, 53, and 54 on plan of subdivision No. 5674 lodged in the Office of Titles, and being part of Crown portions 123 and 124 at Malvern, parish of Prahran, at Gardiner, County of Bourke.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £110.

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

“JNO. M. DAVIES.”

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JOHN GEORGE AIKMAN*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and eight pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Dandenong, and are known as part of Crown allotment 6A, and part of Crown allotment 143, parish of Lyndhurst, county of Mornington.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Dandenong are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £108.

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

"J. G. AIKMAN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM ANGLISS*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield and are known as East and West Terrace, Glen Eira-road, Elsternwick, being lots 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41 on plan of subdivision No. 2118, being part of Crown portion 252 south-east of St. Kilda, parish of Prahran, county of Bourke.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £392.

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

"W. ANGLISS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM LAWRENCE BAILLIEU*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Gisborne, and are known as all those pieces of land containing respectively fourteen acres one rood and twelve perches and thirty-six acres and three roods being allotment 'A,' section three, parish of Macedon, county of Bourke, and being the lands more particularly described in certificates of title volume 1950 folio 389868, and volume 3200 folio 639893.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Gisborne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £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.

"W. L. BAILLIEU."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM JAMES BECKETT*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds sterling above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Fitzroy, and are known as Nos. 150 to 156 Gertrude-street, Nos. 70, 72, 74 Napier-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Fitzroy are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £157.

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

"W. J. BECKETT."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, ALEXANDER BELL*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of City of Ballarat and are known as 101 Wendouree Parade, Ballarat

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £90.

"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.

"ALEXANDER BELL."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, FREDERICK WILLIAM BRAWN*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat, and are known as three brick cottages situate in Mill-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £124.

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

"F. BRAWN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, FRANCIS GRENVILLE CLARKE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and twenty-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Rodney Shire, and are known as allotments 87 and 88, part allotments 85, 86, and 89, parish of Murchison North.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rodney are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £225.

"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.

"FRANK G. CLARKE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, GEORGE MARLEY DAVIS*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and ninety-six pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Rosedale and Sale, and are known as 'Grasslea' (Pearce's Paddock), 1,269 acres in Rosedale; and Mathieson and Davis' offices and saleyards, Frances' stables and Bolitho's tobacconist shop in Sale.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £212 10s., and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Sale are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £84.

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

"G. M. DAVIS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JAMES HERBERT DISNEY*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne, and are known as 'Clontarf Terrace,' Cecil-street, South Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £167.

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

"JAS. H. DISNEY."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, FREDERICK WILLIAM HAGELTHORN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Three hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Malvern, known as Coonil, Wattletree-road, and Horsham, being properties in Wilson-street and Firebrace-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Malvern and Horsham are rated in the rate-books of the said municipalities upon a yearly value of £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.

"F. HAGELTHORN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, ALFRED HICKS, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Brunswick and are known as shops and dwellings Nos. 559 and 561 situate in Sydney-road.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brunswick are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £125.

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

"A. HICKS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, WILLIAM KENDELL, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and forty-seven pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Newtown and Chilwell, and Hawthorn, and are known respectively as The Priory, Pakington-street, Newtown, and The Oaks, Auburn-road, Auburn.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Newtown and Chilwell are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £75, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Hawthorn are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £72.

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

"WM. KENDELL."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, DANIEL LAURENCE McNAMARA, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Berwick and Caulfield, and are known as allotment 2, section P, and allotment 49A, section Q, parish of Koo-wee-rup east, county of Mornington; also house and land known as 'Iona,' Talbot-avenue, East St. Kilda.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Berwick are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £64, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £44.

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

"D. L. McNAMARA."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, JOHN McWHAE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Morwell, and are known as 'Waltair,' being allotments 40A, 40B, parish of Wonyip, containing 315 acres 3 roods 19 perches.

" And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Morwell are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £60.

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

" JOHN McWHAE."

" In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, DONALD MELVILLE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Ninety-three pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Brunswick, Pyalong, and McIvor, and are known as my residence, situate in Albion-street, West Brunswick, with three acres of land, two hundred and six acres land within the shire of Pyalong ; and one hundred and forty acres land within the shire of McIvor.

" And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brunswick are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £53, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Pyalong are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £20, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of McIvor are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £20.

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

" D. MELVILLE."

" In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JAMES KERR MERRITT*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and seventy pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Kew, and are known as ' Fairholme,' Fellows-street.

" And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Kew are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £170.

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

" J. K. MERRITT."

" In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, THOMAS HENRY PAYNE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Nine hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of city of Prahran, and are known as ' Leura,' Toorak, being Crown portion 30, parish of Prahran, county of Bourke.

" And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £900.

" 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.

" THOS. H. PAYNE."

" In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, RICHARD BLOOMFIELD REES*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Swan Hill, and are known as shop and dwelling properties, situate in Campbell-street.

" And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Swan Hill are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of above £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.

" R. BLOOMFIELD REES."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, HORACE FRANK RICHARDSON*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and twenty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of city of Geelong, and are known as 'The Exchange' property, Little Malop-street, Geelong, and occupied by myself and tenants.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of city of Geelong are rated in the rate book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £220.

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

"H. F. RICHARDSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, ARTHUR ROBINSON*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Eighty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda, and are known as Nos. 267 and 269 High-street, St. Kilda.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £80.

"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.

"ARTHUR ROBINSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, ARTHUR OTTO SACHSE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Four hundred and fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Prahran, and are known as 'Marilla,' Toorak-road, South Yarra.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £450.

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

"A. O. SACHSE."

4. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next at Two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.



VICTORIA.

No. 2.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1917.

1. The President took the Chair.
2. APPROACH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The approach of His Excellency the Governor was announced by the Usher.

His Excellency came into the Council Chamber, and commanded the Usher to desire the immediate attendance of the Legislative Assembly, 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, after the return of the writs for the recent general elections, of having your advice and assistance in certain matters of importance.

For this year the requisite provision for the Public Service remains still to be made, and, in view of this pressing need, I have felt it my duty to summon Parliament for the despatch of public business as soon as possible after the elections had taken place.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates of Expenditure for the year will be laid before you, and they will, I trust, receive your immediate and careful consideration.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

It is deemed by My Advisers desirable that this Session of Parliament should be principally occupied in making due provision for the services of the year.

I beg to express the earnest hope that your labours may tend to the welfare and happiness of the people.

Which being concluded, a copy of the Speech was delivered to Mr. President, and a copy to Mr. Speaker, and His Excellency the Governor left the Chamber.

The Legislative Assembly then withdrew.

3. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables W. A. Adamson, A. A. Austin, T. Beggs, J. D. Brown, E. J. Crooke, W. H. Edgar, J. P. Jones, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, and J. Sternberg severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth :—

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, WILLIAM ADDISON ADAMSON, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds and upwards above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Brighton, being vacant land in Male-street, Brighton; and in the municipal district of Melbourne, known as the Victoria Horse Bazaar; and in the municipal district of Whittlesea, known as the Sale Yards, in the Plenty-road; and in the municipal district of Lancefield, known as the Sale Yards, in Dunsford and High streets; and in the municipal district of Essendon, known as Adamson, Strettle, and Co.'s Stud Stock Sale Yards, Epsom and Ascot Vale roads; and in the municipal district of Werribee, known as the Boundary Farm.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brighton are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £10, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £840, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Whittlesea are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £15, and such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Lancefield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £9, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Essendon are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £270, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Werribee are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £189.

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

"W. A. ADAMSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, AUSTIN ALBERT AUSTIN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Buninyong, and are known as Larundel, Elaine.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Buninyong are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £1,732.

"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.

"AUSTIN A. AUSTIN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, THEODORE BEGGS, of Eurambeen, Beaufort, grazier, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty-one pounds ten shillings above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Ripon, and are known as Crown allotments 70B, 73c, 74, 74A, and 73B, parish of Eurambeen, county of Ripon, containing 206 acres.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ripon are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £51 10s.

"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.

"THEODORE BEGGS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, JAMES DRYSDALE BROWN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and thirty-eight pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Coburg, and are known as part of Crown portion One hundred and forty-three at Coburg, parish of Jika Jika, county of Bourke.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Coburg are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £138.

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

"J. DRYSDALE BROWN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, EDWARD JOLLEY CROOKE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale, and are known as portion of 'The Holey Plain Estate.'

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £227.

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

"E. J. CROOKE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM HASLAM EDGAR*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Sixty-two pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Malvern, and are known as No. 1 Claremont Avenue, Malvern.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £62.

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

"W. H. EDGAR."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JOHN PERCY JONES*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 Patrick-street, Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £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.

"J. P. JONES."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WALTER SYNNOT MANIFOLD*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and six pounds (£206) above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Warrnambool, and are known as parts of Crown allotment 24A and Crown allotment 23A¹, parish of Mepunga, county of Heytesbury, containing three hundred and thirty-three acres three roods and eighteen perches.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Warrnambool are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £206.

"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.

"WALTER MANIFOLD."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, DUNCAN ELPHINSTONE MCBRYDE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred and eighty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Brighton, and are known as 'Kamesburgh,' containing ten acres or thereabouts, being part of Dendy's special survey at Brighton, and situate at the angle of North-road and Cochrane-street, and purchased by me for the sum of Twelve thousand two hundred pounds.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brighton are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £380.

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

"D. E. MCBRYDE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JOSEPH STERNBERG, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of the shires of Waranga and Deakin, and are known as, firstly, Crown allotments 70E, 70F, parish of Moora, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga; secondly, Crown allotment 40, in the parish of Burrumboot East, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga; and thirdly, Crown allotments 39A, 39B, 40A, 40B, 41B, in the parish of Carag Carag, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin.*

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga and are firstly above described are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £52; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga and are secondly above described are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £52; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin and are thirdly above described are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £54.

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

"J. STERNBERG."

5. **WILLS (SOLDIERS) BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable J. McWhae, a Bill relating to the Disposition of the Estates of Persons engaged on War Service was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Thursday next.
6. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.**—The President laid upon the Table the following Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I do hereby appoint—*

The Honorable John George Aikman,
The Honorable Austin Albert Austin,
The Honorable James Drysdale Brown,
The Honorable John Percy Jones,
The Honorable Walter Synnot Manifold,
The Honorable Duncan Elphinstone McBryde, and
The Honorable Edward James White,

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

Given under my hand this fourth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President of the Legislative Council.

7. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.**—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the Honorable Arthur Otto Sachse be Chairman of Committees of the Council.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.**—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the following Members of this House be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, viz.:—The Honorables Donald Melville and Alfred Hicks.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
- Companies Act 1915.—Summary of Statements for the year 1916 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance business in Victoria.
- Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, Part VIII.—
Statement of Appointment in the Department of the Legislative Assembly.
Statement showing the Names of the Persons Temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Council.
- Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1917.
- Friendly Societies—Thirty-ninth Annual Report.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1916, to which are appended Valuations of Societies, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.
- Indeterminate Sentences Board.—Annual Report of the Board for the year ended 30th June, 1917.
- Trade Unions—Thirty-first Annual Report.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1916, with an Appendix.

Public Service Act 1915.—Copy of Papers in connexion with the promotion of Sydney Leslie Vernon Smith from the Fifth Class to the Fourth Class, Department of Lands and Survey.

River Murray Waters Act 1915.—Report of the River Murray Commission covering period from 31st January to 30th June, 1917.

Public Works Loan Application Act 1911.—Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts for the financial year 1916-17 together with a Report by the Manager of the—

Burwood East Fruit Cool Store.
Diamond Creek Fruit Cool Store.
Victoria Dock Cool Stores.

10. SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The President reported the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

The Honorable G. M. Davis moved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable G. M. Davis moved, That the Committee consist of the Honorables G. M. Davis, W. Angliss, A. A. Austin, A. Bell, J. D. Brown, J. H. Disney, and A. Robinson.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

The Honorable G. M. Davis presented the Address, which had been agreed to by the Committee, and the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency THE HONORABLE SIR ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

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

The Honorable G. M. Davis moved, That the Council agree with the Committee in the said Address. Debate ensued.

The Honorable J. K. Merritt moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next, at half-past four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-five minutes past eight o'clock, adjourned until Thursday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.



VICTORIA.

No. 3.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1917.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the 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 million three hundred and fifty thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 5th December, 1917.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the Year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 5th December, 1917.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

5. LAND TAX BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. Kendell, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
6. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, 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 hour of meeting on each day; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Honorables the President, W. L. Baillieu, J. D. Brown, F. G. Clarke, E. J. Croke, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, T. H. Payne, A. O. Sachse, and J. Sternberg be Members of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, J. P. Jones, J. K. Merritt, and J. McWhae be Members of the Joint Committee to manage and superintend the Parliament Buildings.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Honorables the President, T. Beggs, F. W. Brawn, F. W. Hagelthorn, and D. Melville be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Library.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. **REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.**—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Honorables W. A. Adamson, J. G. Aikman, W. J. Beckett, A. Hicks, and H. F. Richardson be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Refreshment Rooms.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Honorables the President, W. Angliss, A. Bell, W. L. R. Clarke, G. M. Davis, J. H. Disney, W. Kendell, D. L. McNamara, R. B. Rees, and E. J. White be Members of the Printing Committee; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. **STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.**—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws, adopted by this House on the 22nd June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of the Honorables J. D. Brown, F. G. Clarke, E. J. Crooke, J. P. Jones, Walter S. Manifold, and A. Robinson, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; five to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.
13. **PAPERS.**—The Honorable F. G. Clarke presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the Year 1916—
Part V.—Municipal Statistics.
Part VI.—Vital Statistics, &c.
Part VII.—Accumulation.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Country Roads Board.—Fourth Annual Report.
Explosives Act 1915.—Report of the Chief Inspector on the working of the Explosives Act during the year 1916.
14. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
15. **LAND TAX BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until Tuesday, the 5th February next.
17. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE.**—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That leave of absence be granted for the remainder of the Session to the Honorable William Lionel Russell Clarke, who is on active service with the Australian Imperial Forces.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
18. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 5th February next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at thirty-seven minutes past six o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 5th February next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

No. 4.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by the Honorable F. G. Clarke, and the same was read by the Honorable the President :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

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

“ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and fifty thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.”

“ An Act to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the Year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th December, 1917.

3. CONGRATULATIONS TENDERED TO THE PRESIDENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the congratulations of the House be tendered to the Honorable the President on the honour of being created a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George by His Most Gracious Majesty the King.

And several Honorable Members having addressed the House—
The question was put and unanimously resolved in the affirmative.
The President, in returning thanks, said—

I thank honorable members for the motion. I thank those honorable members who have spoken so strongly in my favour, giving me qualifications which I should like to have, and which I feel I am very far from possessing. I would like to say that it is a great honour to preside over this Chamber, because honorable members so conduct their business that they set an example to other Legislative Chambers. There is no difficulty whatever in preserving order, because honorable members naturally keep order. It is a great thing that in this House we do not possess the power of turning out or of making Ministries, so that every honorable member on every occasion can vote according to his conscience, and according to what he considers the best interests of the State. I feel that this honour that has been conferred upon me is intended as an honour to this House. It is only because I happen to be your President that I have received it, and, therefore, it is those honorable members who first elected me, and those honorable members who keep me in office, whom I am entitled to thank for receiving it. I thank all honorable members.

4. REAL PROPERTY ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable T. H. Payne, a Bill to amend the *Real Property Act* 1915 was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. PAPERS.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Charitable Institutions.—Report of Inspector for the year ended 30th June, 1917.
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1916.—Part VIII.—Social Condition.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Companies Act 1915—Rule 196—Return by Prothonotary of Business of Court.

Education Act 1915—

Regulation added to.

Regulation rescinded and Regulation substituted.

Forests Act 1915—

Copy of proposed Order in Council (No. 15) to excise a certain area from the State Forests for public use.

Report of the State Forests Department for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust—Tenth Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1917.

Health Acts—Regulations and Standards for Foods and Drugs.

Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners—Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1916.

Mines Act 1915—Regulations.

Public Service Act 1915—

Copy of Papers in connexion with the promotion of A. A. Peverill from the Second Class to the First Class, Department of Lands and Survey.

Regulations—

Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.—

Alteration of Regulations.

Regulations repealed, Regulations substituted.

Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—

Department of Lands and Survey.

Department of Mines.

Railways—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 30th September, 1917.

University of Melbourne—Report of the Proceedings from 31st July, 1916, to 31st July, 1917; together with four Appendices.

Wheat Marketing Act 1915—Balance-sheet and Statements of Accounts of the Victorian Wheat Commission to 30th June, 1917.

6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech, having been read—

Debate resumed.

The Honorable J. K. Merritt moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council

VICTORIA.

No. 5.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the 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 Six hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 6th February, 1918.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Fisheries Act 1915.—Notices of Intention to issue Proclamations—

Re close season for English Roach.

Re close season for Murray Cod and other Murray fishes.

Re labelling boxes, &c., of fish consigned, sold, and marketed.

To prohibit all fishing in portion of the Winmerra River near Jeparit bridge.

To prohibit all fishing in the Little Albert River and portion of Dingo Creek until 31st August, 1920.

To prohibit netting in portion of Bancroft Bay, in the Gippsland Lakes, from 16th September in each year to the 15th May next following.

To prohibit the sale or exposure for sale of female crayfish (whether taken in Victoria or elsewhere) during the close season.

To vary Proclamation *re* Fishing Licences.

Land Act 1915.—Particulars of leases of swamp or reclaimed land under section 110.

Water Act 1915.—Copy of Declaration of the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply defining the area that ought to be constituted the Werribee Waterworks District No. 2.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech, having been read—

Debate resumed.

The Honorable A.O. Sachse moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day Government Business, No. 2, and the Order of the Day General Business be postponed until Tuesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twenty minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

No. 6.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable E. J. White delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth:—

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, EDWARD JAMES WHITE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and twenty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Dundas and borough of Hamilton, and are known as ‘Waratah,’ being part of subdivision of the Kenilworth Estate, parish of Gatum Gatum, county of Dundas, containing 1,786½ acres. In the borough of Hamilton is my house and allotment fronting Clarendon-street; an allotment fronting Gray-street; and an allotment at back of Hospital.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Dundas are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £150, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of borough of Hamilton are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £44.

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

“E. J. WHITE.”

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by the Honorable F. G. Clarke, and the same was read by the Honorable the President:—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 2.

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

“*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.*”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 13th February, 1918.

4. NATIONALITY OF THE LATE DR. SACHSE.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That a Select Committee consisting of five members be appointed to inquire into the statements made by the Honorable R. B. Rees with reference to the nationality of the father of the Honorable A. O. Sachse, such committee to consist of the Honorables W. J. Beckett, Walter S. Manifold, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, and A. Robinson, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and to move from place to place; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. PAPER.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Treasurers' Conference.—Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the
Treasurers' Conference held at Melbourne, January, 1918.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for
the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the
Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech, having been read—
Debate resumed.

The Honorable A. A. Austin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that, in compliance with the
recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws, adopted by the
Legislative Assembly on the 16th June, 1915, they have appointed a Committee of six Members,
to join with the Committee of the Legislative Council to deal with anomalies in the law and make
recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee consisting of Mr. Bailey, Mr.
Bayles, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Snowball, with power to send
for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; five to be
the quorum.

J. E. MACKAY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1918.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day
Government Business, No. 2, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until
Tuesday next.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising,
adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at ten minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

No. 7.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. NATIONALITY OF THE LATE DR. SACHSE.—The Honorable Walter S. Manifold brought up a Report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed on the 19th instant to inquire into the statements made by the Honorable R. B. Rees with reference to the nationality of the father of the Honorable A. O. Sachse, together with the Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.
Report read, ordered to lie on the Table, to be printed, and, by leave, to be taken into consideration this day.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.—The Honorable E. J. White moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the Cavendish to Toolondo Railway, and six Members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Public Service Act 1915—Copy of Papers in connexion with the promotion of J. Gilder from the Third Class to the Second Class, Department of Chief Secretary.
5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech, having been read—
Debate resumed.
The Honorable A. A. Austin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until later this day.
6. NATIONALITY OF THE LATE DR. SACHSE.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to inquire into the statements made by the Honorable R. B. Rees with reference to the nationality of the father of the Honorable A. O. Sachse having been read—
The Honorable Walter S. Manifold moved, That the Report be adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech, having been read—
Debate resumed.
The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day Government Business, No. 2, and the Order of the Day General Business be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-four minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council

VICTORIA.

No. 8.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Justices Act 1915.—Rules.
Land Act 1915.—Addition to Regulations.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the President and such Members of the Council as may wish to accompany him.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. REAL PROPERTY ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifteen minutes past eight o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.



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No. 9.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1918.

