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WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1917.

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

FURTHER PROROGUING PARLIAMENT, AND FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH 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 prorogued until Tuesday, the twenty-second day of May, 1917: Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of June, 1917, and I do hereby fix Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of June, 1917, aforesaid, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, 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 fifteenth day of May, 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!

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 have summoned you for the consideration of important public business.

The end of the War is not yet in sight, and the circumstances demand that every effort should still be made to achieve a decisive victory and a lasting peace.

Under the agreement entered into at the Premiers' Conference in November, 1915, between the Commonwealth and the State Governments (exclusive of New South Wales), the Commonwealth Treasurer was to raise, during 1917, £7,450,000 in London for the use of the States. At a conference held in January of this year, the States agreed, in order to reduce the demand on London, to restrict their London borrowings by £2,050,000. My Advisers agreed to a reduction of this State's original share of £1,614,000 to £414,000, thus arranging that £1,200,000 of the total reduction should be made by this State.

The Government, recognising the urgent necessity for the strictest economy, has made every effort to reduce the cost of the public departments, and considerable savings have been made in public expenditure.

In all future appointments to the public and railway services preference will be given to returned soldiers and sailors who are found suitable for such employment.

The important subject of Land Settlement by Returned Soldiers has received the earnest attention of my Advisers, and, in terms of the Resolution of the Premiers' Conference of January last, the Bill submitted for the last session of Parliament has been carefully revised, and will be presented for your early consideration. Already 160 soldiers have been granted allotments.

The Royal Commission on Closer Settlement appointed in March, 1914, after a full and prolonged investigation, submitted its final Report on 8th November, 1916. This Report has been the subject of careful deliberation, and my Advisers purpose submitting amendments of the existing law for the attention of Parliament.

The Government is fully alive to the very serious effect which the loss of and interference with shipping is likely to have on the exportable surplus of our primary products. Earnest consideration is being given to the means that must be adopted to prevent the serious losses which will occur in the meat, fruit, and dairying industries unless Government aid in storing and marketing is given.

The advantages of the Wheat Marketing Scheme to producers are made evident by the fact that a further advance of 6d. per bushel, to be made on the 2nd July, will make the total payment to date 4s. 6d. per bushel less rail freight and handling charges in respect of the 1915-16 harvest. There should be an additional few pence per bushel to distribute on the final adjustment of the Pool.

Through the medium of the Wheat Pool, the Imperial Government has purchased at an excellent price a substantial proportion of the 1916-17 harvest. Notwithstanding the fact that there is very little prospect of shipment being made before the end of the year, the Imperial Government has already paid about nine millions for wheat, the greater portion of which is still in Victoria. My Advisers desire to place on record the deep appreciation of the people of Victoria of this generous treatment by which our wheat-growers have been saved from disaster. It will be imperative to continue the Wheat Scheme for another year.

Surveys and boring of the black and brown coal-fields have been actively continued. Carbonizing tests on a fairly large scale and laboratory investigations are giving satisfactory results in gas production and by-products from brown coal.

Schemes for the use of brown coal for power production and other purposes are under consideration, and the outlook is distinctly favorable.

Parliament will be asked to provide an appropriation for the development and improvement of the natural forests, and for the extension of tree plantations and nurseries throughout the State and a Bill will be introduced to put forest development on a more progressive basis.

An important step in prison reform was taken by the Government at the beginning of the financial year, when sanction was given to the purchase of a farm at Castlemaine and the establishment of an afforestation Camp at French Island. The two schemes are in aid of the reformatory principles combined in the indeterminate sentences system. The chief benefit looked for is the effect they will have in reforming the prisoners and restoring them to honest citizenship. The results are very encouraging.

Ample provision has now been made to cope with any further outbreaks of that dread disease Meningitis in our midst. Two special wards, male and female, to accommodate one hundred patients, have been erected and fitted up in connexion with the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Steps are being taken to provide and lay out a suitable site for noxious trades, where new industries of that character can be started, and to which those existing now in populous centres may be ultimately removed.

The problems which are arising out of the War bring into greater relief the necessity of steadily extending and perfecting our system of national education, and despite the financial stringency, the Government considers that it would be inimical to the best interests of the community to starve our education system at the present juncture or in any way to hinder its continuous development.

New technical schools in suitable districts are to be established, and arrangements will be made to define strictly the scope and aim of the work to be taken in each school. Provision will also be made for higher education in several provincial centres.

The River Murray Commission has now been duly constituted and has commenced its labours. Surveys and boring are in progress to ascertain the most suitable site for the storage on the Upper Murray.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the construction of the important storage at "Sugar-loaf," on the Goulburn River, with the work for the enlargement of the Waranga Basin, and with Taylor's Lake storage near Horsham.

The Melton Reservoir for the supply of Werribee District, the new storage at Fyan's Lake, near Lake Lonsdale, as well as the additions to the Upper Coliban Reservoir, are now completed.

When all the storage works mentioned are completed they will raise the total storage provision in the State to 960,000 acre-feet of water, as against a total capacity of 548,000 acre-feet in 1916, and 172,000 acre-feet in 1902.

The Government deemed it advisable to have a complete investigation of the working of the Railway system, and secured the services of Mr. T. R. Johnson, formerly Chief Commissioner of Railways in New South Wales, for the purpose.

Owing to the abnormally high cost of coal, material, and stores, and the increased cost of labour, the Railway expenditure will be considerably in excess of the revenue. The Government has received a Progress Report from the Royal Commissioner, and, in accordance with his recommendation, has approved of a new schedule of freights and fares, to become operative from 1st July next.

Owing to great difficulty in obtaining supplies of steel rails, and the necessity for restricting capital expenditure to the lowest practicable limit, the programme of railway construction has been curtailed. The work is confined principally to four (4) lines, well advanced, for which there are special reasons for an early opening. On three (3) other lines, where stoppage would involve considerable loss through wastage and depreciation, work is proceeding slowly.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report as to the working of the Public Departments has almost completed its inquiries, and will shortly submit its Final Report.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates of Expenditure which will be laid before you have been framed with a due regard to economy.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

Bills dealing with the following subjects will be laid before you:—Control of Tramways in the Metropolitan Area, Wheat Storage, Regulation of the Price of Gas, Melbourne General Markets, Subsidiary Roads, Aborigines, Amendment of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Melbourne University, Censorship of Films, Apprenticeship (War Conditions), and other matters of interest and importance to the people of the State.

I now leave you to your deliberations, which will, I trust, under the blessing of Providence, promote the material prosperity 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 the President (J. M. Davies), W. A. Adamson, W. Angliss, A. A. Austin, W. I. Baillieu, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, J. D. Brown, F. G. Clarke, E. J. Croke, J. H. Disney, A. Hicks, J. P. Jones, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, D. Melville, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, A. Robinson, A. O. Sachse, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White 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, 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, WILLIAM ANGLISS, 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 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. 2418, 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 £420.

"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, 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 ALBERT AUSTIN."

"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 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 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 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 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, 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, 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, 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 Holy 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, JAMES HERBERT DISNEY*, 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 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.

"J. H. DISNEY."

"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, 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.

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“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, DONALD MELVILLE*, 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 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 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 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 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 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, ARTHUR ROBINSON*, 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 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 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 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."

"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 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 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."

"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 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 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."

5. RESIGNATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The President announced that he had received the following communications:—

January 25th, 1917.

Government Cottage,
Macedon Upper.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I have the honour to forward a copy of a letter received by me this day from the Honorable John Young McDonald, M.L.C., resigning his membership of the Legislative Council of Victoria for the Wellington Province.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. President,

Your very obedient servant,

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor.

The Honorable J. M. DAVIES, M.L.C.,
President of the Legislative Council.

[COPY.]

Ballarat, 22nd January, 1917.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour under the provisions of The Constitution Act to tender to you my resignation as a member of the Legislative Council of Victoria for the Wellington Province.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

(Signed) JOHN YOUNG McDONALD.

His Excellency

The Honorable

Sir A. L. STANLEY, K.C.M.G.,

Governor of Victoria.

Ballarat, 22nd January, 1917.

DEAR MR. DAVIES,

I regret that owing to the state of my health I am unable to attend to my Parliamentary duties, and have this day forwarded to His Excellency the Governor my resignation as a member of the Legislative Council for the Wellington Province, and would take this opportunity of thanking you and the members for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me during my term as a member. With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

J. Y. McDONALD.

State Government House,

Melbourne, 20th April, 1917.

SIR,

I have the honour by direction of the Governor to enclose the letter of the Honorable Adam McLellan, dated 20th April, 1917, resigning his seat as a member of the Legislative Council of the State of Victoria for the Melbourne East Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

VICTOR NELSON HOOD,

Private Secretary.

The Honorable The President

of the Legislative Council,

State Parliament House,

Melbourne.

State Parliament House,

Melbourne, April 20th, 1917.

To His Excellency the Governor,

Hon. Sir A. L. STANLEY, K.C.M.G.,

Government House,

Melbourne.

SIR,

I do myself the honour to inform you that I hereby resign my seat as a member of the Legislative Council of the State of Victoria for the Melbourne East Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ADAM McLELLAN.

6. RETURNS TO WRITS (BY-ELECTIONS).—The President announced that during the recess he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve for the following Provinces:—

Gippsland Province, in the place of the Honorable William Pearson, resigned;

Wellington Province, in the place of the Honorable John Young McDonald, resigned; and

Melbourne East Province, in the place of the Honorable Adam McLellan, resigned;

and that there had been returned to him such Writs, and by the indorsements thereon it appeared that George Martley Davis had been elected for the Gippsland Province, Alexander Bell for the Wellington Province, and Daniel Laurence McNamara for the Melbourne East Province.

7. SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS.—The Honorables G. M. Davis, A. Bell, and D. L. McNamara having approached the Table, took and subscribed the oath required by law, and 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, GEORGE MARTLEY 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*, ALEXANDER BELL, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and eighty-three pounds above all charges and encumbrances 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 brick shops in Skipton-street; store in Mackenzie-street; shops in South-street; house in Skipton-street; and residence in Wendouree Parade.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the City of Ballarat are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £283."

"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*, DANIEL LAURENCE McNAMARA, 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 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."

8. LUNACY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill to amend the Lunacy Acts was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The President laid upon the Table the following Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

VICTORIA.

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

The Honorable John George Aikman,
The Honorable James Drysdale Brown,
The Honorable Francis Grenville Clarke,
The Honorable John Percy Jones,
The Honorable Walter Synnott Manifold,
The Honorable Horace Frank Richardson, 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 twenty-seventh day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

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

10. THE LATE HONORABLE ROBERT BECKETT.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That this House desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss it has sustained through the death of the Honorable Robert Beckett, one of the Members for the East Yarra Province.

And other honorable members having addressed the House—

The President (the Honorable J. M. Davies) said—In putting this motion, I desire to say a few words to express my affection and esteem for our late fellow member. The day before his death Mr. Beckett dictated a letter to me, which he himself signed. I will read the letter:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

The prospects of my rejoining you and my colleagues on the re-assembling of Parliament do not at present seem to be very bright. I would therefore just like to say that I have greatly enjoyed my four years of parliamentary life. I have always much appreciated the confidence reposed in me, and the consideration extended to me by yourself, by the Chairman of Committees, and every member of the Chamber, including also the staff of the House.

Surrey Hills,
June 1, 1917.

I am, yours truly,
ROBT. BECKETT.

