

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 1.

THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1902.

NOTICE OF MOTION (Unopposed):-

1. Mr. Shoppee: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of police stations rented by the Government, the locality, rent, and capital value of each, and also the gross amount paid in rent for the same.

Notices of Motion:-

- 1. Mr. Irvine: To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after half-past Ten o'clock.
- 2. Mr. Irvine: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to charging public officers for rent of public buildings used by them for residence.
- 3. Mr. Shiels: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the reduction, until the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and three; of the reimbursement of expenses payable to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries or pay of certain public officers.
- 4. Mr. Shiels: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the reduction, until the thirtieth day of June; One thousand nine hundred and three, of the salaries or pay of Responsible Ministers of the Crown and certain officers under The Constitution Act or Part IX. of The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890, or whose salaries or pay are provided for by special appropriations.
- 5. Mr. Shiels: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to reduce for one year the municipal endowment.
- 6. Mr. Shiels: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the destruction of discharged public debentures, bonds, and coupons.
- 7. Mr. Shiels: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Victorian Loans Redemption Fund Act 1898.
- 8. Mr. Shiels: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Trust Funds Act 1897.
- 9. Mr. Murray: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to revive and continue the Factories and Shops Act 1896 and the Acts amending the same.
- 10. Mr. Murray: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend Part III. of the Police Regulation Act 1390 with regard to future appointees.
- 11. Mr. Bent: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the abolition of local rates on certain lines of railway.
- 12. Mr. Maloney: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to legitimize children by registration under the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Acts.
- 13. Mr. Bailes: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish tied houses.
- 14. Mr. Bowser: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the pollution of rivers and the other water-courses with sludge.
- 15. Mr. Trenwith: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to settle industrial disputes by means of conciliation and arbitration.

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- 16. Mr. Boyn: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish voters' certificates and for
- 17. Mr. McGregor: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Justices Act.
- 18. Mr. Fink: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the admission to practise in Victoria of legal practitioners admitted to practise in the courts of other States of the Commonwealth on terms of reciprocity.
- 19. Mr. PRENDERGAST: To move, That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly.
- 20. SIR SAMUEL GILLOTT: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the restriction of transfer of debentures held by the Melbourne Tramways Trust.
- 21. Mr. W. A. Hamilton: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Wills Act 1890.
- 22. Mr. SMITH: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish all fees paid for education at the Melbourne University.
- 23. Mr. Prendergast: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to exempt justices of the peace from liability to serve as jurors.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. LAND TAX ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—To be considered in Committee.
- 2. Mallee Land Account Bill—Message from His Excellency the Governor— To be considered in Committee.
- 3. TREASURY BONDS BILL—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—To be considered in Committee.
- 4. TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2)—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—To be considered in Committee.
- 5. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-To be considered in Committee.
- 6. TRADING STAMPS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading. 7. Supply—To be considered in Committee.
- 8. Ways and Means—To be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Bowser: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will throw open to owners of starving stock in the State the Crown lands in Gippsland at a nominal
- 2. Dr. Grattan Wilson: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture-
 - 1. Is he aware that the disease known as Anthrax has broken out in several districts of the State, the probable source being imported bone meal.
 - 2. Will he take steps to prevent the introduction of such bone meal and other likely sources of infection into the State until they have been sterilized by means of superheated steam.
 - 3. Will he render every assistance to settlers and others whose stock have been affected and in the areas of infection, so that they may have their stock rendered immune by inoculation, and to this end have an expert brought from New South Wales free of expense to settlers.
 - 4. Will he take immediate steps to prevent the spread of the disease in the State as the matter is one of great urgency to stock-owners, and also on the general ground of public health, the disease being communicable to human beings and extremely fatal.
- 3. Mr. Bailes: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will give the House an intimation as to when he will introduce his amending Mines Bill dealing with the amendments in the tributing clauses of the existing Act, as agreed upon by a conference of delegates from the Mine-owners' Association and Miners' Association, presided over by the ex-Minister of Mines, the Honorable J. B. Burton.
- 4. Mr. PRENDERGAST: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is the intention of his Department to increase the hours of labour of signalmen.
- 5. Mr. Levien: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will arrange that recognised duly qualified persons may travel free on the railways, in order that farmers desiring to have their stock inoculated may be saved the cost of the long railway journeys necessary.
- 6. Mr. Prendergast: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways-
 - 1. Has he seen the following statement in the press of the 14th instant: "On Saturday night a Logomotive engine-driver, driving important mixed trains into Bendigo, finished work after being on duty for 112 hours for that week! During the same week another driver dropped down in the Bendigo running shed. A doctor was summoned, who pronounced the case to be one of exhaustion from overwork. Many other drivers were during the same week worked from 12 to 23 hours without rest, and several had to resort to all kinds of subterfuge to get away for a few hours' rest between the trains they were compelled to run. Trains were kept at the station over an hour late waiting for men to run them—mind you, not waiting for fresh men from home, but for men to come in off their trips to go out again."
 - 2. Are these statements true; if so, what does he intend to do to remedy the evils disclosed.