- 1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
- 2. THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That this House desires to place on record its deep sense of the great loss the people of Victoria have sustained through the death of the Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D. The high character which always distinguished him during his long and eminent career as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, Executive Councillor, Chief Justice and Lieutenant-Governor, and the valuable services rendered by him to the University and other public institutions caused him to be regarded by all classes of the community with honour, respect, and affection.
And other honorable members having addressed the House—
The question was then put and, honorable members signifying their assent by rising in their places, unanimously resolved in the affirmative.
- 3. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the House out of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., do now adjourn until a quarter to eight o'clock this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 4. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The President reported that, accompanied by Honorable Members, he had that day waited upon His Excellency the Governor and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Council, adopted on the 5th instant, in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

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

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

- 5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the 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 Six hundred and forty-five thousand two hundred and four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 7th March, 1918.

- 6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Irrigation Works and Water Supply Works and for Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for Public Works and other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 7th March, 1918.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

8. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the 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 available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 7th March, 1918.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

10. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

11. ADDITIONAL DAY OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That during the remainder of the Session the Council shall meet for the despatch of business on Fridays, and that half-past four o'clock be the hour of meeting.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 31st December, 1917.

Children's Court Acts—Regulations.

Country Fire Brigades Board—Report for the year ended 31st December, 1917, together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and Assets and Liabilities for that period.

Crimes Act 1915—Regulations as to Indeterminate Sentences (Habitual Criminals).

Midwives Acts—Regulations relating to the Registration and Better Training of Midwives.

Public Service Act 1915—Regulations—

Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Chief Secretary.

Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—Department of Law.

13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and —

Victorian Loan Bill—Second reading.

Public Works Loan Application Bill—Second reading.

be postponed until to-morrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

No. 10.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifty-five minutes past four o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.



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No. 11.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-nine minutes past four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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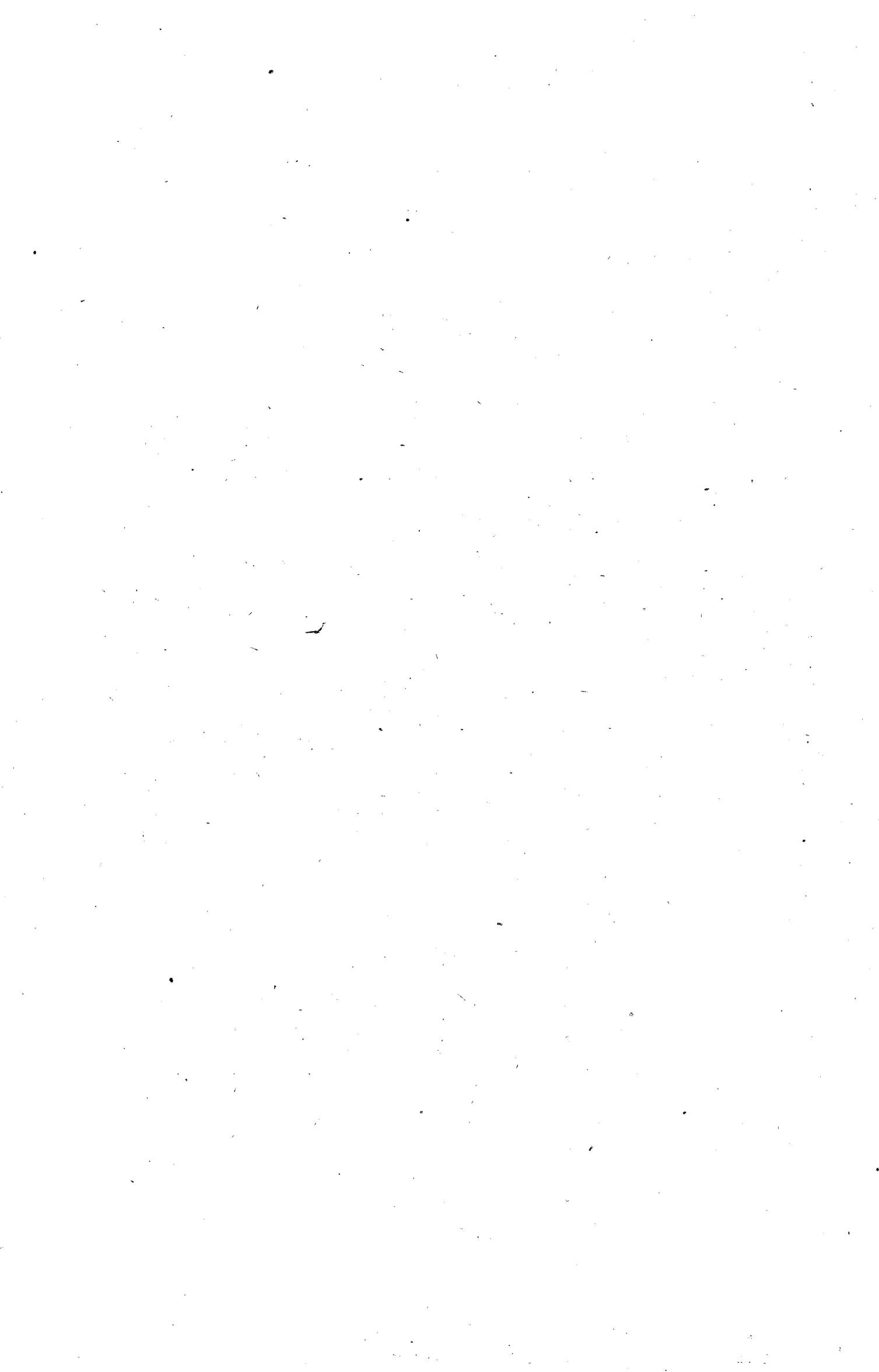
MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Thursday next.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifty-six minutes past four o'clock, adjourned until Thursday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.



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No. 13.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 21st MARCH, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by the Honorable A. Robinson, and the same was read by the Honorable the President :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 3.*

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

“ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and forty-five thousand two hundred and four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 13th March, 1918.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns—
For the quarter ended 30th September, 1917.
For the quarter ended 31st December, 1917.
 - Forests Act 1915—Copy of proposed Order in Council (No. 16) to excise a certain area from the State Forests for public use.
 - Land Act 1915—Alterations to the Regulations.
 - Public Service Act 1915—Copy of Papers in connexion with the promotion of John Brown from the Fourth Class to the Third Class, Department of Treasurer.
 - Supreme Court Act 1915—Rules of Procedure in Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
4. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
5. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1915; AMENDMENT BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara a Bill to amend *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* was read a first time ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. **ABOLITION OF STATE PARLIAMENTS.**—The Honorable D. L. McNamara moved, That this House urge the Federal Government to take a referendum of the Commonwealth electors on the following questions :—

(a) That all State Parliaments be abolished.

(b) In the event of the proposal being approved by the electors, the Commonwealth Parliament be empowered to establish Provincial Councils, conferring on such Councils powers and duties necessary for the good local government of the people.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

9. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the 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 available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st March, 1918.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

10. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
11. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

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

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st March, 1918.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

12. **MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
13. **MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
14. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to increase the Borrowing Powers of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st March, 1918.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

16. GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST (BORROWING POWERS) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next:—

Abolition of State Parliaments—Resumption of Debate.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.



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No. 14.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by the Honorable A. Robinson, and the same was read by the Honorable the President:—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 4.

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

“ An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Irrigation Works and Water Supply Works and for Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for Public Works and other purposes.”

“ An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes.”

“ An Act relating to Municipal Endowment.”

“ An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes.”

“ An Act to increase the Borrowing Powers of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 26th March, 1918.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled “ An Act to make provision for a Special Loan of One hundred thousand pounds for certain purposes under the ‘ Country Roads Act 1915 ’ ” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. E. MACKAY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st March, 1918.

4. COUNTRY ROADS (SPECIAL LOAN) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

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

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 21st March, 1918.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

6. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
7. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Railways—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 31st December, 1917.
8. COUNTRY ROADS (SPECIAL LOAN) BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
9. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to apportion and extend the Time for the Repayments into 'The Public Account' of certain Moneys advanced or to be advanced under the 'Railways Advances Act 1912' the 'Railways Advances Act 1914 (No. 2)' and the 'Railways Advances Act 1915'*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th March, 1918.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

11. RAILWAYS ADVANCES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
12. RAILWAYS ADVANCES BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
13. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Generation Use and Supply of Electricity by the Victorian Railways Commissioners,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th March, 1918.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

14. RAILWAYS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

15. RAILWAYS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Section Three of the 'Railway Lands Acquisition Act 1916'*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th March, 1918.

J. E. MACKAY,
Speaker.

17. RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

18. RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, and the Orders of the Day General Business be postponed until to-morrow.

20. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.



VICTORIA.

No. 15.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the 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 available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes.*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th March, 1918.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

3. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until after the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business.
5. RAILWAYS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for Developmental Roads and to amend the Country Roads Acts.*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 27th March, 1918.
J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.
7. DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
8. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

9. DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the 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 thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 27th March, 1918.
J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.
11. APPROPRIATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
12. APPROPRIATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
13. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Agreements between Medical Practitioners and Friendly Societies or Branches thereof, and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 27th March, 1918.
J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.
14. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, was after debate read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, the 16th April next.
16. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Agreements between Medical Practitioners and Friendly Societies or Branches thereof, and for other purposes.*"
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 27th March, 1918.
J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.
17. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved; by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 16th April next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-three minutes past eleven o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 16th April next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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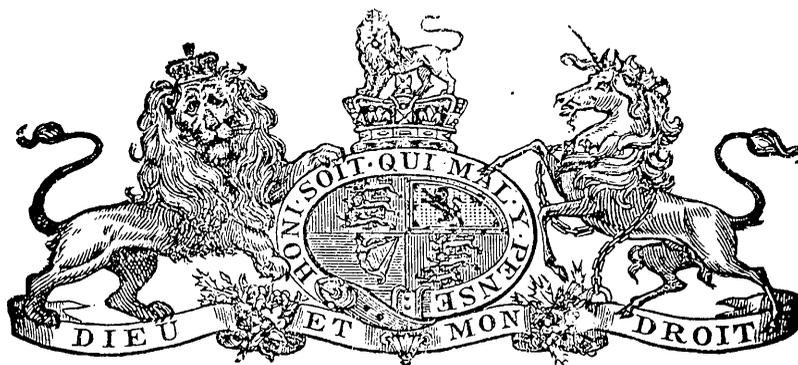
ACTS ASSENTED TO AFTER THE FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF BOTH HOUSES OF
PARLIAMENT AND BEFORE THE PROROGATION.