Mr. Beckett was with us for only four years, but during that time he proved his worth. He took a great interest in every measure that came before the House, and although he spoke often, he never spoke without a full grasp of the question he was dealing with. In matters involving legal knowledge he showed wonderful ability, not only as far as the existing law was concerned, but in the history of the law. Although he spoke with earnestness, and forcibly, he never said a word that left a sting, or caused any kind of irritation. All honorable members respected him, and listened attentively to all that he said. We may ask ourselves why such a useful man was taken from us. It seems as if men perish in advance—as if the sun should set ere noon. Then to show his bravery after he had received what Mr. Manifold called his death-warrant, he bravely made up his mind that he would continue his duties in this House so long as and as far as his strength would allow, and he did that. It is not necessary for me to speak of his work as a municipal councillor, and as a member of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, or of the great service he rendered to the church of which he was a member—for twenty-three years, I think, he was superintendent of the Sunday-school—or of the way in which he undertook onerous family duties, for when Mr. Beckett was twenty-seven years of age, he, on his father's death, took up all the responsibilities of a father towards a large number of sisters and brothers, and nobly did his duty. No man probably ever faced death so serenely and calmly, so joyously anticipating future life. He could triumphantly say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" because he said to his minister a few days before he died that the outlook was splendid. The question was then put and, honorable members signifying their assent by rising in their places, unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

11. THE TITLE OF "HONORABLE."—The President announced that he had received the following papers in connexion with the retention of the title of "Honorable" by Mr. William Pearson, who had served continuously as a Member of the Legislative Council for a period of more than ten years, which were read by the Clerk:—

[COPY.]

Services of Mr. William Pearson as a Member of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Pearson was elected a Member of the Legislative Council for the Gippsland Province on the 18th September, 1896, and sat continuously as a Member for the said Province until the 22nd December, 1916, a period of twenty years.

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

Premier's Office,
Melbourne, 19th June, 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction, to forward herewith, for the information of Members of the Legislative Council, a copy of a despatch which has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies (through His Excellency the Governor) notifying that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honorable" by Mr. William Pearson, who has served continuously as a Member of the Legislative Council of Victoria for a period of more than ten years.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. SHORT,
Secretary to the Premier.

The Honorable the President of the Legislative Council,
State Parliament House, Melbourne.

[COPY.]

Downing-street,
12th April, 1917.

VICTORIA.
MISCELLANEOUS.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 2 of the 10th January, and to request you to inform your Ministers that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honorable" by Mr. William Pearson, who has served continuously as a Member of the Legislative Council of the State of Victoria for a period of more than ten years.

2. A notification to this effect will be published in the *London Gazette*.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,
(Sgd.) WALTER H. LONG.

GOVERNOR,

The Honorable
SIR A. L. STANLEY, K.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c., &c.

12. PUBLIC SERVICE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, a Bill to amend the *Public Service Act* 1915 and the *Public Service Act* 1915 (No. 2) was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
13. RAILWAYS ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, a Bill to amend the *Railways Act* 1915 was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
14. POLICE REGULATION ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, a Bill to amend the *Police Regulation Act* 1915 was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
15. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
- Education.—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1915-16.
 Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons.—Report and Statistical Tables for the year 1915.
 Premiers' Conference.—
 Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Premiers' Conference held at Melbourne, December, 1916.
 Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Premiers' Conference (with Ministers of Lands) held at Melbourne, January, 1917 (adjourned from December, 1916).
 Public Service Commissioner—Report for the year 1916.
 Railways.—Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Working as a Business Undertaking of the Victorian Railways.
 Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1915—
 Part IX.—Production.
 Part X.—Interchange.
 Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board.—Annual Report for the year 1916.
 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 XII. (e) rescinded and Regulation substituted.
- Regulation XXI. rescinded and Regulation substituted.
- Regulation XXIX (clause 3) rescinded.
- Regulation XXXIV. (clause 10) rescinded.
- Regulation XXXV. rescinded and Regulation substituted.
- Regulation XXXVII.—New sub-clause added.

Electric Light and Power Act 1915—Report respecting Applications and Proceedings for the year 1916.

Fire Brigades Act 1915—Report of the Country Fire Brigades Board for the year ended 31st December, 1916.

Fungicides Act 1916—Regulations.

Heatherton Sanatorium Act 1916—Regulations—Election of Heatherton Sanatorium Board.

Infectious Diseases Hospital Act 1914—Regulations.

Insolvency Act 1915—Regulations under Section 209.

Legal Profession Practice Act 1915—Council of Legal Education—Rule relating to the Qualification of Candidates to practise as Barristers and Solicitors, and for the admission of such Candidates to practise.

Licensing Acts—

- Regulation—Registration of barmaids.
- Rules (2 papers).

Local Government Act 1915—Regulations under Part XXXIX.—Renewal of Licences to occupy Unused Roads and Water Frontages.

Marine Act 1915—Amendment of Regulations relating to the examination of—

- Engineers.
- Masters and Mates.

Marine Board of Victoria—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year ended the 31st December, 1916.

Medical Act 1915—Pharmacy Board of Victoria—Regulations.

Mental Treatment Act 1915—Regulations—Order amended.

Mines Act 1915—List of Suspensions of the Labour Covenants of Mining Leases and Licences granted during the year 1916.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways—Twenty-seventh General Report.

Poisons Act 1915—

- Order amended
- Regulations.

Public Service Act 1915—

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

Regulation rescinded and Regulation substituted—Election of Classifier.

Regulations—

Attendance and Conduct of Officers, Chapter XIII.—New Clause substituted for Clause 33.

Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Chief Secretary.

Department of Treasurer (3 papers).

Department of Agriculture (3 papers).

Department of Law.

General.

Leave of Absence, Chapter XIV.—New Clause substituted for Clause 5.

Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—

Department of Agriculture.

Department of Public Instruction.

Railways—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners—

For the quarter ending 31st December, 1916.

For the quarter ending 31st March, 1917.

Tramway Board Act 1915—Return under Section 21 relating to goods, machinery, or material not manufactured in the Commonwealth, which have been purchased by or for the Tramway Board.

University of Melbourne—Report of the Proceedings from 31st July, 1915, to 31st July, 1916; together with four Appendices.

Venereal Diseases Act 1916—Regulations relating to Venereal Diseases.

Wheat Marketing Act 1915—Statement of Accounts and Balance-sheet of the Victorian Wheat Commission for the 1915-16 season.

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

The Honorable A. Bell 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 A. Bell moved, That the Committee consist of the Honorables A. Bell, W. Angliss, F. W. Brawn, G. M. Davis, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, and E. J. White.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

The Honorable A. Bell 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 A. Bell moved, That the Council agree with the Committee in the said Address.

Debate ensued

The Honorable A. Hicks 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.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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VICTORIA.

No. 2.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 3RD JULY, 1917.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables J. G. Aikman and J. McWhae 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 GEORGE AIKMAN, 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 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, JOHN MCWHAE, 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 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.”

3. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu 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.

4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables the President, W. L. Baillieu, J. D. Brown, E. J. Crooke, F. W. Hagelthorn, 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.

5. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables the President, W. A. Adamson, A. A. Austin, J. P. Jones, and J. K. Merritt be Members of the Joint Committee to manage and superintend the Parliament Buildings.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables the President, T. Beggs, F. W. Brawn, F. G. Clarke, and D. Melville be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Library.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables J. G. Aikman, W. J. Beckett, A. Hicks, J. McWhae, and H. F. Richardson be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Refreshment Rooms.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu 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.
9. **STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.**—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu 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. Croke, 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 Legislative Assembly acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.
10. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Betting Tax Act 1916—Regulations.
 The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915—Part VIII.—Statement of Appointments and Alterations in Classification in the Department of the Legislative Council.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until later this day.
12. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE.**—
 The Honorable A. Hicks moved, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable Richard Bloomfield Rees for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 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.
13. **THE 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.
14. **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.
15. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE.**—
 The Honorable A. A. Austin moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable Horace Frank Richardson for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable Frederick William Hagelthorn for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 The Honorable A. O. Sachse moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable William Kendell for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 The Honorable A. Bell moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable Frederick William Brawn for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
16. **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 W. L. Baillieu 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.
17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and the Orders of the Day General Business be postponed until Tuesday next.
18. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Ordered, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

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

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

VICTORIA.

No. 3.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 10TH JULY, 1917.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables F. W. Hagelthorn, W. Kendell, and H. F. Richardson 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, FREDERICK WILLIAM HAGELTHORN, 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 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, Wattle-tree-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 district of Malvern 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.

“F. HAGELTHORN.”

“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 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-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 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 £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.

“WM. KENDELL.”

"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."

3. RETURN TO WRIT (BY-ELECTION).—The President announced that there had been returned to him the writ issued for the election of a Member to serve for the East Yarra Province, in the place of the Honorable Robert Beckett, deceased, and by the indorsement on such Writ it appeared that William Haslam Edgar had been elected in pursuance thereof.

4. SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBER.—The Honorable W. H. Edgar, having approached the Table, took and subscribed the oath required by law, and 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 HASLAM EDGAR*, 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 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."

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 One million nine hundred and sixty thousand seven hundred and seventy-six 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.

FRANK MADDEN,

Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 5th July, 1917.

6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, 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. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Public Service—Final Report of the Royal Commission on the State Public Service.
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1916—Part I.—Blue Book.

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:—

Factories Act 1915—Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Shops for the year ended 31st December, 1916.

Fisheries Act 1915—Notices of Intention to issue Proclamations—

To prohibit all Fishing in portion of Boosey Creek until 1st December, 1917.

To prohibit all Fishing in portion of Sunday Creek and Sheepwash Creek near Broadford until 30th November, 1918.

Re Anderson's Inlet.

Re the Close Season for Oysters and Restrictions on Marketing and Storing of Oysters.

Footwear Regulation Act 1916—Regulations.

Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1915—Alterations in and Additions to Regulations.

Insolvency Act 1915—General Rules.

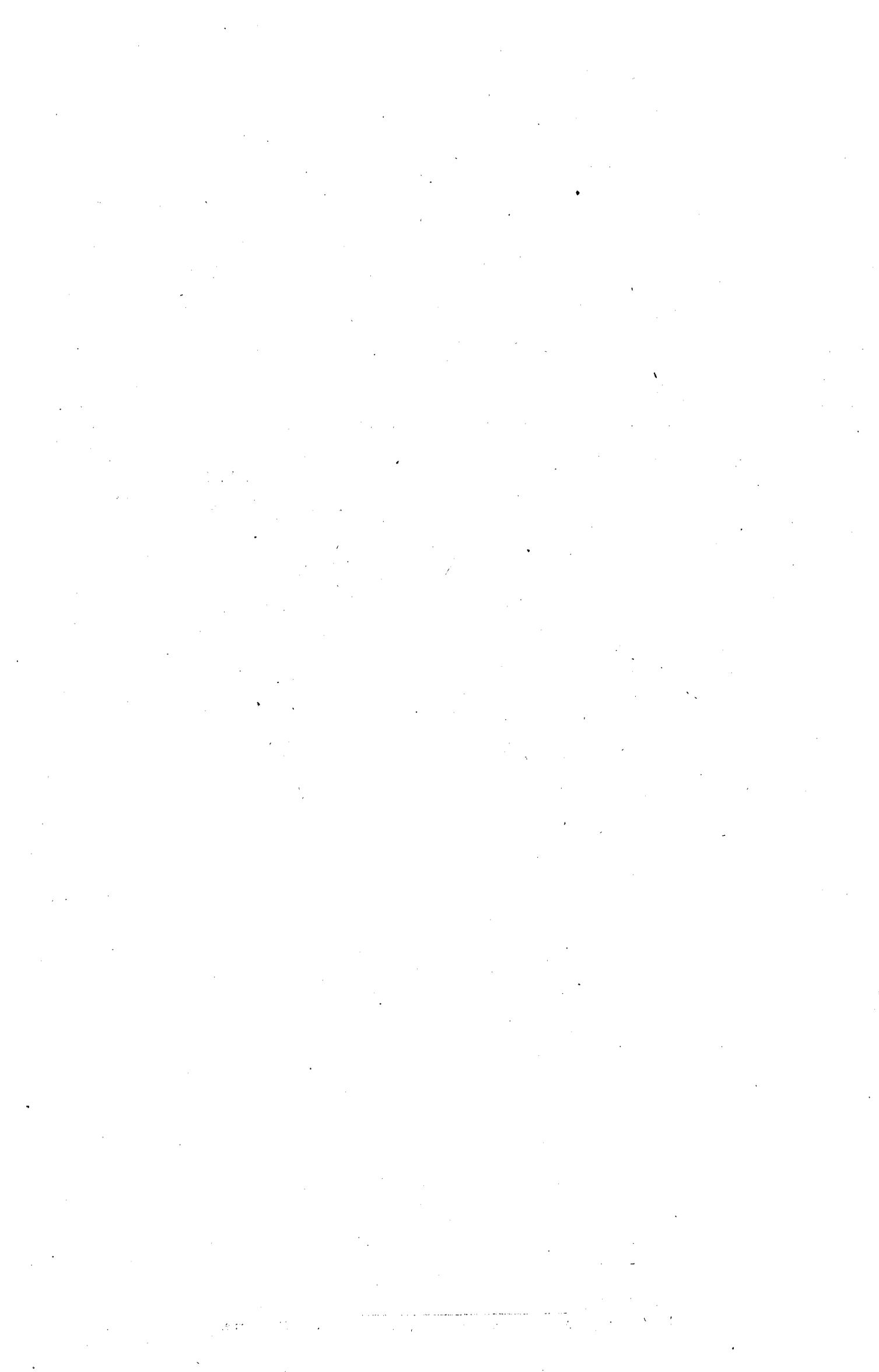
Land Act 1915—Particulars of Leases of Swamp or Reclaimed Land under section 110.

Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees for 1916, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1915-16.

8. 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.
9. 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 Tuesday the 24th instant.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 24th instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at thirty-four minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 24th instant.

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



VICTORIA.

No. 4.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1917.

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. W. Hagelthorn, 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 Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million nine hundred and sixty thousand seven hundred and seventy-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th July, 1917.

3. PAPERS.—The Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Mines.—Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines for the year 1916.
Railways.—Final Report of the Royal Commission on the Working as a Business Undertaking of the Victorian Railways.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Venereal Diseases Act 1916.—Regulations relating to Venereal Diseases.

4. LUNACY ACTS AMENDMENT 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, on Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday next.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Ordered, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next.

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

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

STATE OF NEW YORK

IN SENATE

January 10, 1917.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE

ON APRIL 11, 1916, CONCERNING THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE STATE

AND THE PROCEEDINGS THEREON

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1916

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No. 5.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 26TH JULY, 1917.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. CHILDREN'S COURT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill relating to Children's Courts was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 7th August next.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, a Bill to amend the Local Government Acts was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 7th August next.
4. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, a Bill to amend the *Electric Light and Power Act 1915* was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 7th August next.
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 increase the Issue of Treasury Bonds issued under the authority of the 'Treasury Bonds Act 1915 (No. 2)'*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,

Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 25th July, 1917.

6. TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2).—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, 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.
7. 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 Tuesday, the 7th August next.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 7th August next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at five minutes past five o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 7th August next.

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



VICTORIA.

No. 6.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1917.

- 1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
- 2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The President reported that, on Tuesday last, accompanied by Honorable Members, he had waited upon His Excellency the Governor and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Council, adopted on the 3rd July last, 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.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

- 3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, 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 increase the issue of Treasury Bonds issued under the authority of the ‘ Treasury Bonds Act 1915 (No. 2) ’.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 31st July, 1917.

- 4. 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. Blackburn, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mackey, 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.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th July, 1917.

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 Railway Lands Acquisition Acts*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th July, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

6. RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on 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 transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Infectious Diseases Hospital Acts*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 31st July, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

8. INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

9. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Inebriate Institutions—Report of the Inspector for the year ending the 31st December, 1916.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1915—Accounts and Balance-sheets of the several undertakings of the Geelong Harbor Trust for the year ended the 31st December, 1916.

Justices Act 1915—Rules.

Mines Act 1915—Regulations relating to Mining Leases, Tailings Licences, and Water Right Licences—Clause amended.

10. WAR IN EUROPE.—THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF DECLARATION OF WAR.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That on this its first meeting after the third anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war the Legislative Council of Victoria again records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies.

Debate ensued.

The question being put, honorable members rose in their places, and the motion was carried unanimously.

11. LUNACY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.

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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable W. A. Adamson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable Walter S. Manifold, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

14. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable W. A. Adamson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable Walter S. Manifold, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1915 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable D. Melville, a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1915* was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

16. WAR IN EUROPE—ECONOMY IN STATE EXPENDITURE.—The Honorable J. D. Brown moved, That, inasmuch as Great Britain has been engaged with her Allies for three years in a most expensive war to fulfil a solemn international obligation to vindicate the principle that small nationalities are not to be crushed in defiance of international good faith by the arbitrary will of a strong and overmastering Power, and inasmuch as the consequence of this misfortune has been a large addition to the debt of the Commonwealth and a heavy accumulation of taxes, this House, alarmed at the growing burdens of the State, and convinced that rigid economy is indispensably necessary in every Department of the State, is of opinion that, until effectual measures be taken to inquire into and correct the large increase in the expenditure of public money, the grant of any additional sums beyond the produce of the present taxes will be injurious to the rights and property of the people.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu 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.

17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-seven 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, 14TH AUGUST, 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 hundred and thirty thousand six hundred and sixteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and sixteen and One thousand nine hundred and seventeen,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 7th August, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, 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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the following resolution, viz.:—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in a shop dispensing, compounding, or selling medicines, drugs, or medicinal preparations, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 9th August, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

5. 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 following resolution, viz.:—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in dispensing, compounding, or selling medicines, drugs, or medicinal preparations in a friendly society's or hospital dispensary, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 9th August, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

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 amend the 'Fisheries Act 1915' and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 9th August, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

7. FISHERIES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

8. 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 'Game Act 1915'*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 9th August, 1917.

9. GAME BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION 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.

11. LUNACY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.

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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time was read and, after further debate, the question being put, was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 and 6, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Ordered, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

And then the Council, at fifty-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, 21ST AUGUST, 1917.

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 W. L. Baillieu, 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 Acts of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ An Act to amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts.”

“ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and thirty thousand six hundred and sixteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and sixteen and One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 21st August, 1917.

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 relating to Wheat Storage*,” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 15th August, 1917.

4. WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu for the Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn, 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. BRANDS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. A. Austin a Bill relating to the Branding of Horses Cattle and Sheep and for other purposes was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55, during the year 1916–17.

Neglected Children's Act 1915.—Amendment of Regulations.

Public Service Act 1915.—Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
Department of Chief Secretary.
General.

Public Service Act 1915 and Lunacy Act 1915.—Alterations of Regulations—
Chapter II.—Appointment and Promotions in the General Division.
Chapter III.—Classification of General Division (3 papers).

Water Act 1915.—Copy of Declaration of the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply defining the area that ought to be constituted the Werribee Irrigation and Water Supply District; together with the Plan showing the area of such proposed district.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until later this day.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
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 transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

9. WHEAT STORAGE 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.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 3 to 9, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

VICTORIA.

No. 9.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1917.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the reply given by the Honorable W. L. Baillieu to his question on to-day's Notice Paper, and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until later this day.
4. WHEAT STORAGE 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.
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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Ordered, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

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

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

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No. 10.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
 Friendly Societies Act 1915 and Trade Unions Act 1915—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1916.
3. WHEAT STORAGE 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.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.
 On the motion of the Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clause 3.
 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 further amendment, 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.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the Council, at thirty minutes past nine 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.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Marine Act 1915—
 Amendment of "The Passenger (Sailing and Motor) Boat Regulations 1915."
 Amendment of the Regulations for the Equipment of Ships with Life-saving Appliances.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until later this day.
4. WILLS (SOLDIERS) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, 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 Tuesday next.
5. EVIDENCE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. PUBLIC SERVICE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable J. D. Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, and after debate, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
7. RAILWAYS ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable J. D. Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
8. POLICE REGULATION ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable J. D. Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
9. THE CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable D. L. McNamara moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.

Question put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 5.

The Hon. W. L. Baillieu,
J. D. Brown,
D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney.

Noes, 13.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
E. J. Croke,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
J. McWhae,
D. Melville,
H. F. Richardson,
A. O. Sachse.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
J. K. Merritt.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1915 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable D. Melville moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, and after debate, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 6 and 7, and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Ordered, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
- And then the Council, at twenty-three minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

VICTORIA.

No. 12.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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 :—
 - Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1917.
 - Education Act 1915—Regulation rescinded and Regulation substituted.
 - Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet, together with Schedule of Contracts, for year ended 30th June, 1917.
 - Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools Department—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1916.
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in a shop dispensing, compounding, or selling medicines, drugs, or medicinal preparations, having been read—
 The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.
 Debate ensued.
 The Honorable J. D. Brown 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.
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. LUNACY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.
 On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of New Clause C.
 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 further 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 transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

6. **ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration on 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 return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Wheat Storage*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, and have disagreed with one of the said amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 4th September, 1917.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5 be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. **FISHERIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable W. J. Beckett, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
10. **GAME 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.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 to 10 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Ordered, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

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

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

VICTORIA.

No. 13.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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 W. L. Baillieu, 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 Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

“ An Act to amend the ‘ Game Act 1915.’ ”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th September, 1917.

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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and eighteen thousand one hundred and thirty-eight 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 September, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

4. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
5. THE TITLE OF “HONORABLE.”—The President announced that he had received the papers in connexion with the retention of the title of “Honorable” by the late Mr. Willis Little, who had served continuously as a Member of the Legislative Council for a period of more than ten years, and expressed his regret that Mr. Little had not lived to enjoy the honour conferred by His Majesty.

The papers were read by the Clerk, and are as follow :—

Services of Mr. Willis Little as a Member of the Legislative Council.

Elected a Member of the Legislative Council for the North-Eastern Province on the 6th August, 1903, and served continuously until his resignation on the 12th April, 1916, a period of twelve years and eight months.

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

Premier's Office,
Melbourne, 7th September, 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction, to forward herewith, for the information of Members of the Legislative Council, a copy of a despatch which has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies (through His Excellency the Governor) notifying that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honorable" by Mr. Willis Little, who has served continuously as a Member of the Legislative Council of Victoria for a period of more than ten years.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. SHORT,
Secretary to the Premier.

The Honorable the President of the Legislative Council,
State Parliament House, Melbourne.

[COPY.]

COLONIAL OFFICE.

Downing-street,
15th May, 1917.

VICTORIA.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 15 of 20th March, and to request you to inform your Ministers that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honorable" by Mr. Willis Little, who has served continuously as a Member of the Legislative Council of the State of Victoria for a period of more than ten years.

2. A notification to this effect will be published in the *London Gazette*.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

WALTER H. LONG.

GOVERNOR,

The Honorable

SIR A. L. STANLEY, K.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

6. THE LATE HONORABLE JOHN YOUNG McDONALD.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That this House records its sorrow at the death of the Honorable John Young McDonald, an ex-Member of the Legislative Council. His services to the Parliament of Victoria, both as a Minister of the Crown and a Member for the Wellington Province during eighteen years, caused him to be regarded by all with respect and affection.