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1. Mr. E. H. CAMERON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide by pumping for the supply of water from Long Lake to part of the Eastern Mallee.

Contingent on consideration of the Sessional Order appointing the Duys and Hours of Meeting: -

1. Mr. Maloner: To move, as an amendment, That the words "each day" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Tuesday and Wednesday, and that Ten o'clock be the hour of meeting on Thursday," and that the following words be added to the resolution, viz.:—"on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and the sitting shall close at Six o'clock on Thursday."

THOS. G. WATSON,

D. GILLIES,

Speaker.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 15TH OCTOBER, 1902.

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

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 1. Trading Stamps Bill—[11].



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No. 2.

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2. Are these statements true; if so, what does he intend to do to remedy the evils disclosed.

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- 7. Mr. WARDE: To ask the Honorable the Premier-
 - 1. Is it his intention to bring in a Bill to amend the Constitution Act in the direction of reducing the payment in salary and pension to any person appointed in future to the position of a Judge of the Supreme Court.

2. If he has not considered the position, will he bring the matter before the House previous to any further appointment.

8. Mr. McDonald: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if his attention has been called to the case, as reported in the Argus newspaper of the 16th October instant, of a man suffering from scarlet fever who was denied admission to the various hospitals; if so, what action does he propose to meet such cases in future.

Notices of Motion (Unopposed):-

- 1. Mr. Shoppee: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of police stations rented by the Government, the locality, rent, and capital value of each, and also the gross amount paid in rent for the same.
- 2. Mr. Grose: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing-
 - 1. The number of yearly passes issued to traders doing £2,000 worth of business with the Railway Department.

2. The number of passes at half rate issued to people doing £1,000 worth of business.

3. The value of coupons for railway travelling issued to people doing up to £500 and £250 in business respectively.

4. The total of the rebates granted during the past twelve months.

5. The value of the tickets issued at half fare to the press.

Government Business.

Notices of Motion:

- 1. Mr. E. H. CAMERON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide by pumping for the supply of water from Long Lake to part of the Eastern Mallee.
- 2. Mr. McKenzie: To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the expediency of amending the Land Tax Act 1890.
 - 3. Mr. Kirton: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the union in Victoria of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church, the Bible Christian Church, and the United Methodist Free Churches; to deal with the properties in Victoria of the said uniting churches, and to assimilate the Trusts thereof; to vest the said properties in the United Church under the name of The Methodist Church of Australasia; to give certain powers to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to amend The Victorian Wesleyan Methodists' Act 1887, and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS CONTINUANCE BILL—Second reading.
 2. MEMBERS AND PUBLIC SERVICE RETRENCHMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 3. MINISTERS' AND OFFICERS' SALARIES RETRENCHMENT BILL-Second reading.
- MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT REDUCTION BILL-Second reading.