The following Acts were assented to by His Excellency the Governor, on the 4th April, 1918, viz. :—

- “An Act to make provision for a Special Loan of One hundred thousand pounds for certain purposes under the ‘*Country Roads Act 1915.*’”
- “An Act to amend the Geelong Harbor Trust Acts and for other purposes.”
- “An Act to apportion and extend the Time for the Repayments into ‘The Public Account’ of certain Moneys advanced or to be advanced under the ‘*Railways Advances Act 1912*’ the ‘*Railways Advances Act 1914 (No. 2)*’ and the ‘*Railways Advances Act 1915.*’”
- “An Act to amend Section Three of the ‘*Railway Lands Acquisition Act 1916.*’”
- “An Act relating to the Generation Use and Supply of Electricity by the Victorian Railways Commissioners.”
- “An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes.”
- “An Act to make provision for Developmental Roads and to amend the Country Roads Acts.”
- “An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament.”
- “An Act relating to Agreements between Medical Practitioners and Friendly Societies or Branches thereof, and for other purposes.”



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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George ; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands adjourned until Tuesday, the sixteenth day of April, 1918 : Now, I, the Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the fourteenth day of May, 1918.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

A. L. STANLEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. S. W. LAWSON.

GOD SAVE THE KING!



SELECT COMMITTEES.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS
(JOINT).

APPOINTED (SEE ACT No. 2717) 4TH DECEMBER, 1917.

The Hon. A. Hicks

| The Hon. D. Melville.

APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION 1917-18.

No. 1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Appointed (by President's Warrant) 4th December, 1917.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman
A. A. Austin
J. D. Brown
J. P. Jones

The Hon. Walter S. Manifold
D. E. McBryde
E. J. White.

No. 2.—ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Appointed 4th December, 1917.

The Hon. G. M. Davis
W. Angliss
A. A. Austin
A. Bell

The Hon. J. D. Brown
J. H. Disney
A. Robinson.

No. 3.—STANDING ORDERS.

Appointed 6th December, 1917.

The Hon. the President
W. L. Baillieu
J. D. Brown
F. G. Clarke
E. J. Crooke

The Hon. Walter S. Manifold
D. E. McBryde
T. H. Payne
A. O. Sachse
J. Sternberg.

No. 4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

Appointed 6th December, 1917.

The Hon. the President
A. A. Austin
J. P. Jones

The Hon. J. K. Merritt
J. McWhae.

No. 5.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

Appointed 6th December, 1917.

The Hon. the President
T. Beggs
F. W. Brawn

The Hon. F. W. Hagelthorn
D. Melville.

No. 6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

Appointed 6th December, 1917.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson
J. G. Aikman
W. J. Beckett

The Hon. A. Hicks
H. F. Richardson.

No. 7.—PRINTING.

Appointed 6th December, 1917.

The Hon. the President
 W. Angliss
 A. Bell
 W. L. R. Clarke
 G. M. Davis

The Hon. J. H. Disney
 W. Kendell
 D. L. McNamara
 R. B. Rees
 E. J. White.

No. 8.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

Appointed 6th December, 1917.

The Hon. J. D. Brown
 F. G. Clarke
 E. J. Crooke

The Hon. J. P. Jones
 Walter S. Manifold
 A. Robinson.

No. 9.—NATIONALITY OF THE LATE DR. SACHSE.

Appointed 19th February, 1918.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett
 Walter S. Manifold
 J. K. Merritt

The Hon. T. H. Payne
 A. Robinson.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1917-18.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

Extracted from the Minutes.

THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1917.

No. 1.—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—Clause 1—

1. There shall and may be issued and applied for or towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen the sum of One million three hundred and fifty thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds out of the Consolidated Revenue, and the Treasurer of Victoria is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and apply the moneys authorized to be issued and applied.—(*Hon. F. G. Clarke.*)

Motion made and question put—That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendment in the Bill, viz. :—

Clause 1, line 4, omit "ninety-seven" and insert "thirty."—(*Hon. R. B. Rees.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

The Hon. J. P. Jones,
R. B. Rees.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
D. L. McNamara.

Noes, 10.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
F. G. Clarke,
W. H. Edgar,
W. Kendell,
J. McWhae,
D. Melville,
J. K. Merritt,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
D. E. McBryde.

And so it passed in the negative.



VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1917-18.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 2.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

No. 1.—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—Clause 1—

1. There shall and may be issued and applied for or towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen the sum of Six hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds out of the Consolidated Revenue, and the Treasurer of Victoria is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and apply the moneys authorized to be issued and applied.—(*Hon. F. G. Clarke.*)

Motion made and question put—That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendment in the Bill, viz. :—

Clause 1, line 4, omit "ninety-one" and insert "ninety."—(*Hon. R. B. Rees.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
J. K. Merritt,
R. B. Rees.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. H. Edgar,
D. L. McNamara.

Noes, 12.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
A. A. Austin,
A. Bell,
F. G. Clarke,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
J. McWhae,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. F. W. Brawn,
E. J. Croke.

And so it passed in the negative.



VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1917-18.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 3.

Extracted from the Minutes.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1918.

No. 1.—RAILWAYS BILL.—Clause 3—

3. (1) Notwithstanding anything in any Act, the Victorian Railways Commissioners may without further or other authority than this Act—

* * * * *

(c) upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon supply electricity in bulk—

(i) to any undertaker having a generating station; and

(ii) to any undertakers corporations companies and persons or bodies of persons within the areas referred to in the Schedule to this Act; and

(d) provide install maintain and operate buildings works machinery plant and electric lines for the generation use and supply of electricity.—(*Hon. A. Robinson*).

Amendment proposed—That the following words be omitted from the clause:—

; “and

(d) provide install maintain and operate buildings works machinery plant and electric lines for the generation use and supply of electricity.”—(*Hon. J. D. Brown*).

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
F. G. Clarke,
J. H. Disney,
W. H. Edgar,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Hicks,
J. K. Merritt.

Noes, 7.

The Hon. T. Beggs,
J. D. Brown,
E. J. Crooke,
D. E. McBryde,
T. H. Payne.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
G. M. Davis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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REPORT

OF THE

SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ON THE

NATIONALITY OF THE LATE DR. SACHSE;

TOGETHER WITH THE

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EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

4. NATIONALITY OF THE LATE DR. SACHSE.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That a Select Committee consisting of five members be appointed to inquire into the statements made by the Honorable R. B. Rees with reference to the nationality of the father of the Honorable A. O. Sachse, such committee to consist of the Honorables W. J. Beckett, Walter S. Manifold, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, and A. Robinson, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to move from place to place; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

R E P O R T.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL appointed by your Honorable House on the 19th February, 1918, to inquire into the statements made by the Honorable R. B. Rees with reference to the nationality of the father of the Honorable A. O. Sachse, have the honor to report to your Honorable House as follows:—

1. Your Committee met and appointed the Honorable Walter S. Manifold the Chairman thereof.
2. Your Committee took the oral evidence of the Honorable A. O. Sachse and the Honorable R. B. Rees. Your Committee had before it a certified extract from the Register of the birth of the Honorable A. O. Sachse, a certified extract from the Register of the death of his father (Dr. F. O. Sachse), the diploma of Doctor of Medicine issued to Dr. F. O. Sachse, and a letter written in 1855 stating that the oath of naturalization under the Act 11 Vict. No. 39 was taken by Dr. F. O. Sachse, and acknowledging the receipt of the necessary fees.
3. No conclusive evidence was placed before your Committee as to the birthplace of Dr. F. O. Sachse, but such evidence as was available points to the conclusion that that gentleman was born in 1812 at Hallé, which was then part of the Kingdom of Saxony. Hallé was annexed to and became part of Prussia in 1815, and at the time of the birth of the Honorable A. O. Sachse at Toowoomba, Queensland, Hallé was part of Prussia.
4. Dr. F. O. Sachse appears to have been naturalized in that part of New South Wales now known as Queensland in 1855, and to have died at Toowoomba in 1873.
5. Your Committee are of opinion that the Honorable A. O. Sachse was in error in stating to the Council that his father (Dr. F. O. Sachse) was born in Paris while his (Dr. F. O. Sachse's) parents were on a visit to that city. The statement was made on the strength of the Honorable A. O. Sachse's recollection of a conversation between his father and some friends. Had the birth actually taken place in Paris that would not have altered what was apparently the Saxon nationality of Dr. F. O. Sachse.
6. Your Committee were unable to obtain documentary evidence relating to events which occurred more than 100 years ago, but in the Diploma of Medicine and Surgery issued to Dr. F. O. Sachse in 1839 that gentleman is described as a Saxon.
7. Your Committee have no reason to doubt that the Honorable A. O. Sachse's statement to the Council on 4th December, 1917, as to his father's birthplace was made in good faith and with a belief in its truth.

Committee Room,
26th February, 1918.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

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TUESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

Present:

The Hon. WALTER S. MANIFOLD (in the Chair);
 The Hon. W. J. Beckett, | The Hon. T. H. Payne,
 The Hon. J. K. Merritt, | The Hon. A. Robinson.

The Clerk of the Council laid a certified copy of the certificate of death of Dr. F. O. Sachse (*Exhibit marked "A"*), and a certified copy of the certificate of birth of the Honorable A. O. Sachse (*Exhibit marked "B"*) before the Committee.

The Honorable A. O. Sachse examined.

1. *By the Chairman.*—Do you admit that this death certificate (*Exhibit "A"*) and this birth certificate (*Exhibit "B"*) relate to your father and yourself?—I have not had time to examine them. I have looked at this document casually, for a moment only. I should like to look through these quietly—the death certificate and the birth certificate.

2. Is that your father—Frederick Otto Sachse?—It appears correct. My grandmother's name I do not know. I never did. That is his mother's name, presumably. "Amelia Frances" is my sister. "13th July, 1873," I think that is the date of his death. "When and where buried." I think that is all correct, so far as I know. "Birthplace, Hallé, Germany." I cannot say whether it was Hallé, Germany, or not. Hallé was in Germany in 1873, when he died. Hallé was in Saxony, I believe, but he was not born there. He was born in Paris, when his parents were on a visit there. They were well-to-do people, and used to take a month's holiday. I understood from him that he was born while they were visiting Paris, but that Saxony was his native land; his progenitors lived in Saxony. Then that he fought with Saxony in the war (the date of which I cannot give) against Prussian domination trying to envelop Saxony in the German Federation. He had wounds as the result of the war. He was warned—given three months, or some such term, in which he must either bow the neck to Prussian domination, leave the country, or be shot. He left the country instead. He gathered his property together. That is all family tradition. He was married at Ipswich. I do not know much about it. Second marriage in Brisbane—he was married a second time. I was born in 1860. I was thirteen when he died. He died in 1873. Then, before I was born, a considerable number of years before, he became a naturalized Englishman—not a Britisher, but a naturalized Englishman. My mother was a native of Ireland. She came out here, as one of a large number of children, to Queensland.