And other honorable members having addressed the House—
The President (the Honorable J. M. Davies) said—

I should like to add a few words to express the affection and esteem that I have for the late Mr. McDonald. I was associated with him as a member for about seventeen years, and during that time I learnt the excellencies of his character. He was a most unassuming man, and although he had strong views about certain questions, he spoke very seldom. I think he always voted the right way. He was a great friend of the attendants of this House, and used every year to take charge of the little Christmas gifts that we made to them. Last year he was too ill to attend to this matter, but he remembered, in spite of his illness, to get another member to take his place. I am sure he held the deepest place in the affections of those honorable members who knew him, and we shall long affectionately retain his memory.

The question was then put and, honorable members signifying their assent by rising in their places, unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

7. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Report of the Council of Judges under Section 28 of the *Supreme Court Act* 1915.

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

Education Act 1915—Regulation added to, Regulations rescinded, Regulation substituted.

Tramway Board—Report and Statement of Accounts, for the period from 28th January, 1916, to 30th June, 1917.

8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the following resolution, viz. :—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in a shop dispensing, compounding, or selling medicines, drugs, or medicinal preparations, having been read—
Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

9. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in dispensing, compounding, or selling medicines, drugs, or medicinal preparations in a friendly society's or hospital dispensary, having been read—
The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3, be postponed until later this day.
11. **ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole having been read—
Ordered—That the said Order be discharged.
On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, the Bill was recommitted 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 further 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 transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
12. **FISHERIES BILL.**—The Order of the day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time was read and, after further debate, the question being put, was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 6 to 9 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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



VICTORIA.

No. 14.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. WAR IN EUROPE—TRAINING OF SOLDIERS IN INDUSTRIAL PURSUITS.—The Honorable W. H. Edgar moved, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should strenuously urge upon the Federal authorities the necessity of selecting a sufficient number of our soldiers now abroad and sending them to allied countries, also Norway and Sweden, in which countries they should be required to devote their attention to the very latest information, knowledge, and experience connected with any industrial or other activity which may be of service to the Commonwealth of Australia.
Debate ensued.
The Honorable A. Hicks 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 Wednesday next.
3. PUBLIC SERVICE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.
The Honorable W. L. Baillieu 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.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1.
5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—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.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made in this Bill by the Council and disagreed with by the Assembly having been read, the said amendment was read, and is as follows:—
Clause 3, sub-clause (2), omit this sub-clause.
On the motion of the Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn, and after debate, the Council did not insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Assembly, and ordered the Bill to be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them therewith.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Ordered, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

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

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



VICTORIA.

No. 15.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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. W. Hagelthorn, and the same was read by the Honorable the President :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 5.

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 One million three hundred and eighteen thousand one hundred and thirty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th September, 1917.

3. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Custody of Infants was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 2nd October next.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ending 31st December, 1916.
 - Education.—Report of the Council of Public Education for the period 1st July, 1916, to 30th June, 1917.
 - Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year ending 30th June, 1917.
5. FISHERIES 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.
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, on Tuesday, the 2nd October next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending an amendment in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Wheat Storage*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor in this Bill, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th September, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of The Constitution Act, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly, for their consideration, the following amendment, which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Wheat Storage*" :—

In clause 4, sub-section (2), at the end of the sub-section insert "and any such lease may be entered into by the Minister of Agriculture and his successors in office acting as or on behalf of the said Commission."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 18th September, 1917.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Council agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor, and ordered the Message from His Excellency to be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them therewith.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, the 2nd October next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 2nd October next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty-one minutes past six o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 2nd October next.

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

VICTORIA.

No. 16.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were presented by the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, and the same were read by the Honorable the President:—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 6.

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 relating to Wheat Storage.* ”
“ *An Act to amend the Local Government Acts.* ”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1917.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 7.

The Governor informs the Legislative Council that he has caused the Bills entitled “ *An Act to provide for the Exercise by Deputy of certain Powers and Authorities vested in the Governor* ” and “ *An Act to amend Schedule D to The Constitution Act and to make provision with respect to the Salary of any Future Master-in-Equity,* ” which were reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and which received His Majesty's assent on the 13th June last, to be proclaimed in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, a copy of which Proclamation is hereto annexed.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 26th September, 1917.

THE ROYAL ASSENT TO RESERVED BILLS.

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

I, THE Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in pursuance of provisions contained in *An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land* (5 and 6 Vict.), also in *An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies* (13 and 14 Vict.), and in *The Constitution Act*, do by this my Proclamation signify that the Bills, the titles whereof are herein set forth, that is to say:—

“ *An Act to provide for the Exercise by Deputy of certain Powers and Authorities vested in the Governor* ” and
“ *An Act to amend Schedule D to The Constitution Act and to make provision with respect to the Salary of any Future Master-in-Equity,* ”

which were reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, have been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that by an Order in Council made at the Court at Buckingham Palace, and bearing date the thirteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, a copy whereof is hereto appended, His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria, at Melbourne, this twenty-fifth day of September, 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.

A. L. STANLEY.

(L.S.)

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of June, 1917

PRESENT :

The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Earl of Derby
Earl of Rosebery
Lord Claud Hamilton
Lord Chamberlain
Mr. Neil Primrose
Sir Frederick Ponsonby

Mr. H. W. Forster
Mr. E. G. Pretyman
Mr. Evelyn Cecil
Mr. H. Pike Pease
Mr. J. H. Thomas
Mr. Thomas Ashton.

WHEREAS on the 28th day of December, 1916, the Governor of the State of Victoria (being one of the States constituting the Commonwealth of Australia) reserved certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of the said State, entitled respectively "*An Act to provide for the Exercise by Deputy of certain Powers and Authorities vested in the Governor*" and "*An Act to amend Schedule D to The Constitution Act and to make provision with respect to the Salary of any Future Master-in-Equity,*" for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon :

And whereas the said Bills so reserved as aforesaid have been laid before His Majesty in Council, and it is expedient that the said Bills should be assented to by His Majesty :

Now, therefore, His Majesty doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, declare His assent to the said Bills.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

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 the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 19th September, 1917.

4. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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 acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Acts*" without amendment.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th September, 1917.

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 amend the Midwives Acts,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th September, 1917.

7. MIDWIVES 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 to be read a second time to-morrow.
8. 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 extend the Powers of Municipalities with respect to Hawkers and Itinerant Traders and the Sale of Fish and the Sale or Supply of Milk,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 20th September, 1917.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

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 enable Electors on War Service outside Victoria but within the Commonwealth to Vote by Post at Parliamentary Elections,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

11. VOTING BY POST (WAR SERVICE) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Lunacy Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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

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 to extend the Time for the Registration of Barmaids under the Licensing Acts,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th September, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

14. LICENSING (REGISTRATION OF BARMAIDS) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

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 revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Lands situate in the Municipal District of Clunes as Sites for Cricket and other Purposes of Public Recreation and to provide for the Sale of such Lands and the Application of the Proceeds thereof for the Improvement of certain other Lands in the said Municipal District temporarily reserved as a Site for a Public Garden,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th September, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

16. CLUNES LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

17. 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 revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Town of Port Melbourne as a Site for Drainage Purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th September, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

18. PORT MELBOURNE LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

19. 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 revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Town of Wodonga as a Site for a Literary Institute and Free Library,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th September, 1917.

20. WODONGA LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
21. CONVEYANCING BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill to amend section Twenty-four of the *Conveyancing Act* 1915 and for other purposes was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
22. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Housing Conditions of the People in the Metropolis and in the Populous Centres of the State—
Second Progress Report from the Royal Commission (Sanitary Law and Administration,
Sanitation of Houses, Ships, and Vessels).
Evidence taken by the Royal Commission.
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 :—
Fungicides Act 1916.—Regulations.
Legal Profession Practice Act 1915.—Council of Legal Education.—Rules relating to the Qualification of Candidates to Practise as Barristers and Solicitors.
Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of James Harnetty, Arthur Thomas Thompson, and Herbert Stewart from the Fourth to the Third Class, Department of Treasurer.
23. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
The Honorable J. McWhae 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 to-morrow.
24. LUNACY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made in this Bill by the Assembly having been read, the said amendment was read, and is as follows :—
Clause 3, omit this clause.
On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Council agreed to the amendment made in this Bill by the Assembly and ordered the Bill to be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them therewith.
25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
26. INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL 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.
27. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 6 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

VICTORIA.

No. 17.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD. OCTOBER, 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 make further and better provision for the Melbourne General Market and to extend the Area thereof and to provide for the closing of portions of certain Streets in the City of Melbourne and for re-vesting in the Crown certain Lands in the said City and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 2nd October, 1917.

3. MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
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 Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1.
5. ADDITIONAL DAY OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That during the remainder of the Session the Council shall meet for the despatch of business on Fridays, at half-past Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill 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.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, and Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved; That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Notice being taken that a quorum of members was not present, the President counted the House and a quorum not being present the President, at eight minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned the Council, without question being first put, until to-morrow.

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

VICTORIA.

No. 18.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 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 amend the 'Fruit Act 1915' and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 3rd October, 1917.

3. FRUIT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
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 amend the Law relating to Fees payable in the Office of the Registrar-General,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 3rd October, 1917.

5. REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S FEES 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 to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the Quarters ended 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December, 1915; 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December, 1916; and 31st March, 1917.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 10 inclusive, be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 11.

8. VOTING BY POST (WAR SERVICE) 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. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.**—The Honorable W. J. Beckett moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the contradictory statements made in answer to his questions appearing on the Notice Paper of the 11th September last, and six Members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
10. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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.
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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 10 and 12 to 15 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
12. **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.**—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council meet for the despatch of business on Tuesday next at Three o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu 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 thirty-one minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

VICTORIA.

No. 19.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The Council met in accordance with adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT.**—The Clerk having announced that the Honorable the President was unavoidably absent, the Honorable A. O. Sachse, on the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, was chosen to fill temporarily the office and perform all the duties of the President during his absence.
3. The Acting-President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
4. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, and the same was read by the Honorable the Acting-President:—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 8.

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 amend the Lunacy Acts.*”
 “ *An Act to amend the Infectious Diseases Hospital Acts.*”
 “ *An Act to enable Electors on War Service outside Victoria but within the Commonwealth to Vote by Post at Parliamentary Elections.*”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1917.

5. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read—
The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Honorable T. H. Payne perform the duties of Chairman of Committees.
Question put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Acting-President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. H. Payne 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.
6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The Acting-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 extend the Operation of Section Twenty-four of the ‘ University Act 1915 ’ for a further period of Five Years,*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 4th October, 1917.

7. UNIVERSITY 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 to be read a second time to-morrow.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-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 enable the Council of the Shire of Upper Yarra to apply certain Surplus Moneys from the No. 4 Loan in defraying part of the Cost of constructing a Bridge over the Yarra River at Warburton,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 4th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker

9. UPPER YARRA LOAN BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-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 regulate the Sale and Purchase of Goods by Second-hand Dealers,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 4th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

11. SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

13. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council meet for the despatch of business to-morrow at Three o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

VICTORIA.

No. 20.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The Acting-President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-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 'Redbank Recreation Reserve Act 1906,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

3. REDBANK RECREATION RESERVE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, 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 Acting-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 incorporate the Law Institute of Victoria and for other purposes,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

5. LAW INSTITUTE 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.
6. 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 Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1.
7. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read—
The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Honorable T. H. Payne perform the duties of Chairman of Committees.
Question put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Acting-President left the Chair.
House in Committee.

The Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. H. Payne reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolutions:—

That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendments in the Bill:—

Clause 11, page 7, lines 2-5, omit "not exceeding the amount repaid but if the security has depreciated in value the amount of the further advance shall be proportionately less" and insert "up to a total of Five hundred pounds."