5. MALLIE LAND ACCOUNT BILL-Second reading.

- TREASURY BONDS BILL—Second reading.
- 7. VICTORIAN LOANS REDEMPTION FUND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- * 8. TRUST FUYDS ACT 1897 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 - 9. Public Buildings Rent Bill—Second reading.
- 10. TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
- 11. DEBENTURES DESTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
- 12. POLICE ASSURANCE BILL-Second rending.
- 13. Education Act 1901 Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 14. LOCAL RAILWAY RATES ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
- 15. Supply—To be considered in Committee.
- 16. WAYS AND MEANS-To be considered in Committee.

General Business.

Notices of Motion:-

- 1. Mr. Toutcher: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the office of State Governor should
- 2. Mr. Sangster: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to restrict security to the mortgaged property.
- 3. Mr. Argyle: To move, That the Honorable Member for Collingwood, Mr. William David Beazley, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.
- 4. Mr. Mackey: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to rectify some anomalies in the law relating to women.
- . 5. Mr. Mackey: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to election expenses.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL—(Mr. Maloney)—Second reading.

2. TIMD HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reaning.

2. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reaning.
3. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
5. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.
6. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
7. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.
8. Melbourne Tramway's Trust Debentures Bill—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading.
9. WILLS ACT 1899 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
10. Melbourne University (Abolition of Fees) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
11. Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.

Second reading.

11. JURORS EXEMPTION BILL—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.

12. FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT OF STATE SERVANTS—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."

. THOS. G. WATSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

D. GILLIES. Speaker.

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Marriage Bill-[12].

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Factories and Shops Continuance Bill-[3].

Ministers and Special and other Appropriations Retrenchment Bill—[5]. Members and Public Service Retrenchment Bill—[6].

Trust Funds Bill (No. 2)—[7]. Police Regulation Bill—[14].

Municipal Endowment Reduction Bill-[16].

Government Buildings Rent Bill—[17]. Cancelled Debentures Bill—[18].

Victorian Loans Redemption Fund Bill—[19]. Treasury Bonds Bill—[21]. Mallee Land Account Bill—[22].



Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1902.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Bowser: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will throw open to owners of starving stock in the State the Crown lands in Gippsland at a nominal
- 2. Dr. Gratton Wilson: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture-
 - 1. Is he aware that the disease known as Authrax has broken out in several districts of the State, the probable source being imported bone meal.
 - 2. Will he take steps to prevent the introduction of such bone meal and other likely sources of
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- 3. Mr. Levien: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will arrange that recognised duly qualified persons may travel free on the railways, in order that farmers desiring to have their stock inoculated may be saved the cost of the long railway journeys necessary.
- 4. Mr. Bailes: To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is his intention to re-enact the Wages Attachment Act this Session; if so, will he inform the House if he will introduce it at an early date.
- 5. Mr. Warde: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways-
 - 1. How many hours per day do engine-drivers and firemen work.
 - 2. Has the Railway Department issued instructions that the daily-paid staff may be worked six or seven days per week but only be paid for five days.
 - 3. What is the allowance for travelling expenses for twelve hours to (a) Inspectors, (b) Enginedrivers, and by what amount is it proposed to be reduced in each case.
 - 4. What will be the effect of the percentage reductions and the five days' work regulation on the wages of a fireman receiving 8s. 6d. per day, or £133 per annum.
- 6. Mr. Andrews: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways-
 - 1. Has the Railway Department been offered an invention to prevent the escape of sparks from locomotives which it is claimed will also result in a saving of 20 per cent. in the consumption
 - 2. If so, what steps does he propose to take to test this important invention in the interests of cconomy.
- 7. Mr. Warde: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General-
 - 1. What allowances are made to (a) Supreme Court Judges, (b) County Court Judges, (c) Police
 - 2. Which of the Judges (Supreme and County Court) have received leave of absence during the past six years; on what terms, and for what periods.
 - 3. Are allowances and leave of absence part of the contract between the State and the Judges.