3. We find your father died in 1873. His age was given as 61. That would make his birth in 1812?—That would be about right.

4. And it was in 1815 when Saxony was seized. He was then about three years old?—You get these ideas from the family, and cannot say who tells you. Hallé is in Prussian Saxony. I am not prepared for this. It came as a surprise. I think it was an uncle or somebody, either a barrister or a judge, who was at Hanover,* and I think my father went to

some school some few years after he finished his infantile progress in Paris. That is the family tradition. I have absolutely no documentary evidence to back this up.

5. According to the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, apparently there was no fighting in the 1870 war between Prussia and Saxony; but there was some in the six or seven weeks' war, and in the Napoleonic wars, when your father was only three years old, there was fighting?—My father fought—there is no question about that. He was born in 1812.

6. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—The seven weeks' war took place in 1866, and the Napoleonic war in 1813-14. In 1866 he would then be a British subject?—He was then a naturalized British subject in Australia.

7. He could not have taken part in the war with Saxony in 1813-14. Saxony sided with Napoleon, and Prussia endeavoured to collar the whole of Saxony, but was restricted to the Duchy of Magdeburg and other places, of which Hallé was one. It has been Prussian since 1815.

8. *The Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—The question is where Mr. Sachse's father was born.

9. *By the Chairman.*—According to the death certificate, he was born in Hallé?—At the date when that certificate was filled in, Hallé was Prussian.

10. It was stated that your father was born in France?—Actually born there, but I do not know whether he was registered there.

11. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—Your statement is that your father told you that he was born on a visit of his parents to Paris?—His father and mother were there on a visit when he was born. He told us he was born there,* and went to school there for five or six years. I know on one occasion, when he was called to do some medical work in Queensland, there was a French priest at the place, and that my father said, "I was born in Paris, and learnt to speak the language there." I think he said he was there for five or six years, and that the language was like his mother tongue. I do not know how long he stayed in Paris.

12. In your speech in the House, you stated, "My father was born in the city of Paris." That was made on the statement of your father to you?—Yes, on more than one occasion.†

13. You cannot say how the death certificate was filled in?—I do not think his birth was registered in Paris. You may find that my father was registered in Hallé or somewhere else afterwards. I do not know that there was any law then necessitating registration.

14. Have you a family Bible or anything of that kind that would give any information?—I know of nothing of the kind. He may have gone back to Hallé, and then returned to Paris.

15. *By the Chairman.*—If he were at school in Paris, that would probably be so?—Yes. Paris and Hallé are close to each other.

16. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—You stated in your speech, "My father became a naturalized Englishman thirty years before the war took place which blew his native land into Prussia"?—That is a mistake of mine. I was not prepared when this matter was brought up.

17. I think you spoke with some feeling?—I did. There are some inaccuracies in my speech.

* But see answer to question 124.

* But see answer to question 102.

† But see answer to question 105.

18. You also stated that Saxony fought Prussia bitterly?—He was naturalized in 1855, in Queensland, five years before I was born. I have the certificate.

19. Then that statement is inaccurate?—Yes.

20. You stated, "Saxony fought Prussia bitterly, and my father bled fighting Prussia for the good of Saxony, and to keep her away from what he called the hated German Empire." What war was that?—I cannot say; but I know he did. My brother, in writing, told me that father had spoken to him of it.

21. Yet Saxony, according to the *Encyclopædia*, was part of the German Empire when your father was three years of age. This paragraph must, then, be inaccurate?—No; I understand that Saxony was taken over by Germany at the cannon's mouth in 1870.

22. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—Hallé has been Prussian since 1815. The next Continental war was the struggle against Denmark, next the Austro-Prussian war, in which Saxony took the part of Austria?—I think my father's people were all in Saxony. I think they were Leipsic people. I do not think they were Hallé people at all. I have a hazy idea about the whole thing.

23. *By the Chairman.*—Is your sister alive?—Yes, she is in Queensland. I think she was about fifteen or sixteen years of age.

24. In 1873?—Yes. I think she is four or six years older than I am. She must have been about sixteen. She did not know anything more about Germany than we did.

25. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—Your family was really a Hallé family?—I cannot tell you.

26. The certificate states that your paternal grandfather held a position there?—I do not know.

27. That is presumptive evidence that your father was domiciled there?—Yes. I believe Leipsic was the home of the family.

28. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—Your father was a doctor of medicine?—Yes.

29. There is a distinguished university at Hallé; did he graduate there?—I cannot tell you. There is a diploma of M.D., which describes him as Dr. F. O. Sachse, of Saxony. I have that. I understand that at that date they had to go to Berlin for the higher degrees.

30. *By the Chairman.*—What is the address of your sister, Amelia Frances, who was nineteen when your father died?—Mrs. George Binstead, Canungra, Queensland.

31. Is that the name of a place?—The name of a post town.

32. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—The other document is a registration of birth (*Exhibit "B"*)?—I should like to see that document.

33. *By the Chairman.*—Who supplied the information in that case. The birthplace is given as Hallé?—That is correct.

34. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—You stated that your father was born in Paris?—Yes. He always called Saxony his native place. If you were born in Japan when your parents were travelling, you would not say that you were a native of Japan.

35. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—You said he was born in Paris, and that he stayed there for six years, at school?—Yes; but I do not know whether he stayed straight away. I think he went to an infant school in Paris.

36. You said that your father, though born in Paris, went back to Saxony?—Yes, he told us so.

37. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—Can you supply us with any information at all, other than this statement, to show that your father was born in Paris?—Nothing at all.

38. Is your brother older than you?—Yes.

39. *By the Chairman.*—What is his address?—It is very hard to give it to you, but I can get it. He is in Queensland.

40. *By the Hon. T. H. Payne.*—Would he have a family Bible?—No. I do not suppose there is a family with so few family relics. My father hated any talk about the matter. He had a great sword gash from the neck to the shoulder, and two bullet wounds in one of his legs. He got them fighting the Prussians for Saxony, but when I cannot tell you.

41. *By the Chairman.*—The only battle we know of was the seven weeks' war in 1866?—He was in Queensland then.

42. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—I do not know of any Central European war between 1815 and the war against Denmark. There were some riots in 1848 for the establishment of universal suffrage?—There was a rebellion in 1848.

43. There was a rebellion half through Europe, which sent half the thrones tottering, in 1848?—I believe he was in that. He must have been in that. He got his wound all right.

44. It is stated that there was a riot in 1830 in Leipsic and Dresden, and a good deal of internal trouble, and the result was an increase of popular liberty?—It was Prussia he was fighting.

45. *The Hon. T. H. Payne.*—Saxony was merged in Prussia three years after your father was born. If he went back to Hallé, he would be living in Prussia.

46. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—This is from the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, and refers to 1848-49:—

A public demonstration at Dresden in favour of the Frankfort constitution was prohibited as illegal on the 2nd May, 1849. This at once awoke the popular fury. The mob seized the town and barricaded the streets; Dresden was almost destitute of troops; and the King fled to the Königstein. The rebels then proceeded to appoint a provisional Government, consisting of Tzschirner, Heubner, and Todt, though the true leader of the insurrection was the Russian, Bakunin. Meanwhile Prussian troops had arrived to aid the Government, and after two days' fierce street fighting, the rising was quelled. The bond with Prussia now became closer, and Frederick entered with Prussia and Hanover into the temporary "alliance of the three kings." That was in 1849?—I have got some idea that he spoke of the 1848 rebellion.

47. It is evident that it was throughout Saxony as it was throughout Europe.

48. *The Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—We are not asked to deal with these questions. We are asked something definite—where Mr. Sachse's father was born. It is the nationality.

49. *The Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—One has a bearing on the other indirectly.

50. *The Hon. A. Robinson.*—The documentary evidence, although I do not think it is conclusive, seems to indicate that Mr. Sachse's father was born at Hallé, in Germany, and which was a part of Saxony at that date. Afterwards it became a part of Prussia.

51. *The Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—Do not you think we should ask Mr. Sachse if he can bring any evidence to support the statement he made to the House? He said, "My father was born in Paris." Mr. Rees contradicts that. We are asked to decide where he was born. I think we should ask if he can bring any evidence to support the statement he made in the House.

The Witness.—I can say it straight. I can bring nothing more than the verbal statements that I heard my father tell me and others, that he was born in Paris, but that his native place was Saxony.

52. *By the Chairman.*—Did he ever say anything to you to lead you to believe he was born in Saxony?—No.

53. Never at any time?—No.

54. And the only conversation you had with him about his birthplace resulted in his stating that he was born in Paris?—Yes.

55. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—Is there any person living whom your father has ever told that he was born in Paris?—Not a soul, that I know of.

56. You are not aware whether your brother or sister would have the same knowledge?—No.

57. *The Chairman.*—But there is the fact that, at the time of his birth, this part was Saxony, not Germany.*

58. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—One question before we rise. Would either your brother or sister be able to say that your father had stated anything in the same terms as he stated to you?—Possibly.

59. Would you care to have an opportunity of asking them?—Certainly.

60. *The Chairman.*—I think you certainly ought to communicate with the lady in Queensland, because she is the oldest in the family.

The Witness.—There is one point that strikes me before we leave. You have it here marked "Hallé, Prussia," at the date this entry was made. That is the point. It was Prussia when this certificate was made.

61. *By the Chairman.*—Would you like a declaration, or would you write a letter to your sister, and ask her?

62. *The Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—I think it better for the Committee to communicate direct.

The Witness.—I was not prepared to be here or be examined. I hope you will make allowance for that.

The Honorable Member withdrew.

Adjourned to Thursday next at half past three o'clock.

THURSDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1918.

Present:

The Hon. WALTER S. MANIFOLD (in the Chair),

The Hon. W. J. Beckett, The Hon. T. H. Payne,
The Hon. J. K. Merritt, The Hon. A. Robinson.

The Honorable R. B. Rees, examined.

63. *By the Chairman.*—We understood you to say the other night in the House, that you had obtained information on this matter from other people in Toowoomba—is that so?—No. I have other information though with regard to Mr. Sachse, the subject of this inquiry.