Clause 36, sub-clause (1), line 40, omit "One" and insert "Two."

and asked leave to sit again.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the resolutions were adopted.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message suggesting that the Assembly amend the same as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

Resolved—That the Council will, this day, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole.

8. WAR IN EUROPE—TRAINING OF SOLDIERS IN INDUSTRIAL PURSUITS.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should strenuously urge upon the Federal authorities the necessity of selecting a sufficient number of our soldiers now abroad and sending them to Allied countries, also Norway and Sweden, in which countries they should be required to devote their attention to the very latest information, knowledge, and experience connected with any industrial or other activity which may be of service to the Commonwealth of Australia, having been read—

Debate resumed.

The Honorable W. J. Beckett 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.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-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 Discontinuance of County Courts*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

10. COUNTY COURTS 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 to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have considered the Message of the Legislative Council suggesting, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, that this House make certain amendments in such Bill, and have made the suggested amendments.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Bill.

12. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the Acting-President left the Chair. House in Committee.

The Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. H. Payne reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill, as amended by the Assembly on the suggestion of the Council, with amendments.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Report be now adopted.

The Honorable G. M. Davis moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clause 14."

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

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

The Honorable A. A. Austin moved, as an amendment, That the words and figures "and clause 23" be added to the proposed amendment.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be added to the proposed amendment be so added—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 8.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
J. D. Brown,
E. J. Crooke,
W. H. Edgar,
Walter S. Manifold,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. T. Beggs,
G. M. Davis.

Noes, 16.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
J. G. Aikman,
W. L. Baillieu,
W. J. Beckett,
A. Bell,
J. H. Disney,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
A. Hicks,
J. P. Jones,
W. Kendall,
D. E. McBryde,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
D. L. McNamara.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the main question be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clause 14—put and resolved in the affirmative.

House in Committee.

The Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. H. Payne having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without further amendment, 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.

The Honorable A. A. Austin moved, That the following amendments be made in the Bill:—

Clause 23, sub-clause (1), line 7, omit "either."

„ sub-clause (1), after "compulsorily" insert "if Parliament be then sitting."

The Acting-President ruled that the proposed amendments were not in order, being neither verbal nor consequential, as required by Standing Order No. 286.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Bill do pass.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same, as amended by the Assembly on the suggestion of the Council, with amendments and desiring their concurrence therein.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-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 Public Service Acts,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1917.

14. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

15. WAR IN EUROPE—TRAINING OF SOLDIERS IN INDUSTRIAL PURSUITS.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should strenuously urge upon the Federal authorities the necessity of selecting a sufficient number of our soldiers now abroad and sending them to Allied countries, also Norway and Sweden, in which countries they should be required to devote their attention to the very latest information, knowledge, and experience connected with any industrial or other activity which may be of service to the Commonwealth of Australia, having been read—

Debate resumed.

The Honorable J. G. Aikman 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 to-morrow.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day General Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until later this day.

17. MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS 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 Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. H. Payne having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.
On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole on this Bill.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 and 6.
19. WODONGA LAND 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 Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. H. Payne 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.
20. LAW INSTITUTE BILL.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to the Bill to incorporate the Law Institute of Victoria and for other purposes, and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. H. Payne 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.
21. LICENSING (REGISTRATION OF BARMAIDS) BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable T. H. Payne 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.
22. ALTERATIONS OF HOUR OF MEETING.—
The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council meet for the despatch of business to-morrow at Three o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council meet for the despatch of business on Friday next at Eleven o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
23. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive, and Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3, 4, 7 to 19, and—
Redbank Recreation Reserve Bill—Second reading
be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

VICTORIA.

No. 21.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The Acting-President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-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 purchase of Goods Machinery or Materials for Works undertaken by or on behalf of certain Local Authorities,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1917.

3. PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

4. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented by command of His Excellency the Governor—Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the Year 1916.—Part II., Law, Crime, &c. 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:—

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

To prescribe Minimum Lengths for Certain Species of Fish.

To prohibit Fishing in or taking of Fish from the No. 2 Storage and Reserve of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust in the Parish of Moreep, County of Grant, until 30th June, 1918.

To prohibit Fishing, &c., in Devil's Creek and portion of the Moorabool River and the Moorabool Reservoir at Bolwarrah.

Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year ended 31st December, 1916.

Public Service Act 1915.—Regulations—

Appointment, Promotion, &c., of Certain Officers of the General Division.

Temporary Employment, Chapter VIII.

Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—

Allowances to Certain Officers.

Department of Agriculture.

State Accident Insurance Office.—Report, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-sheet for period ended 30th June, 1917.

5. MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—

On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, 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.

6. CLUNES LAND BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
The Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn moved, by leave, That the Honorable J. D. Brown perform the duties of Chairman of Committees.
Question put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Acting-President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable J. D. Brown 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. PORT MELBOURNE LAND BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable J. D. Brown 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.
8. MIDWIVES BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable J. D. Brown 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 19.
10. CHILDREN'S COURT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT 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 Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable J. D. Brown 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.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 7 be postponed until later this day.
12. REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S FEES 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 Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable J. D. Brown 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. FRUIT 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 Acting-President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable J. D. Brown reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The Acting-President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, have disagreed with others, and have agreed to others of the said amendments with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1917.
- Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration later this day.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable W. A. Adamson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable T. H. Payne, that the debate be adjourned until later this day.

16. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Council, and disagreed with by the Assembly or agreed to with amendments, having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.

6. Clause 7, lines 34-5, omit "and as if the said portion were unalienated land of the Crown" and insert "Upon receipt of any such application the Board shall forthwith give notice thereof to the council of the municipality wherein such land is situate." } Agreed to as regards omission of words but insertion of words disagreed with.
7. Clause 8, line 38, after "committee" where first occurring insert "one of whom at least shall be a returned soldier." } Agreed to with the following amendment :—Omit "returned" and insert "discharged."
8. " page 6, add the following new sub-clause :—
(3) The Minister may also appoint a qualification committee in Great Britain. } Disagreed with.
12. Clause 14, paragraph (b), at the end of the paragraph add "Provided that in the case of land acquired and taken as aforesaid under the said section twenty the Minister may, where such land had not theretofore been under cultivation, direct that no instalment of purchase money and interest or rent shall be payable by the discharged soldier for the first three years of his occupation thereof and may extend the term of the lease accordingly or where a lease has not issued issue a lease for the extended term." } Agreed to with the following amendment, viz. :—After "Minister may" omit "where such land had not theretofore been under cultivation" and insert "where such land at the date of the acquisition and taking thereof is not being used for cultivation purposes or has not thereon a dwelling-house or other improvements which in the opinion of the Board is or are substantial and permanent."
15. Clause 23, sub-clause (3), line 3, after "nineteen" insert "and."
16. " sub-clause (3), line 3, omit "and seventy-four."
17. " sub-clause (3), lines 16-20, omit—
"and (b) section thirty-six of the said Act shall be read and construed as if in the said section the words 'and subject to the provisions of Division thirteen of this Part' were omitted."
18. " sub-clause (3), paragraph (c), omit this paragraph.
19. Clause 25, omit this clause.
21. Clause 36, line 35, after "share-farming" insert "or leasing."
22. " line 38, after "share-farming" insert "or leasing."
24. " line 43, after "share-farming" insert "or leasing."
27. *Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 25 :—*
A. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act or the *Closer Settlement Act 1915* where the value of any private land to be acquired for the purposes of this Act (either by agreement or compulsorily) is fixed by the Board at an amount exceeding Five thousand pounds the Minister before directing the Board in accordance with section twenty-seven of the last-mentioned Act as amended by this Act shall obtain a report upon the suitability or otherwise of the land from a body of persons consisting of three Members of the Legislative Council appointed each Session of Parliament by the Legislative Council and four Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed each Session of Parliament by the Legislative Assembly.
(2) The said persons or a majority of them shall inspect the said land and report to the Minister accordingly.
(3) For the purposes of this section such persons or any of them may enter the land and remain thereon during daylight for such time as is necessary.

Disagreed with.

Amendment 6.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Council did not insist on the insertion in clause 7 of the words disagreed with by the Assembly.

Amendment 7.—Amendment of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council, after debate, agreed to.

Amendment 8, after debate, not insisted on.

Amendment 12.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council agree to the amendment of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in clause 14.

The Honorable Walter S. Manifold moved as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—"with the following amendment, viz., after 'improvements' insert 'including boundary fences.'"

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Council agree to the amendment of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in clause 14 with the following amendment, viz., "after 'improvements' insert 'including boundary fences'"—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 15.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council do not insist on amendment 15. Debate ensued.

Question—That the Council do not insist on amendment 15—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 8.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. L. Baillieu,
W. J. Beckett,
F. W. Haglethorn,
J. P. Jones,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. H. Disney,
D. L. McNamara.

Noes, 13.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
A. A. Austin,
J. D. Brown,
E. J. Crooke,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
A. Hicks,
Walter S. Manifold,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
T. Beggs.

And so it passed in the negative.

Amendments 16 and 17 insisted on.

Amendment 18.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council do not insist on amendment 18. Debate ensued.

Question—That the Council do not insist on amendment 18—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. L. Baillieu,
J. H. Disney,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. K. Merritt.

Noes, 12.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
T. Beggs,
J. D. Brown,
E. J. Crooke,
A. Hicks,
Walter S. Manifold,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar.

And so it passed in the negative.

Amendment 19.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council insist on amendment 19. Debate ensued.

Question—That the Council insist on amendment 19—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 16.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
J. G. Aikman,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
W. L. Baillieu,
T. Beggs,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
A. Hicks,
Walter S. Manifold,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. J. Crooke,
H. F. Richardson.

Noes, 5.

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

Tellers.

The Hon. J. D. Brown,
J. P. Jones.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendments 21, 22, 24, and 27, after debate, not insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council do not insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, do insist on others of the said amendments, do not insist on the insertion of certain words in clause 7 disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Assembly on the amendment of the Legislative Council in clause 8, and have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Assembly on the amendment of the Legislative Council in clause 14 with an amendment, and desiring their concurrence therein.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to make further and better provision for the Melbourne General Market and to extend the Area thereof and to provide for the closing of portions of certain Streets in the City of Melbourne and for re-vesting in the Crown certain Lands in the said City and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, and have disagreed with one of the said amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1917.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

18. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council meet for the despatch of business on Tuesday next at Two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