- 8. Mr. Hutchinson: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will at once take steps to place the large area of closed roads, for which no rent is now paid, at the disposal of those who are looking for pasture for their starving stock from the drought stricken
- 9. Mr. Andrews: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply-
 - 1. What officers (temporary or permanent) have been appointed to the Geelong branch of his Department from outside the district during the past twelve months, and what prior experience have such officers had in the Department
 - 2. What temporary employés have been dismissed from the Geelong branch during the same period; what are their ages, and what prior experience have they had.
- 10. Mr. GAVAN DUFFY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if railway employes who are to get only five days' work in the week will bave, one clear day off duty, or broken time.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:-

1. Mr. Kirton: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the union in Victoria of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church, the Bible Christian Church, and the United Methodist Free Churches; to deal with the properties in Victoria of the said uniting churches, and to assimilate the Trusts thereof; to vest the said properties in the United Church under the name of The Methodist Church of Australasia; to give certain powers to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to amend The Victorian Wesleyan Methodists' Act 1887, and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- 1. Supply—To be considered in Committee.
- 2. WAYS AND MEANS-To be considered in Committee.
- 3. MEMBERS AND PUBLIC SERVICE RETRENCHMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 4. MINISTERS' AND OFFICERS' SALARIES RETRENCHMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 5. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT REDUCTION BILL-Second reading.
- MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL-Second reading.
- TREASURY BONDS BILL-Second reading.
- VICTORIAN LOANS REDEMPTION FUND ACT. 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 9. TRUST FUNDS ACT 1897 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 10. Public Buildings Rent Bill—Second reading.
- 11. TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
 12. DEBENTURES DESTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
- 13. LOCAL RAILWAY RATES ABOLITION BILL—Second reading. 14. EASTERN MALLEE WATER SUPPLY BILL—Second reading.

General Business.

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- 1. Mr. Toutcher: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the office of State Governor should be abolished.
- 2. Mr. SANGSTER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to restrict security to the mortgaged
- 3. Mr. Mackey: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to rectify some anomalies in the law relating to women.
- 4. Mr. MACKEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to election expenses.
- 5. Mr. GAIR: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to actions against the Commissioner of Railways as a carrier of passengers.
- 6. Mr. Tucker: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing-
 - 1. The number of free railway passes, half-fare tickets, and all other travelling concessions granted by the Railway Department to each of the leading daily and weekly metropolitan and country newspapers for the year ending 30th September, 1902.
 - 2. The cash value of same.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL-(Mr. Maloney)-Second reading.
- 2. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL-(Mr. Bailes)-Second reaning.
- 3. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
 4. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
- 5. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.
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- 9. WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.

- 10. Melbourne University (Abolition of Fees) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
 11. Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
 12. Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF -MOTION :-

1. Mr. McKenzie: To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the expediency of amending the Land Tax Act 1890.

THOS. G. WATSON, .

D. GILLIES,

Speaker.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 16th OCTOBER, 1902.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 1 and 2. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 2. University Bill-[9]. Trading Stamps Bill— Insolvency Bill—[13]. Coroners Bill—[23]. -[11]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3. Education Bill—[15].
Supply Bill—[39].

Members and Public Service Retrenchment Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr.

McDonald and Mr. McKinnon. (To Members only.)

Regulations under various Acts of Parliament.—Extracted from the Government Gazette of 15th October, 1902. No. 22.

Notices of Motion the **Orders** and

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1902.

Government Business.

Notices of Motion:-

- 1. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria.
- 2. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Service Acts.
- 3. Mr. TAVERNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to indemnify the councillors of various municipalities for borrowing moneys by overdrafts on bankers for the purposes of their municipalities contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1890.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. MEMBERS AND PUBLIC SERVICE RETRENCHMENT BILL-To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. MINISTERS' AND OFFICERS' SALARIES RETRENCHMENT BILL—Second reading.
 3. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT REDUCTION BILL—Second reading.
- 4. MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL—Second reading.
 5. TREASURY BONDS BILL—Second reading.
- 6. VICTORIAN LOANS REDEMPTION FUND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 7. TRUST FUNDS ACT 1897 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading. 8. Public Buildings Rent Bill—Second reading.