64. Perhaps that would not come within the scope of our inquiry as to the parentage or nationality of the father?—I notice that the resolution of the House is in regard to the nationality of the father. I did not take particular heed of it at the time, but I do certainly object to it now, because there are two things to consider; there is the nationality of Dr. Sachse (Mr. Sachse, sen.), and then, so far as I am concerned, the general attitude of Mr. Sachse here as a citizen as indicative of what he aims at in his general political and public career.

65. I am afraid that under the motion appointing us as a Select Committee we cannot go into that. We are merely to inquire into the statements made by the Hon. Mr. Rees in reference to the nationality of the father of the Hon. A. O. Sachse?—Yes, in that connexion, so far as the parentage of Mr. Sachse is concerned, I cannot give you anything further than what those two documents reveal, the one document showing clearly that Mr. Sachse (*i.e.*, Dr. Sachse), was of Prussian origin; that he was born in Hallé, Prussia, and then the second document confirming that by showing that his father, again, was, according to the statement there, a Councillor of Justice. Then one must consider the almost impossibility of his becoming a Councillor of Justice, as we understand Prussian methods, unless he were a loyal Prussian, and was, I

should say, of a certain status in the community; for instance, it would be impossible for us to think that Mr. Sachse, the grandfather (*i.e.*, Dr. Sachse's father), had at any time fought against the Prussian hierarchy.

66. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—The person who was a Councillor of Justice was the father of Mr. Sachse's father?—Yes, that is the person I am dealing with.

67. But we cannot go into anything of that kind?—(No answer.)

68. *By the Chairman.*—Are you aware whether at the date of Dr. Sachse's birth Prussia had anything to do with Saxony?—I am aware that in 1812, Prussia was a separate kingdom.

69. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—Including Hallé?—I am not sure that that was the Hallé mentioned; there are two of them.

70. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—That document does not state which of them it is?—No.

71. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—Where is the other Hallé?—In Prussia also.

72. *The Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—It is right up in the West, just on the border of Westphalia, many miles away from this other place.

73. *The Witness.*—I have looked it up, and there are two Hallés; one was taken away from Saxony in the war of 1813, when the King of Saxony joined the French against the Allies, that is, the Rulers of Prussia and Russia. Well, now, my argument is this—that if Mr. Sachse's grandfather—

74. *The Hon. A. Robinson.*—I do not think Mr. Rees is here to make an argument; he is here to give us evidence.

75. *The Witness.*—Well, I want to know what evidence I can give.

76. *By the Chairman.*—I understood that you had a good deal of other information you had collected?—It is merely hearsay. For instance, I had a long talk with Mr. Duncan Cameron, who was a contemporary of Dr. Sachse, and he had no doubt whatever that Dr. Sachse was a Prussian. Mr. Duncan Cameron is the Editor of the *Toowoomba Gazette*, or, rather, the *Darling Downs Gazette*.

77. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—That is the paper from which you have the cutting?—Yes.

78. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—Have you the cutting there?—No, I merely scribbled the purport of it out of the files in the *Toowoomba Gazette* office. I could not take the paper, because it was on the file. Then I had a talk with Mr. Groom, the proprietor and editor of the *Toowoomba Chronicle*, and brother of Mr. Groom, M.H.R. He was a young man, but he remembered old Dr. Sachse well as a boy, and his impression was that he was a Prussian.

79. *By the Chairman.*—Did you get any information at all to show whether Dr. Sachse was born in the Westphalian Hallé, or in the other one?—No; I was not then aware that there were two Hallés in Germany. Since I have come back, however, I have looked up the various authorities, and I find there are two.

80. I have sent word for Mr. Sachse to produce the certificate of naturalization, and also any other documents he had, and, as Mr. Rees cannot give us any further evidence with regard to which Hallé is referred to, I think we had better call in Mr. Sachse and see what documents he has got.

81. *The Witness.*—I want most certainly to put in evidence which is here on record of Mr. Sachse's general conduct.

82. *The Hon. T. H. Payne.*—You will have to deal with the House for that; we have to confine ourselves to the nationality of Dr. Sachse.

83. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—Our duty is confined within the four corners of the resolution passed in the House?—Yes, that is the trouble. The two documents I placed before the House are the only evidence I can possibly produce.

* But see question 147.

84. *By the Chairman.*—You understand that neither of these documents gives the slightest indication as to whether Hallé was in Saxony at the time of the birth of Dr. Sachse, although it certainly was at the time the certificates were signed?—Yes, and I also want to say, as showing that Mr. Sachse believed that he was of alien origin, that he did not vote at the last Referendum; he never applied for a vote, and that shows his guilty knowledge of the position.

85. There may have been fifty other reasons which stopped him from voting?—But he and his lady are supposed to be strong conscriptionists.

86. We cannot go into that matter?—Very well.

The Honorable Member withdrew.

The Honorable A. O. Sachse, further examined.

87. *By the Chairman.*—I sent a message to you asking if you had any documentary evidence touching in any way upon your father's status, especially in regard to naturalization and anything else you had?—Yes, I have here my father's diploma as a doctor of medicine and surgery—[*handed in and marked Exhibit "C"*].

88. At what university was that issued?—The University of Berlin.

89. What does it say?—It is all in Latin, but I had it translated last night. It has the usual preamble of the diplomas issued at the University. It is dated 1839, and at the date of its issue my father was 27 years of age. After the preamble it says, according to the translation:—

J. F. C. Hecker—[*here follow six lines of his distinctions*]—Dean of the Medical Faculty, upon the most distinguished and most learned man, Frederick Otto Sachse, a Saxon, a most worthy candidate in medicine, after he had undergone a rigorous test and examination and had publicly upheld a dissertation on hip disease, on the 19th day of the month of December, 1839, duly conferred the privileges and immunities of a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery.—[*Here follows reference to the Seal.*]

You will notice that it reads "a Saxon," and not "of Saxony." Then, I also have here a letter from the police magistrate of Ipswich, New South Wales, but which is now Ipswich, Queensland. This relates to his naturalization, dated 14th April, 1855—[*handed in and marked Exhibit "D"*].

90. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—That is not a copy of the naturalization paper itself?—No, but it would appear to be all there is, evidently. This was in 1855, five years before I was born; and my father was practising in Ipswich then.

91. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—He would make a declaration when he was naturalized—could that be got at Ipswich, or would it be necessary to refer to the Supreme Court at Sydney?—In any case it is 63 years old, and I suppose there would be some difficulty in finding it.

92. *By the Chairman.*—Anyhow, the diploma is from the Berlin University, and one would have thought it likely that if he were a Prussian he would have described himself as a Prussian, yet he is described there as a Saxon?—I think I might fairly say that it might be regarded as sure that if he had been a Prussian he would never have been put down as a Saxon.

93. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—And if it had been translated as "of Saxony" it would still have the same effect?—Yes, but it is not "of Saxony," it is "a Saxon."

94. The important point is as to the identification of the town of Hallé—whether it is the one that is now and always has been Prussian, or whether it is the other one?—Quite so.

95. *By the Chairman.*—We have had some difficulty in finding out when your father was wounded; it must

have been 1848-1849?—Yes, that would fit in with his having come out here about that time.

96. So far as you know, did he come straight out here?—I think so—to South Australia.

97. *By the Hon. T. H. Payne.*—Where did he reside between 1839-1845?—I can only opine as to that. I hesitate, naturally, about giving a statement. I find that I have made several errors, both in the House and here, on points of that sort. I can merely give my impressions. I was a child at the time, and I am merely drawing upon something in my mind; it would not be there unless I had heard it somewhere. I think my father came out to South Australia first. I never heard in what ship, but I understood he took a very long time to come out here in a sailing vessel. He went to South Australia first, because years afterwards I met Baron von Mueller, and he asked whether I was any relation to Dr. Sachse, of Queensland, and he paid him a very high compliment as a medical man. Dr. von Mueller went to South Australia, and I understood they were pretty close friends when they came out. The Baron went exploring, and my father went to practice. I think they were together somewhere in South Australia, and my father went to Queensland somewhere about 1851, and he was a single man then.

98. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—Is it within your knowledge, or do you know by repute, that a considerable immigration from Germany to America and Australia took place at about that time?—Yes, a lot of University men left Germany—doctors, barristers, and students. I have heard all that talk somewhere or other, and I remember my brother once telling me that my father had told him that he received his wounds, which were quite obvious, in the neck and knee, as a surgeon fighting against the Prussians. I heard that from my brother, who is a little older than I; but so far as the birth of my father is concerned, all I know is, that, as a boy of ten or eleven years of age, I remember his saying to some people that he had been born in Paris, in France.

99. *By the Chairman.*—In the death certificate it states that the late Dr. Sachse's father was a Councillor of Justice; would that be a Councillor of Justice in Prussia?—I have not the slightest idea; that would be in Hallé evidently from that record, in Saxony.

100. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—You said just now you heard him tell some friends that he had been born in Paris?—Yes, I had that in my mind.

101. You said on Tuesday last that he told you?—Yes. I was going to correct that in the evidence.

102. In the previous evidence you say, "He told us he was born there." Now, just this minute you said that you heard him tell some friends?—Yes, I want to refer to the evidence, please. I might explain that the other night I was called away in the middle of the dinner, and I did not know that I had to give evidence. I had to give evidence to the best of my ability. I have since looked the matters up, and I find one or two little discrepancies which can be very quickly put right. In this particular instance, as near as I can remember, I must have been ten or eleven years of age, when my father was addressing two people, one of the men being a French priest. This priest was a visitor, and he could not speak English, and he said, "Why, doctor, you speak French like a Frenchman," and my father said, "I was born in Paris, and I learned to speak French there." To the best of my recollection he said he was born there, though he always said that Saxony was his native land all through. I would like now to correct my previous evidence, if I may. There is one correction to be made in regard to question No. 11, where it reads "He told us he was born there." It should be altered to read, "He said he was born there."

103. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—You still adhere to your statement about his spending some years in

school in Paris?—Yes, that is my impression—that he said that. I cannot say whether he stopped there immediately from the time of his birth. I think he went back home, and that years afterwards he went back to Paris to school as a pupil, because the French then held a high position in regard to infant education. I believe he said he spent five or six years in Paris or France. I do not know how long he stayed in Paris.

104. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—In question No. 12, it reads—

“12. *The Hon. A. Robinson.*—In your speech in the House you stated ‘My father was born in the city of Paris.’ That was made on the statement of your father to you?—Yes, on more than one occasion.”

You think now that that is not correct?—No, I do not think it is correct. I have been telling you just now what I can remember explicitly. I cannot remember more than one occasion explicitly, but I have the impression that he did tell us. I wish to alter that.