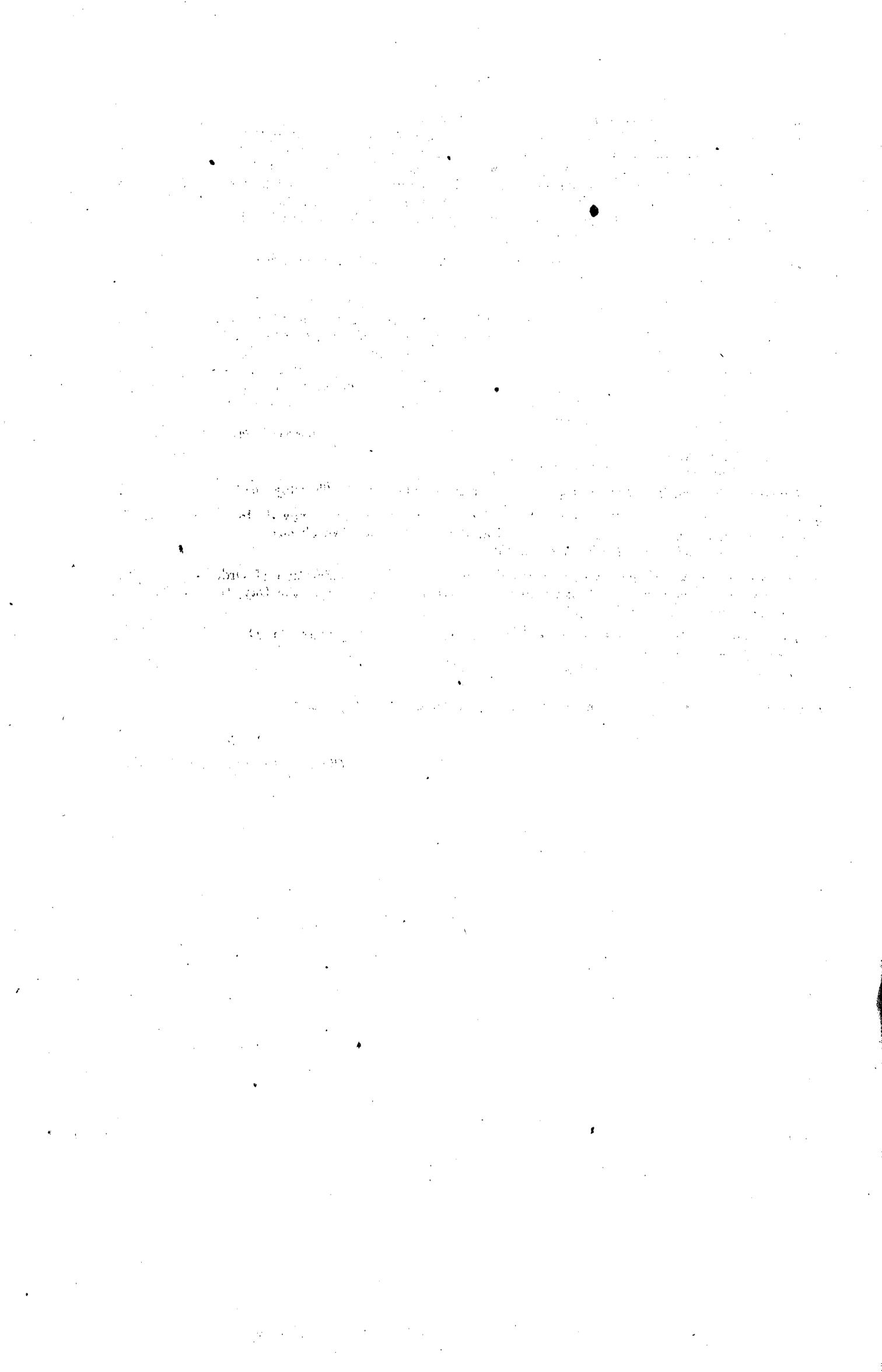
19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 and 9 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

20. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu 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 fifty-seven minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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



VICTORIA.

No. 22.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 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 Six hundred and seventy-five thousand one hundred and sixty-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, 11th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, 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 Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Land Acts.—Report for the financial year ended 30th June, 1917, with Appendices.
Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons.—Report and Statistical Tables for the year 1916.
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1916.—Part IV.—Population.
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:—

Lands Purchase and Management Board.—Report for the year ended 30th June, 1917.
State Coal Mines.—Annual Report of the General Manager, including the State Coal Mines Balance-sheet, and Statement of Accounts duly audited, &c., for the year 1916-17.
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Twelfth Annual Report, 1916-17.
State Savings Bank of Victoria.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1917.
Voting by Post (War Service) Act 1917.—Regulations.

5. MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made in this Bill by the Council and disagreed with by the Assembly having been read, the said amendment was read and is as follows:—

3. Clause 10, sub-clause (1), at the end of the sub-clause add "One of such persons shall be nominated by the Fruit Growers Association, one by the Market Gardeners Association, and one by the Market Buyers Association, and such representatives shall be appointed for three years."

The Honorable W. A. Adamson moved, That the Council insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Assembly, but make the following amendments in the same, viz.:—Omit "One of such persons shall be nominated by the Fruitgrowers Association, one by the Market Gardeners Association, and one by the Market Buyers Association, and after "shall be appointed for" insert "a period of."

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Assembly, but have amended the same, and desiring their concurrence therein.

6. **FRUIT 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.
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, later this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. **UPPER YARRA LOAN BILL.**—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to the Bill to enable the Council of the Shire of Upper Yarra to apply certain Surplus Moneys from the No. 4 Loan in defraying part of the Cost of constructing a Bridge over the Yarra River at Warburton, and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill 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.

8. **REDBANK RECREATION RESERVE 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. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (NO. 4).**—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.

10. **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 following resolution, viz.:—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—

(a) making males' or females' hats, caps, or bonnets;

(b) trimming females' hats, caps, or bonnets:

Provided that persons subject to the Felt Hatters Board or the Knitters Board and persons employed making machine-made straw hats shall not be subject to this Board; and that this Resolution be substituted for the Resolution passed by this Assembly on the seventh day of August, 1906, and by the Legislative Council on the fourteenth day of August, 1906, respectively, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates of payment to be paid for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing, either inside or outside a factory or work-room, the following articles, that is to say:—

Women's, girls', and infants' bonnets, caps, and hats other than straw hats not made on wire shapes or frames, and other than felt hats, but including the trimming of straw hats and felt hats,

with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

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

11. **COUNTY COURTS 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.

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 6 be postponed until later this day.

13. CONVEYANCING 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 reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the Council will, later this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

14. CUSTODY OF INFANTS 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.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with some of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in such Bill, insist on disagreeing with one of the said amendments, have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Council on the amendment of the Legislative Assembly in the proviso added by the Legislative Council to paragraph (b) of clause 14, and insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Legislative Council to omit clause 25 but have made amendments in the said clause, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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

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 extend the Operation of the 'Tramway Board Act 1915' and to amend the Law relating to Drivers or Conductors of or attendant upon Carriages of the Tramway Board,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

17. TRAMWAY BOARD BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, 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. 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 do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in clause 10 of the Bill intituled "*An Act to make further and better provision for the Melbourne General Market and to extend the Area thereof and to provide for the closing of portions of certain Streets in the City of Melbourne and for re-vesting in the Crown certain Lands in the said City and for other purposes,*" and have agreed to the same as now amended by the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 9 to 10 be postponed until later this day.

20. PUBLIC CONTRACTS 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 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.

21. 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 amount which the Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust may borrow by way of overdraft,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

22. PRAHRAN AND MALVERN TRAMWAYS TRUST BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

23. 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 City of Malvern to construct and provide certain Permanent Works and Undertakings in lieu of certain other Permanent Works and Undertakings,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

24. MALVERN LOAN BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. A. Adamson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

25. 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 revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of Portion of certain Land situate in the Municipal Districts of the City of South Melbourne and the City of St. Kilda as a site for a Public Park,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

26. ALBERT PARK LAND 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 to be read a second time to-morrow.

27. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made in this Bill and insisted on by the Council with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing (one with an amendment) having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

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Sub-section (1), line 19, before the word "forthwith" insert the words "(if the value of the estate as stated in such report exceeds Ten thousand pounds)".

Sub-section (5), paragraph (c), line 10, after the word "price" insert the words "agreed to be."

Amendment 18—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council do not now insist on their amendment to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable Walter S. Manifold 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 to-morrow.

28. **CONVEYANCING 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.
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 transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
29. **UNIVERSITY 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.
30. **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 Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to Children’s Courts* ” without amendment.
FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.
Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.
31. **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.**—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council meet for the despatch of business to-morrow at Two o’clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
32. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 6, 10, 12 to 15 and—
Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board—Message from the Legislative Assembly—To be taken into consideration,
Tramway Board Bill—Second reading,
and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the Council, at fifty-eight minutes past nine o’clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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



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No. 23.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the Year 1916.—Part III., Finance.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. 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 Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1.
4. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the amendments made in this Bill and insisted on by the Council with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing (one with an amendment) having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

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Debate resumed on the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, That the Council do not now insist on their amendment to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23.

The Honorable Walter S. Manifold moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—"but make the following amendments in the said paragraph, viz. :—

After 'homestead' (where it occurs for the first time) omit the words 'as if' and all words down to and including 'Six thousand pounds' and insert in place thereof the words 'as if in the said sub-section (1) after the word "land" (where it occurs for the second time), there were inserted the words "(comprising the homestead) and "' ; and

After the word 'omitted' on page 15, line 4, omit all the words to the end of the paragraph, and make the following consequential amendment in the next preceding paragraph (b), viz. :—

At the end of the said paragraph (b) add the words 'or (if so determined thereunder by the judge) exceeds Six thousand pounds, but does not exceed Ten thousand pounds'."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added to the motion be so added—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 12.
The Hon. W. Angliss,
T. Beggs,
J. D. Brown,
W. H. Edgar,
A. Hicks,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. Melville,
T. H. Payne,
A. O. Sachse.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
E. J. Crooke.

Noes, 7.
The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. L. Baillieu,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
D. L. McNamara,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. P. Jones.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Council do not now insist on their amendment to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23, but make the following amendments in the said paragraph, viz. :—

After “homestead” (where it occurs for the first time) omit the words “as if” and all words down to and including “Six thousand pounds,” and insert in place thereof the words “as if in the said sub-section (1) after the word ‘land’ (where it occurs for the second time) there were inserted the words ‘(comprising the homestead) and’”; and

After the word “omitted” on page 15, line 4, omit all the words to the end of the paragraph, and make the following consequential amendment in the next preceding paragraph (b), viz. :—

At the end of the said paragraph (b) add the words “or (if so determined thereunder by the judge) exceeds Six thousand pounds, but does not exceed Ten thousand pounds”—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 19—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council do not now insist on their amendment to omit clause 25, and agree to the amendment of the Assembly in line 19 of sub-clause (1) of the said clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council disagree with the amendment of the Assembly in line 10 of paragraph (c) of sub-clause (5) of the said clause 25, but make the following amendment in the clause :—

Omit paragraph (c) and insert the following paragraph :—

“(c) at a value greater than the capital value as shown in the valuation register under the Land Tax Acts.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council do not now insist on their amendment to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23 with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing, but have amended the said paragraph, and have made a consequential amendment in the next preceding paragraph (b) of the said sub-clause; and do not now insist on their amendment to omit clause 25 and have agreed to one of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the said clause, and have disagreed with the other of the said amendments, but have made an amendment in the said clause, and desiring their concurrence therein.

5. WAR IN EUROPE—TRAINING OF SOLDIERS IN INDUSTRIAL PURSUITS.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should strenuously urge upon the Federal authorities the necessity of selecting a sufficient number of our soldiers now abroad and sending them to Allied countries, also Norway and Sweden, in which countries they should be required to devote their attention to the very latest information, knowledge, and experience connected with any industrial or other activity which may be of service to the Commonwealth of Australia, having been read—

Debate resumed.

The Honorable W. Angliss moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, the 30th instant.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate, That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday, the 30th instant.
7. WAR IN EUROPE—ECONOMY IN STATE EXPENDITURE.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That, inasmuch as Great Britain has been engaged with her Allies for three years in a most expensive war to fulfil a solemn international obligation to vindicate the principle that small nationalities are not to be crushed in defiance of international good faith by the arbitrary will of a strong and overmastering Power, and inasmuch as the consequence of this

misfortune has been a large addition to the debt of the Commonwealth and a heavy accumulation of taxes, this House, alarmed at the growing burdens of the State, and convinced that rigid economy is indispensably necessary in every Department of the State, is of opinion that, until effectual measures be taken to inquire into and correct the large increase in the expenditure of public money, the grant of any additional sums beyond the produce of the present taxes will be injurious to the rights and property of the people, having been read—

Debate resumed.

The Honorable W. Kendell moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, the 30th instant.