105. *By the Chairman.*—How?—As I said in the preceding paragraph—“He said he was born there.” I would not say that occurred on more than one occasion, but I would say it occurred on one occasion. I will alter it to read, “On the occasion mentioned above.” It was not said to me.

106. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—You overheard him saying to two others?—Yes. I wish the words “To you” left out in question No. 12.

107. That is Mr. Robinson’s question. The words “To you” are his, and you cannot eliminate his words, but you can alter your reply.

108. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—How far is Hallé from Paris?—About 500 miles.

108A. You said they were very close together?—That is as close as from here to Sydney. It was the Hallé in Saxony. I think the diploma fixes it, in my mind, that that is the Hallé referred to in both these declarations—the one in Saxony.

109. *By the Hon. T. H. Payne.*—Your father was married twice; were there any children by the first marriage?—Amelia Frances, Francis, and I are the children by the first marriage.

110. *By the Chairman.*—Is there anything else you wish to state?—I would like to refer to the various corrections I wish made.

111. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—In that paragraph you are very definite that your father was born in Paris while your parents were on a visit there?—I am going on what he told us—on what I overheard him say at that interview.

112. But it is very definite, because you say he was taking a month’s holiday presumably at the time. There must have been several circumstances in your mind to fix that, because it is such a definite statement?—No, there was nothing at all in my mind.

113. *By the Chairman.*—You say he was born in Paris—that is, to the best of your belief?—Yes, I can only speak of what I heard.

114. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—Do you say that, to the best of your belief, he was born in Paris?—Yes.

115. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—Do you still say that now after seeing these documents?—Yes, I have only my recollection to go on; I might make a mistake, but that is my recollection.

116. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—The difficulty is this—there is your definite statement in the House that your father was born in Paris, and, as against that, there is a definite statement, supported by documentary evidence, that he was born in Hallé, which was Saxony at the time. If in the House you had stated, “Well, to the best of my belief, I have heard my father state to others that he was born in Paris while his parents were there on a holiday,” that would

be a different statement altogether?—Yes, but honorable members must remember this—that the speech made by Mr. Rees came up suddenly, without any knowledge on my part, and I had to reply suddenly, and I dropped into several little inaccuracies, which one naturally does in a hurried reply. Had I known the matter would have resolved into this, I would not have replied straight away.

117. Well, now, in the light of the information that has been supplied to this Committee, and brought under your notice, do you still think, as against this documentary evidence, that your father was born in Paris?—Naturally, those documents shake my belief as against my own recollection.

118. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—You can only speak from your recollection?—Yes, I can only remember my father saying that; what else can I say—I can only say what I feel and know and think.

119. *By the Hon. A. Robinson.*—Did you ever at any time have occasion to obtain the death certificate of your father?—Never.

120. Were you ever at any time aware of the contents of the registration of his death?—Never.

121. I take it, therefore, that you made the statement to the House resting it on your recollection of the conversation you mentioned?—Yes, absolutely. I have never seen a copy of my own birth certificate until it was brought here.

122. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—Were there any other brothers or sisters whom you have lost, and whose deaths have been registered?—No.

123. *By the Chairman.*—Is there anything else that you wish to correct in the evidence?—There is a statement in answer to question No. 4 where it mentions “Who was at Hanover.” I do not know anything about Hanover, and I do not think I said anything about it. I cannot account for that being there.

124. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—I think you said Hallé, not Hanover?—Yes, it should be altered to Hallé.

125. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—This is all on a supposition derived from a recollection of a conversation which took place many years ago, and it is evidently built up on the supposition that the father was born in Paris; is it within your recollection that, included in the same conversation, your father said he was educated or had spent some portion of his early life in Paris?—No, I am merely giving impressions. I cannot remember the details of the conversation at all.

126. *By the Chairman.*—The whole thing is founded merely on memory?—Yes. Now, with regard to question 10, viz. :—

“10. The Chairman, it was stated that your father was born in France?—Actually born there, but I do not know whether he was registered there.”

In that case I would like the word “actually”

127. *The Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—It is as well to see the position we are getting into. We are altering the whole of the sense of the evidence completely. These are not only grammatical or typographical alterations.

128. *The Hon. A. Robinson.*—But I take it that they will be set out completely in the evidence to-day. The original evidence will be printed, and to-day’s evidence printed separately, instead of making the alterations on the original, so that it will not alter the records.

129. *The Hon. W. J. Beckett.*—In this case, in response to the Chairman’s question (No. 10), the witness stated his father was “actually born” in Paris. At that time it seems there was no doubt in Mr. Sachse’s mind as to his father being born in Paris,

and all his evidence is built up on that. To-day there is a doubt in his mind, and his recollection now is in consequence of a conversation he heard. In the light of the documentary evidence available, it would appear that his father was born in Hallé in Saxony, and that makes a considerable difference. In the light of that evidence, it alters the questions to which we were anticipating receiving answers from another source.

130. *The Chairman*.—I think myself that if a person was born in another country while his parents were there on a temporary visit, that would not alter his nationality?

131. *The Hon. A. Robinson*.—No; it would not.

132. *The Chairman*.—The nationality of the child would be according to the domicile of the parents?

133. *The Hon. A. Robinson*.—Yes.

134. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett*.—But there is nothing definite about the parents at all now—it is simply recollection?—I think I mentioned that in speaking before. I have no evidence whatsoever as to his being born in Paris.

135. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt*.—You were very definite last Tuesday night, and in this question No. 10 you emphasized the matter by saying that he was “actually born” there. Now you wish to alter it, which shows that your mind has undergone some change on the subject; you want to strike out “actually”?—Well, leave it in. I did not know what “actually born” meant.

136. I think you wanted to emphasize it?—No; I did not know the difference between being “actually born” and “born.” We will leave it as it is.

137. *The Chairman*.—Is there anything further?—I have a number of things, but if there is any objection I will not alter them at all. I just spoke in a conversational manner on that evening.

138. *The Hon. A. Robinson*.—You may correct the evidence if you confine yourself to corrections of inaccuracies, and not as to the importance of the language.

139. *By the Hon. T. H. Payne*.—Would not your brother be likely to know more of this matter than you?—No, I do not think he knows anything at all about it. I do not think he could give you any information.

140. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt*.—And it would be a difficult matter to get him?—Yes, it would.

141. Is there anybody else who could help us; is there any old person who was a close relative of your father's?—Not a soul; it is so long ago.

142. There is no kind of record that you can think of?—No, there is only one man that I can think of who knew my father. I have seen him and asked him, and he did not know anything whatever, except that he knew he was a very nice fellow, and so on. There is one thing that I find a difficulty in regard to, and no doubt every one else does the same—that is, in regard to “German” and “Germany.” It appears that everything south of the Rhine was called Germany—that is, before the German Empire was created. All those States were called German States, and I get mixed up, so that I do not know what they are.

143. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett*.—The other Hallé is on the Rhine, is it not?—It is the Saxony Hallé; there is no doubt about that.

144. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt*.—Before the Franco-Prussian War, there were States like Baden and Wurtemberg, forming a confederacy, and it was not until the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71 that the German Empire was established?—That is so. Then with regard to question 57 of the printed evidence, viz. :—

“57. The Chairman: But there is the fact that, at the time of his birth, this part was Saxony,

not Germany.” It would be Germany, because everything south of the Rhine was called Germany. Where Germany is mentioned in that question I think it should be altered to “Prussia” or “The German Empire.”

145. But it is not the German Empire?—That is where the whole fogging comes in.

146. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett*.—The Chairman's intention was apparently to say, “Saxony, not Prussia”?—Yes.

147. *The Chairman*.—I think we might alter “Germany” to “Prussia” in that question, because that was certainly in my mind. It was an independent Kingdom altogether?—I have always regarded it as being an entirely separate kingdom—up to the time the Prussians took the first and the German Empire absorbed the rest of it.

148. *The Hon. A. Robinson*.—It was a federation, not an absorption; the countries had their own postage stamps and their own coinage.

149. *The Hon. J. K. Merritt*.—But they have not now.

150. *The Hon. A. Robinson*.—Yes, they have.

151. *The Hon. W. J. Beckett*.—I do not know whether it is a fair question to ask, but, subject to your approval, Mr. Chairman, I would like you to ask Mr. Sachse, whether his father, when he was alive, considered he was a Prussian, or whether he was generally considered a Prussian.

152. *The Chairman*.—I think that is a fair question, but Mr. Sachse has given evidence that his father detested Prussia.

153. *The Witness*.—To my knowledge he always called himself a Saxon, and he has told us many times that in Saxony, “Sachse” meant “Saxon.” My name is absolutely a Saxon name.

154. *The Hon. W. J. Beckett*.—Prior to the advent of this war, we did not hear any of these descriptions at all—a German was a German, no matter where he came from, but now, since the war, if they were born in certain districts they do not consider themselves Germans.

155. *The Hon. J. K. Merritt*.—We have the history of the absorption of Schleswig-Holstein, by the Germans—they did not call themselves Germans, and they naturally resented being called Germans.

156. *The Hon. W. J. Beckett*.—But that was hardly the case four or five years ago, and if such a man were then asked if he were of German descent, he would say “yes.”

157. *The Hon. J. K. Merritt*.—Yes, I think we know that the federation of the German Empire in 1871 led to a great outburst of German nationalism, and any one in any of the States forming the German Empire afterwards called himself a German.

158. *By the Hon. W. J. Beckett*.—I suppose if we had asked you, Mr. Sachse, three or four years ago if you were of German descent, you would have said, “Yes, I am a German”?—No, I would have said that I was a Saxon, because my father was always so opposed to being called a German. I think many people here could tell you that I have always disowned the word “German.” When “Prussia” came up my father always spoke very bitterly against it as having been the country that robbed him of his native land. He was intensely bitter against it.

The Honorable Member withdrew.

The Committee adjourned until Tuesday next at a quarter to 4 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

Present:

The Hon. WALTER S. MANIFOLD (in the Chair),
The Hon. W. J. Beckett, | The Hon. A. Robinson.
The Hon. J. K. Merritt, | The Hon. T. H. Payne,

The Honorable A. O. Sachse, further examined.

159. *The Witness.*—It is very good of the Committee to give me an opportunity of reading a letter which arrived at the moment I telephoned to you. This is from Mr. R. Falkiner. Attached to the letter is a cutting from the *Courier*, presumably the *Brisbane Courier*, of 23rd February, 1918. The cutting is as follows:—

A QUESTION OF NATIONALITY.