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

Brands Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

9. FRUIT 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.

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.

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 extend the Operation of and to amend the 'Wheat Marketing Act 1915' and the 'Wheat Marketing Act 1916'*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker

11. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time and 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 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.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until later this day.

13. TRAMWAY BOARD 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.

14. 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 Nominations of Persons on War Service as Candidates at the next ensuing General Election for the Legislative Assembly*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

15. ASSEMBLY NOMINATIONS (WAR SERVICE) 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.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Purchase of Goods Machinery or Materials for Works undertaken by or on behalf of certain Local Authorities*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to one of the said amendments made by the Legislative Council in such Bill, and have disagreed with the amendment of the Legislative Council in Clause 4, but have made amendments in the said clause, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

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

Amendment made by the Legislative
Council.

How dealt with by the Legislative
Assembly.

2. Clause 4, line 14, omit " One " and insert " Five."

Disagreed with, but the following
amendments made in the clause :—
Line 14, omit " One " and insert
" Two," and after " hundred "
insert " and fifty."

- 16A. PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council do not insist on their amendment in clause 4 of this Bill and agree to the amendments of the Assembly in the said clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council do not insist on their amendment in clause 4 disagreed with by the Assembly, and have agreed to the amendments made by the Assembly in the said clause.

17. PRAHRAN AND MALVERN TRAMWAYS TRUST BILL.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to the Bill to increase the amount which the Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust may borrow by way of overdraft, and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill 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.

18. MALVERN LOAN BILL.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to the Bill to authorize the City of Malvern to construct and provide certain Permanent Works and Undertakings in lieu of certain other Permanent Works and Undertakings, and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill 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.

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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.

20. ASSEMBLY NOMINATIONS (WAR SERVICE) 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, later this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

21. 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 of the Legislative Council in paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23, and to the consequential amendment in the next preceding paragraph (b) of the said sub-clause (3) of the Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes,*" and have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Council to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (5) of clause 25 of the said Bill and to insert a new paragraph (c) in place thereof.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

22. SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable J. H. Disney 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, the 30th instant.

23. PUBLIC SERVICE 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.

24. 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 to amend the 'Fruit Act 1915' and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 9 be postponed until later this day.

26. FISHERIES 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.

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.

27. ASSEMBLY NOMINATIONS (WAR SERVICE) 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.

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.

28. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 11, be postponed until later this day.

29. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—

- (a) making males' or females' hats, caps, or bonnets;
(b) trimming females' hats, caps, or bonnets:

Provided that persons subject to the Felt Hatters Board or the Knitters Board and persons employed making machine-made straw hats shall not be subject to this Board; and that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by this Assembly on the seventh day of August, 1906, and by the Legislative Council on the fourteenth day of August, 1906, respectively, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates of payment to be paid for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing, either inside or outside a factory or work-room, the following articles, that is to say:—

Women's, girls', and infants' bonnets, caps, and hats other than straw hats not made on wire shapes or frames, and other than felt hats, but including the trimming of straw hats and felt hats, having been read—

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

30. 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 Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Section Twenty-four of the 'Conveyancing Act 1915' and for other purposes*" without amendment.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

31. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question

That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—

Debate resumed.

The Honorable T. H. Payne moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes 12.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
W. H. Edgar,
A. Hicks,
W. Kendall,
Walter S. Manifold,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
A. O. Sachse,
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. J. Crooke,
G. M. Davis.

Noes, 7.

The Hon. W. L. Baillieu,
W. J. Beckett,
J. D. Brown,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
J. P. Jones.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. H. Disney,
D. L. McNamara.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, the 30th instant.

32. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising adjourn until Tuesday the 30th instant.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

33. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following Messages 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 Nominations of Persons on War Service as Candidates at the next ensuing General Election for the Legislative Assembly.*"

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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 to amend the Fisheries Act 1915 and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the Custody of Infants,*" without amendment.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

34. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Government Business, Nos. 11 and 13 be postponed until Tuesday, the 30th instant.

And then the Council, at eighteen minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 30th instant

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

QUESTIONS ASKED BY HONORABLE MEMBERS, AND REPLIES THERETO.

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* Without Notice. † Not replied to.

QUESTIONS ASKED BY HONORABLE MEMBERS, AND REPLIES THERETO.

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* Without Notice.

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 22nd October, 1917, viz. :—

- “ An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Town of Wodonga as a Site for a Literary Institute and Free Library.”
- “ An Act to Incorporate the Law Institute of Victoria and for other purposes.”
- “ An Act to extend the Time for the Registration of Barmaids under the Licensing Acts.”
- “ An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Lands situate in the Municipal District of Clunes as Sites for Cricket and other Purposes of Public Recreation and to provide for the Sale of such Lands and the Application of the Proceeds thereof for the Improvement of certain other Lands in the said Municipal District temporarily reserved as a Site for a Public Garden.”
- “ An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Town of Port Melbourne as a Site for Drainage Purposes.”
- “ An Act to amend the Midwives Acts.”
- “ An Act to amend the Law relating to Fees payable in the Office of the Registrar-General.”
- “ An Act to enable the Council of the Shire of Upper Yarra to apply certain Surplus Moneys from the No. 4 Loan in defraying part of the Cost of constructing a Bridge over the Yarra River at Warburton.”
- “ An Act to amend the *Redbank Recreation Reserve Act 1906.*”
- “ An Act relating to the Discontinuance of County Courts.”
- “ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and seventy-five thousand one hundred and sixty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.”
- “ An Act to make further and better provision for the Melbourne General Market and to extend the Area thereof and to provide for the closing of portions of certain Streets in the City of Melbourne and for re-vesting in the Crown certain Lands in the said City and for other purposes.”
- “ An Act relating to Children’s Courts.”
- “ An Act to extend the Operation of Section Twenty-four of the *University Act 1915* for a further period of Five years.”
- “ An Act to make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes.”
- “ An Act to extend the Operation of and to amend the *Wheat Marketing Act 1915* and the *Wheat Marketing Act 1916.*”
- “ An Act to extend the Operation of the *Tramway Board Act 1915* and to amend the Law relating to Drivers or Conductors of or attendant upon Carriages of the Tramway Board.”
- “ An Act to amend the *Fruit Act 1915* and for other purposes.”
- “ An Act relating to the Purchase of Goods Machinery or Materials for Works undertaken by or on behalf of certain Local Authorities.”
- “ An Act to increase the amount which the Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust may borrow by way of Overdraft.”
- “ An Act to authorize the City of Malvern to construct and provide certain Permanent Works and Undertakings in lieu of certain other Permanent Works and Undertakings.”
- “ An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of Portion of certain Land situate in the Municipal Districts of the City of South Melbourne and the City of St. Kilda as a site for a Public Park.”
- “ An Act to amend Section Twenty-four of the *Conveyancing Act 1915* and for other purposes.”
- “ An Act to amend the Public Service Acts.”
- “ An Act to amend the *Fisheries Act 1915* and for other purposes.”
- “ An Act relating to Nominations of Persons on War Service as Candidates at the next ensuing General Election for the Legislative Assembly.”
- “ An Act to amend the Law relating to the Custody of Infants.”



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No. 171.] TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23. [1917.]

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.

I THE Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation prorogue The Parliament of Victoria until Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of October, 1917.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-third day of October, 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!

DISCHARGING MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM ATTENDANCE AND DISSOLVING THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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 Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria," stand prorogued until Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of October, 1917: And whereas it is expedient to dissolve the Legislative Assembly: Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in exercise of the power in me vested in this behalf, do by this my Proclamation discharge the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council from their meeting and attendance on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of October, 1917; and I do dissolve the Legislative Assembly, such dissolution to take effect on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of October, 1917: And I do hereby declare that I have this day given Order that Writs be issued in due form, and according to law, for the election of Members to be duly returned to serve in the Legislative Assembly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-third day of October, 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!

GENERAL ELECTION, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor will issue Writs for a General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, and that the following arrangements for the Election have been made, viz:—

Day of Issue of Writs	...	...	...	...	...	Saturday, 27th October, 1917.
Day of Nomination	...	...	...	...	...	Tuesday, 6th November, 1917.
Day of Polling	...	...	...	...	...	Friday, 16th November, 1917.
Return of Writs	...	...	...	...	...	Friday, 23rd November, 1917.

By Command,

F. W. MABBOTT,
Official Secretary.

State Governor's Office,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1917.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24.

[1917.]

GENERAL ELECTION, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor will issue Writs for a General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, and that the following arrangements for the Election have been made, viz.:-

Day of Issue of Writs	...	...	...	...	...	Saturday, 27th October, 1917.
Day of Nomination	...	...	...	...	...	Monday, 5th November, 1917.
Day of Polling	...	...	...	...	...	Thursday, 15th November, 1917.
Return of Writs	...	...	...	...	...	Friday, 23rd November, 1917.

By Command,

F. W. MABBOTT,
Official Secretary.

State Governor's Office,
Melbourne, 24th October, 1917.

This notice is published in lieu of notice which appeared in *Gazette* of 23rd October, 1917, page 3317.

SELECT COMMITTEES.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS
(JOINT).

(SEE ACT No. 2717.)

The Hon. A. Hicks
(Appointed 3rd December, 1914)

The Hon. D. Melville
(Appointed 5th July, 1916).

APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION 1917.

No. 1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Appointed (by President's Warrant) 27th June, 1917.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman
J. D. Brown
F. G. Clarke
J. P. Jones

The Hon. Walter S. Manifold
H. F. Richardson
E. J. White.

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

Appointed 27th June, 1917.

The Hon. A. Bell
J. K. Merritt
W. Angliss
F. W. Brawn

The Hon. G. M. Davis
D. L. McNamara
E. J. White.

No. 3.—STANDING ORDERS.

Appointed 3rd July, 1917.

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

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

No. 4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

Appointed 3rd July, 1917.

The Hon. the President
W. A. Adamson
A. A. Austin

The Hon. J. P. Jones
J. K. Merritt.

No. 5.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

Appointed 3rd July, 1917.

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

The Hon. F. G. Clarke
D. Melville.

No. 6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

Appointed 3rd July, 1917.

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

The Hon. J. McWhae
H. F. Richardson.

No. 7.—PRINTING.

Appointed 3rd July, 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 3rd July, 1917.

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

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



VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1917.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

Extracted from the Minutes.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1917.

No. 1.—WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—Clause 3—

3. (1) The Victorian Railways Commissioners shall erect and construct all silos to be erected in Victoria pursuant to the Commonwealth Act together with all necessary works in connexion therewith or incidental thereto, and make any necessary alterations to rolling-stock; all of which silos works and alterations are together referred to in this Act as "Works authorized by this Act to be executed by the Victorian Railways Commissioners."

(2) Works authorized by this Act to be executed by the Victorian Railways Commissioners shall (unless in any special case the Minister otherwise directs in writing) be executed under the supervision of the said Commissioners or their officers and in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the said officers.—(*Hon. F. W. Hagelthorn.*)

Amendment proposed—That sub-clause (2) be omitted from the clause.—(*Hon. Walter S. Manifold.*)

Question—That sub-clause (2) stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. J. Beckett,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
D. L. McNamara,
H. F. Richardson,
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. H. Disney.
A. Hicks.

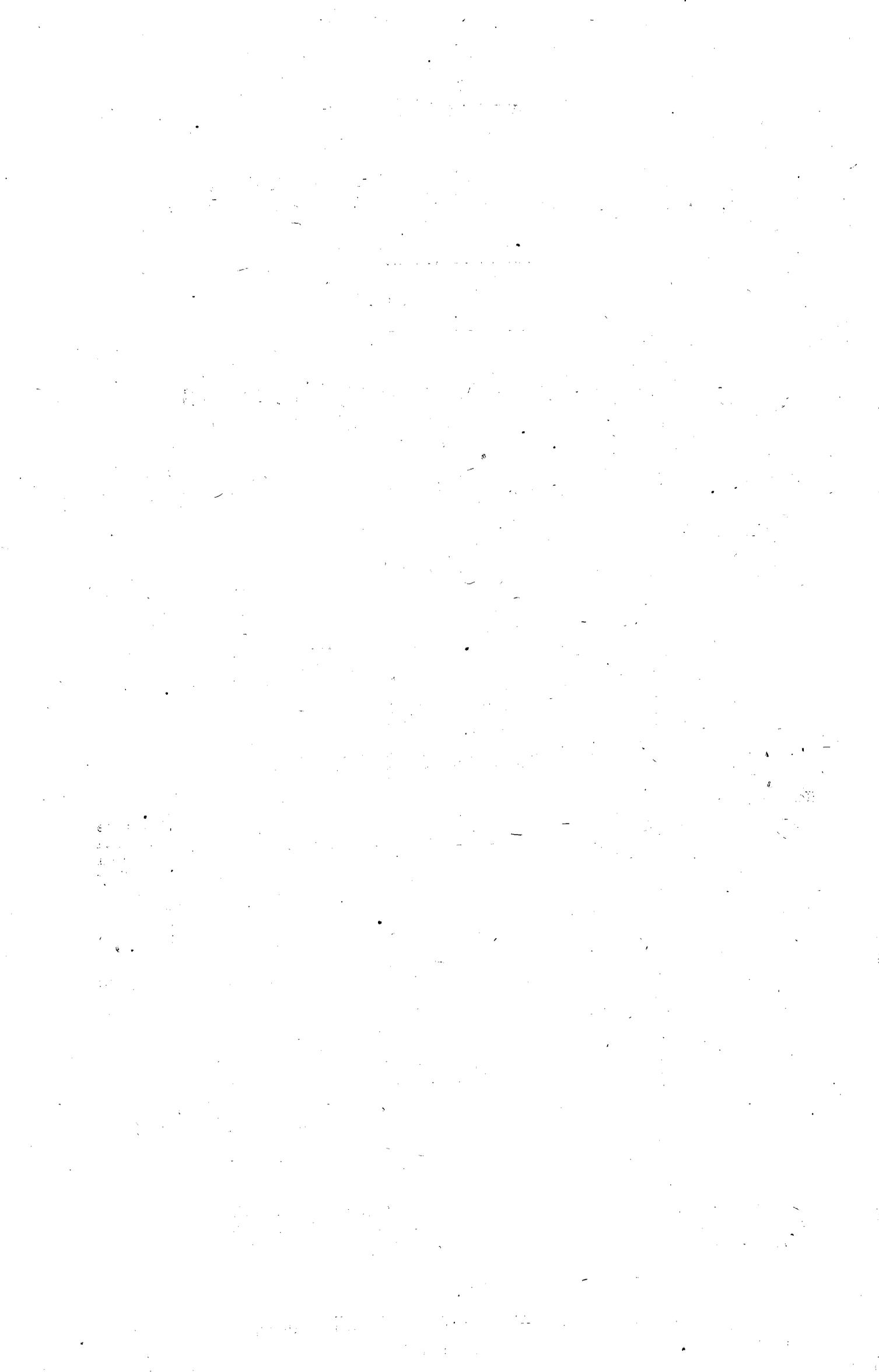
Noes, 9.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
T. Beggs,
J. D. Brown,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
D. Melville,
J. K. Merritt.

Tellers.

The Hon. G. M. Davis,
W. Kendell.

And so it passed in the negative.



VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1917.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 2.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1917.

No. 1.—WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—Clause 16, sub-clause (1)—

16. (1) The prices to be paid to workmen by the Victorian Railways Commissioners in the execution of any works authorized by this Act to be executed by the Victorian Railways Commissioners shall be the recognised standard rate of wages for the work performed for a maximum number of hours.—(*Hon. F. W. Hagelhorn.*)

Amendment proposed—That sub-clause (1) be omitted from the clause.—(*Hon. Walter S. Manifold.*)
Question—That sub-clause (1) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett.

*Tellers.*The Hon. J. H. Disney,
D. L. McNamara.

Noes, 18.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
J. G. Aikman,
A. A. Austin,
W. L. Baillieu,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
J. D. Brown,
F. G. Clarke,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
A. Hicks,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
J. McWhae,
J. K. Merritt,
H. F. Richardson,
J. Sternberg.*Tellers.*The Hon. W. Angliss,
W. H. Edgar.

And so it passed in the negative.

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No. 2.—WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—Clause 3 (*on Recommittal*)—

3. (1) The Victorian Railways Commissioners shall erect and construct all silos to be erected in Victoria pursuant to the Commonwealth Act together with all necessary works in connexion therewith or incidental thereto, and make any necessary alterations to rolling-stock; all of which silos works and alterations are together referred to in this Act as "Works authorized by this Act to be executed by the Victorian Railways Commissioners."—(*Hon. F. W. Hagellhorn.*)

Amendment proposed, That the following new sub-clause be added to the clause :—

* (2) Works authorized by this Act to be executed by the Victorian Railways Commissioners shall (unless in any special case the Minister otherwise directs in writing) be executed under the supervision of the said Commissioners or their officers and in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the said officers.—(*Hon. F. W. Hagellhorn.*)

Question—That the new sub-clause proposed to be added be so added—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. L. Baillieu,
W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
F. W. Hagellhorn,
A. Hicks,
D. L. McNamara,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
J. Sternberg.

Noes, 11.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
J. D. Brown,
F. G. Clarke,
W. H. Edgar,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
J. K. Merritt.

Tellers.

The Hon. T. Beggs,
J. McWhae.

And so it passed in the negative.

* This sub-clause had been omitted from the clause in Committee.

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WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 3.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

No. 1.—FISHERIES BILL.—Clause 7, *as amended*—

[Sub-clause (2) had been amended by omitting the words "less than Two pounds or" after the words "penalty of not."]

7. (1) Subject to the Fisheries Acts the Minister may authorize the issue of licences to fish for non-indigenous trout (to be called "trout-fishing licences") for the periods and to the persons and at the rates mentioned in the Schedule to this Act.

(2) Subject to the Fisheries Acts any person not being the holder of a trout-fishing licence who after the expiration of six months from the commencement of this Act fishes for or takes non-indigenous trout shall be liable to a penalty of not more than Ten pounds.

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—(*Hon. F. W. Hagelthorn.*)Amendment proposed—That the word "Ten" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Five."—(*Hon. J. K. Merritt.*)Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
A. A. Austin,
T. Beggs,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
T. H. Payne,
A. Robinson.*Tellers.*The Hon. F. G. Clarke,
G. M. Davis.

Noes, 13.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
W. J. Beckett,
A. Bell,
W. H. Edgar,
A. Hicks,
D. L. McNamara,
J. McWhae,
D. Melville,
J. K. Merritt,
H. F. Richardson,
J. Sternberg.*Tellers.*The Hon. W. Angliss,
J. H. Disney.

And so it passed in the negative.



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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 4.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1917.

No. 1.—DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—Clause 5—

5. (1) The Governor in Council may by Order published in the *Government Gazette* set apart any area of Crown land for the purpose of being disposed of under the Land Acts or the *Closer Settlement Act* 1915 to discharged soldiers exclusively.

(2) Any Order under this section may be amended or revoked by a like Order.

(3) Save as otherwise expressly provided the provisions hereinafter contained in this Act shall not apply to land under this section.—(*Hon. A. Robinson.*)

Motion made and question put—That clause 5 stand part of the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
W. L. Baillieu,
J. D. Brown,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
A. Hicks,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
D. Melville,
H. F. Richardson,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

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

Noes, 10.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
F. G. Clarke,
W. H. Edgar,
J. P. Jones,
W. Kendell,
D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
E. J. Croke.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—Clause 23, as amended—

[Clause 23 had been amended by inserting the words "but only to such an extent as is actually required for the purposes of this Act" after the word "Victoria" in paragraph (a) of sub-clause (1).]

23. (1) Subject to this Act—

(a) the Board may for the purposes of this Act and as provided in this Act and in Part III. of the *Closer Settlement Act* 1915 so far as incorporated in this Act acquire and take for the Crown either by agreement or compulsorily blocks of private land in any part of Victoria, but only to such an extent as is actually required for the purposes of this Act; and

- (b) all land so acquired and taken shall thereupon become Crown land as if the same had never at any time been alienated from the Crown, and may be disposed of under this Act but if any of such land is not required for the purposes of this Act it may be reserved sold or disposed of pursuant to the *Closer Settlement Act* 1915 as if it had been acquired and taken under and for the purposes of that Act.
- (2) (a) When in pursuance of this Act an offer to purchase any land for the Crown has been made to the owner thereof by the Board and has not been accepted by such owner within the time notified by the Board to such owner the Governor in Council may direct that the whole or any part of the land may be acquired compulsorily by the Board.
- (b) The Governor in Council may thereupon by notification published in the *Government Gazette* declare that the land has been acquired under this Act for the purposes thereof.

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—(Hon. A. Robinson.)

Amendment proposed—That the words “subject to the right of petition hereinafter provided” be inserted after the words “declare that” in paragraph (b) of sub-clause (2).

—(Hon. Walter S. Manifold.)

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

Ayes, 9.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
A. A. Austin,
F. G. Clarke,
E. J. Crooke,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. T. Beggs,
D. E. McBryde.

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 14.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
W. L. Baillieu,
W. J. Beckett,
J. D. Brown,
G. M. Davis,
J. H. Disney,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
A. Hicks,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara,
J. K. Merritt,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
W. H. Edgar.

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No. 5.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1917.

No. 1.—PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL.—Clause 3—

3. In this Act unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

“Local authority” means any waterworks trust or local governing body within the meaning of the Water Acts, any sewerage authority within the meaning of the *Sewerage Districts Act 1915*, the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners, the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners, the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust, the Tramway Board, or any tramways trust.—(*Hon. W. A. Adamson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “Victorian Railways Commissioners or” be inserted after the word “means” in the second line.—(*Hon. J. D. Brown.*)

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

Ayes, 10.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
 J. D. Brown,
 J. H. Disney,
 W. H. Edgar,
 A. Hicks,
 Walter S. Manifold,
 D. E. McBryde,
 D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

J. P. Jones,
 H. F. Richardson.

Noes, 11.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
 W. Angliss,
 A. A. Austin,
 W. L. Baillieu,
 E. J. Croke,
 G. M. Davis,
 F. W. Hagelthorn,
 T. H. Payne,
 A. Robinson.

Tellers.

T. Beggs,
 W. Kendell.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL.—Clause 4—

4. (1) All goods machinery or materials purchased to the amount of One hundred pounds or upwards at any one time by any local authority or by any contractor with the local authority for any works undertaken by or on behalf of the local authority shall be goods machinery or materials manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth unless the Minister first certifies in writing under his hand that he is satisfied that goods machinery or materials (as the case may be) manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth cannot be purchased or can only be purchased at an unreasonable price or within an unreasonable time or in insufficient quantities or of a quality unsuitable for the works.

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—(*Hon. W. A. Adamson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word “One” in the first line be omitted with the view of inserting in place thereof the word “Five.”

—(*Hon. Walter S. Manifold.*)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. L. Baillieu,
J. D. Brown,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
J. P. Jones,
J. McWhae,
A. Robinson.
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney.

Noes, 12.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
T. Beggs,
E. J. Croke,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
A. Hicks.

And so it passed in the negative.



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