Melbourne, 21st February.

Evidence was taken at the State Parliament House to-day by the Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Council to inquire into the charges made by Mr. Rees, M.L.C., as to the nationality of Mr. Arthur Otto Sachse, M.L.C. Mr. Sachse, called, produced a diploma of medicine and surgery issued to his father by the Berlin University in 1839. He stated that it described Dr. Sachse as a Saxon, or of Saxony. He wished it stated that Saxony was his father's homeland, and his native land. He still thought that his father was born in Paris. He had never seen a copy of his own birth certificate till it was brought before the Committee. A considerable number of years before he was born his father was naturalized. His mother was born in Ireland. After deliberating upon the evidence the Committee adjourned till Tuesday, when it will further deliberate, and will consider its draft report.

At a quarter to 4 to-day—at 3.45 to the minute—the postman delivered this letter at my office, with the office letters. It is as follows:—

Wynnum, Queensland,
23rd February, 1918.

My Dear Old Friend,

In glancing over the *Brisbane Courier* I noticed an article which I enclose. I remember your dear old father in 1867. I was then manager of the Australian Joint Stock Bank at Toowoomba. He and I were very intimate and friendly, and had many chats about old times. He told me he was a number of years in France (Paris). He was a loyal man, and told me he never wished to return to the Old Country. To tell you candidly, I was quite convinced he was a Frenchman. If you think my evidence of any value I will go down to Melbourne at my own expense. Will wire you on Monday, too late to-day, just in time for mail.

I remain with kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

R. FALKINER.

Excuse the scrawl. I am 75 years of age, and at times suffer from rheumatism.

Wire me on receipt.

I desire to put this in. It was unasked for, and was sent voluntarily.

160. *The Chairman.*—Of course there is no evidence in that. It is only a matter of the writer's belief about Mr. Sachse's father being a Frenchman. Mr. Payne wishes to ask a question.

161. *The Witness.*—I wish also to say this. I mentioned the other day that there was an old friend of my father's here, but that I did not think he could give any particular evidence as to my father's place of birth. But he knew my father very well, and you could call him for whatever his evidence may be worth. He wrote

me the following letter from the Commercial Travellers' Club:—

Melbourne, 20th February, 1918.

Dear Mr. Sachse,

In reference to what appears in this morning's dailies, although your late father's character is not in question, I wish to say that I had the pleasure of knowing him in Toowoomba in 1865. He was a worthy man, popular, and as a medical man stood high in reputation.

Yours sincerely,

W. FINUCANE.

The Hon. A. O. Sachse, M.L.C.

I will put that letter in for whatever it may be worth. I have seen, by the newspapers only, that the Honorable R. B. Rees, when visiting Queensland, had an interview with the proprietor of the *Toowoomba Chronicle*, H. Groom, a brother of Mr. Groom, M.H.R. I only had this evidence given me a few minutes ago. Mr. Rees said in his evidence—

Then I had a talk with Mr. Groom, the proprietor and editor of the *Toowoomba Chronicle*, and brother of Mr. Groom, M.H.R. He was a young man, but he remembered old Dr. Sachse well as a boy, and his impression was that he was a Prussian.

I cannot say exactly what is Mr. Harry Groom's age, but I do not think he is more than one year older than I am, so that his impression as to whether my father was a Prussian, or a Saxon, or a Chimpanzee is of no value. It is not evidence of value if he was only about fourteen when my father died.

162. *By the Hon. T. H. Payne.*—Do you know whether your father was insured at death?—No, he was not, unfortunately.

163. As a rule the place of birth is put down in the particulars of the insurance?—I do not think my father's life was ever insured.

164. *By the Hon. J. K. Merritt.*—Of course, you know where he was buried?—In Toowoomba.

165. Do you know if his birthplace is stated on his gravestone?—It states that it is in memory of Frederick Otto Sachse, M.D. The stone bears the name of my mother, to whom he was devotedly attached until the hour of her death. I think, but I am not quite sure, that the one stone carries four names. There is no mention of the birthplace on it. As I have explained, we have not many family relics, but my recollection of what my father said to me is very keen and vivid, although it was 45 years ago. I should like to say, with regard to the other gentleman whom Mr. Rees refers to as having said something about knowing my father to be a Prussian, that I do not think he was there during my father's lifetime, or at the time of my father's death. I think if that statement is to be considered at all, it should be tested in the same way as that of Mr. Harry Groom. Mr. Harry Groom's evidence is utterly valueless. I should mention another thing. In 1862 my father was appointed coroner of the district—that was, the chief magistrate. Mr. Robinson will know what the position of the coroner of Darling Downs would be. It is an office he held for some years. I do not know how many years. The ages of the writers of the two letters I have produced are about 72 or 73. They both speak of my father as a highly educated gentleman. Mr. Finucane says my father was a great humorist, and the entertainer of any society he was in, and a highly cultured English speaker. Mr. Rees says my father did not understand the language or customs of the place. Yet at that time he was coroner of the district.

166. *The Chairman.*—I do not think that has a bearing on the subject.

167. *The Witness.*—That letter completely verifies my statement as to my father's French leanings and French education.

The Honorable Member withdrew.

APPENDICES.

EXHIBIT "A."

Certificate No. 45881.

DEATHS IN THE DISTRICT OF TOOWOOMBA IN THE COLONY OF QUEENSLAND.
Registered by Thomas P. Haslam.

| No. | Description. | | | (1) Cause of death. (2) Duration of last illness. (3) Medical Attendant by whom certified, and (4) When he last saw deceased. | Name and Surname of Father and Mother (Maiden Surname), if known, with rank or profession. | Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant. | (1) Signature of District Registrar. (2) Date, and (3) Where registered. | If Burial Registered. | | Where born, and how long in the Australian States, stating which. | If Deceased was Married— | |
|------|--|---|-----------------|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| | When and where died. | Name and Surname, Rank, or Profession. | Sex and age. | | | | | When and where buried. Undertaker by whom certified. | Name and Religion of Minister or Names of Witnesses of Burial. | | (1) Where, and at what (2) Age, and to whom. (3) Whom. | Issue, in order of Birth, their names and ages. |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) |
| 1850 | 13th July, 1873. Margaret-street, Toowoomba | Frederick Otto Sachse. Doctor of Medicine. | Male, 61 years. | (1) Debility. (2) Six weeks. (3) C. J. Anderson. (4) 12th July, 1873. | Johannes Sachse. Councillor of Justice. Fredericka Wache. | Certified in writing by Amelia Frances Sachse. Daughter of deceased. Margaret-street, Toowoomba. | (1) Thos. P. Haslam. (2) 15th July, 1873. (3) Toowoomba. | 17th July, 1873. Toowoomba Cemetery. C. T. Edwards. | Rev. W. Abraham. Church of England. C. T. Edwards. L. Bubeck. | Halle, Germany. 20 years in the Colony. | (1) 1st—Ipswich, Queensland. 2nd—Brisbane, Queensland (2) 1st—40 years. 2nd—56 years. (3) 1st—Jane Glisson 2nd—Elizabeth Schermeister | Living. years (1st) Amelia 19 Frances Francis .. 16 Arthur Otto 13 Deceased—none. Living. years (2nd) Clarence 3 Herbert .. 2 Deceased—none. |

I, JOHN JOSEPH LEAHY, District Registrar, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in a Register of Deaths kept in the District Registry Office at Toowoomba, and I further certify that I am a person duly authorized by law to issue such certificate.

Extracted this fourteenth day of February, 1918.

(Sgd.) J. J. LEAHY,
District Registrar.

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1860.

EXHIBIT "B."

Certificate No. 36569.

BIRTHS IN THE DISTRICT OF DRAYTON, IN THE COLONY OF QUEENSLAND.
Registered by G. H. Loveday.

| No. | CHILD. | | PARENTS. | | | INFORMANT. | WITNESSES. | REGISTRAR. |
|------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | When and where born. | Name and Sex, whether present or not. | Father. | | Mother. | | | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) (4) | (1) Name and Surname. (2) Rank or profession of the father. (3) Age, and (4) Birthplace. (5) | (1) When and where married. (2) Previous issue, living and deceased. (6) | (1) Name and maiden surname of the mother. (2) Age, and (3) Birthplace. (7) | (8) | (1) Accoucheur. (2) Nurse, or (3) Names of witnesses. (9) | (1) Signature of District Registrar. (2) Date, and (3) Where registered. (10) |
| 153 357 | 22nd May, 1860 Toowoomba. | Arthur Otto, male. Not present | (1) Otto Sachse. (2) Doctor of Medicine. (3) 48 years. (4) Halle, Prussia. | (1) 1852, Ipswich, Queensland. (2) Amelia Frances, 7. Francis Herbert, 4. Both living. | (1) Frances Jane Glissan. (2) 23 years. (3) Nina, Ireland. | Otto Sachse. Father. Toowoomba. | (1) Otto Sachse. (2) Mrs. Minehan. (3) Mrs. Glissan. | (1) G. H. Loveday. (2) 13th July, 1860. (3) Drayton. |

I, NORMAN JAMES MACLEOD, Registrar-General, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an entry in a Register of Births kept in the General Registry Office, Brisbane, and I further certify that I am a person duly authorized by law to issue such certificate.

Extracted this seventh day of February, 1918.

(Sgd.) N. J. MACLEOD,
Registrar General.

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EXHIBIT "C."

TRANSLATION.

Translation of Diploma issued to Dr. F. O. Sachse on the 19th December, 1839.

(Usual preamble of Diploma of Frederick William University).

J. F. C. Hecker (here follow six lines of his distinctions), Dean of the Medical Faculty, upon the most distinguished and most learned man, Frederick Otto Sachse, *a Saxon*, a most worthy candidate in medicine, after he had undergone a rigorous test and examination and had publicly upheld a dissertation on Hip Disease, on the 19th day of the month of December, 1839, duly conferred the privileges and immunities of a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery (here follows reference to the seal).

(Copy.)

EXHIBIT "D."

No. 55/71.

Police Office,
Ipswich, 14th April, 1855.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 11th inst., requesting me to forward to you a testimonial stating that you had taken the oath of Naturalization before me, and paid the necessary fees into this Office for the same, I do myself the honour to state that the oath of Naturalization under the Act 11. Vict. £1 16 6 No. 39 was duly taken by you before me, and the fee of One pound sixteen shillings and sixpence was paid by you into this Office and forwarded on from hence to Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, Sydney.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) CHA. GEO. GRAY,
P.M.

OTTO SACHSE, Esq.,
Warwick.



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