- 9. TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
 10. DEBENTURES DESTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
- 11. LOCAL RAILWAY RATES ABOLITION BILL-Second reading.
- 12. EASTERN MALLEE WATER SUPPLY BILL—Second reading.
 13. METHODIST UNION BILL—Second reading.
- 14. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
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- 7. Mr. Andrews: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Service and Railways Acts, by preventing any new appointments for five years except with the consent of both Houses of Parliament.

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 3. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
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 5. VOLUMES' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.
- Mr. 1164.... -(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.

 McGregor)—Second reading. 5. Voters' Certificates Abolition Bill—(Mr. Boyd)
 6. Justices Acts Amendment Bill—(Mr. McGregor)—
- 7. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL-(Mr. Fink)-Second reading.
- 8. Melbourne Tramways Trust Depentures Bill-(Sir Samuel Gillott)

9. WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)-Second reading.

10. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (ABOLITION OF FEES) BILL-(Mr. Smith)-Second reading.

11. JURORS EXEMPTION BILL—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
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Questions.

- 1. Mr. Max Hirsch: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will inform the House-
 - 1. The number of horses and cattle for which grazing has so far been provided by the Starving Stock Committee.

The number of horses and cattle on the Committee's list still unprovided for.

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- 2. Mr. Bowser: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will throw open to owners of starving stock in the State the Crown lands in Gippsland at a nominal
- 3. Mr. Hickford: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways-
 - 1. Whether it is the intention of the Railway Department to abolish the half-fare vouchers in respect of all servants of the Department; and, if so, when.

2. How long the half-fare vouchers have been in existence.

- Whether there is any contract or statutory right entitling the servants of the Department to these half-fare vouchers.
- 4. Does he not consider half-fare vouchers reasonable, especially in view of the reductions already made.
- 4. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Premier whether, in handing over the Government House rent free to the Federal Government, it was intended or contemplated by the Government that the State servants should be interfered with, providing they performed their duties satisfactorily.
- / 5. MR. FIELD: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will state what amount of rent is paid for the offices in London occupied by the Agent-General and staff.

Government Business.

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TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER.

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THOS. G. WATSON,

D. GILLIES,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Speaker.

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- 4. Mr. Lawson: To ask the Honorable the Premier if the Government, before confirming the appointment of an Auditor-General, will give the House an opportunity of expressing its opinion as to the advisability of amending section 6 of Act No. 1768, and of fixing the salary and emoluments of the new Auditor-General.
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Government Business.

Notices of Motion:-

- 1. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria."
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- 3. Mr. SHIELS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes."
- 4. Mr. Shiels: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Water Supply in Country Districts and for other purposes."
- 5. Mr. McKenzie: To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the expediency of amending the Land Tax Act 1890.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- 1. MEMBERS AND PUBLIC SERVICE RETRENCHMENT BILL-Third reading.
- 2. MINISTERS' AND OFFICERS' SALARIES RETRENCHMENT BILL-Second reading
- 3. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT REDUCTION BILL-Second reading.
- MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL—Second reading.
 TREASURY BONDS BILL—Second reading.
- VICTORIAN LOANS REDEMPTION FUND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 TRUST FUNDS ACT 1897 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 8. Public Buildings Rent Bill-Second reading.
- 9. TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
 10. DEBENTURES DESTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
- 11. LOCAL RAILWAY RATES ABOLITION BILL-Second reading.
- 12. EASTERN MALLEE WATER SUPPLY BILL-Second reading.
- 13. METHODIST UNION BILL—Second reading.
- 14. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.
 15. Municipal Overdrafts Indemnity Bill—Second reading.
- 16. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 17. Ways and Means—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

Notices of Motion:-

- 1. Mr. Toutcher: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the office of State Governor should be abolished.
- 2. Mr. SANGSTER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to restrict Security to the Mortgaged Property."
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- 4. MR. MACKEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to Election Expenses."
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 - 2. The cash value of same.
- 7. Mr. Andrews: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the Public Service and Railways Acts by preventing any New Appointments for Five Years except with the consent of both Houses of Parliament."
- 8. Mr. Prendergast: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing
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URDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL—(Mr. Maloney)—Second reading.
 2. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reaning.
- 3. Sludge Bill—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
- 4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
 5. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.
 6. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.

- LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.

- 8. Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second read
 9. Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
 10. Melbourne University (Abolition of Fees) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
- 11. JURORS EXEMPTION BILL—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
 12. FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT OF STATE SERVANTS—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."

TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER:

Question.

1. Mr. BAILES: To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is his intention to re-enact the Wages Attachment Act this Session; if so, will he inform the House if he will introduce it at an early date.

THOS. G. WATSON,

D. GILLIES.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Speaker.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 5. Methodist Union Bill - [43].

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No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1902.

Question.

1. Mr. Smith: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether the discontinuance of the workmen's concessions in fares to and from Newport is to apply to apprentices; if so, will he, in view of the low wages these lads get, disallow the annulling of the privilege.

Government Business.

Notices of Motion:-

- 1. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Fink, Mr. Madden, and Mr. Shiels; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
- 2. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session: —Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bent, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Gair, Sir Samuel Gillott, Mr. Graves, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Mackinnon, Sir Alexander Peacock, and Mr. Trenwith; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum.
- 3. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Craven, Mr. Graham, Mr. Taverner, and Mr. Trenwith; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
- 4. MR. IRVINE: To move. That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session: —Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Downward, Mr. Giose, Mr. A. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. McGregor, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Sterry; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; three to be the quorum.
- 5. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Bennett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gair, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. McBride; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
- 6. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session:—Mr. Benzley, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Fink, Mr. Max Hirsch, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Williams; three to be the quorum.
- 7. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That the following Members be appointed Members of the Parliamentary Stunding Committee on Railways:-Mr. Craven, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grose, Mr. McBride, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Warde.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT REDUCTION BILL-Second reading.
- 2. Public Buildings Rent Bill-Second reading.
- 3. Debentures Destruction Bill-Second reading.
- 4. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL-Second reading.
- 5. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 6. TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
 7. METHODIST UNION BILL—Second reading.

- 8. LOCAL RAILWAY RATES ABOLITION BILL—Second reading.
 9. EASTERN MALLEE WATER SUPPLY BILL—Second reading.
- 10. MARRIAGE ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 11. Supply-To be further considered in Committee.
- 12. WAYS AND MEANS-To be further considered in Committee.

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 - 3. By whom now occupied.
 - 4. Leases in which labour covenants are being complied with.
 - 5. Cases in which labour covenants are not complied with, and the reasons.
 - 6. In leases in which labour covenants are being complied with, how many (a) contract, (b) wages men, (c) tributers, are engaged.
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- 10. MR. MALONEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to prevent the Exasion of Probate Duties by Entail Settlement or otherwise."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL-(Mr. Maloney)-Second reading.

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 6. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
 7. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPIONERS BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.
- 8. MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS TRUST DEBENTURES BILL-(Sir Samuel Gillott)--Second reading
- 9. WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
 10. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (ABOLITION OF FRES) BILL—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
- 11. Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
 12. Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."

THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

1. MR. IRVINE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. Constitution Reform Bill-Message from His Excellency the Governor-To be considered in Committee.
- 2. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.
 3. Public Works Loan Application Bill—Second reading.
- 4. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL-Second reading.

TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Bailes: To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is his intention to re-enact the Wages Attachment Act this Session; if so, will he inform the House if he will introduce it at an early date.
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D. GILLIES, Speaker.

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Transfer of Land Bill-[8].

Factories and Shops Continuance Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. T. C. Harwood. (To Members of Council only.)

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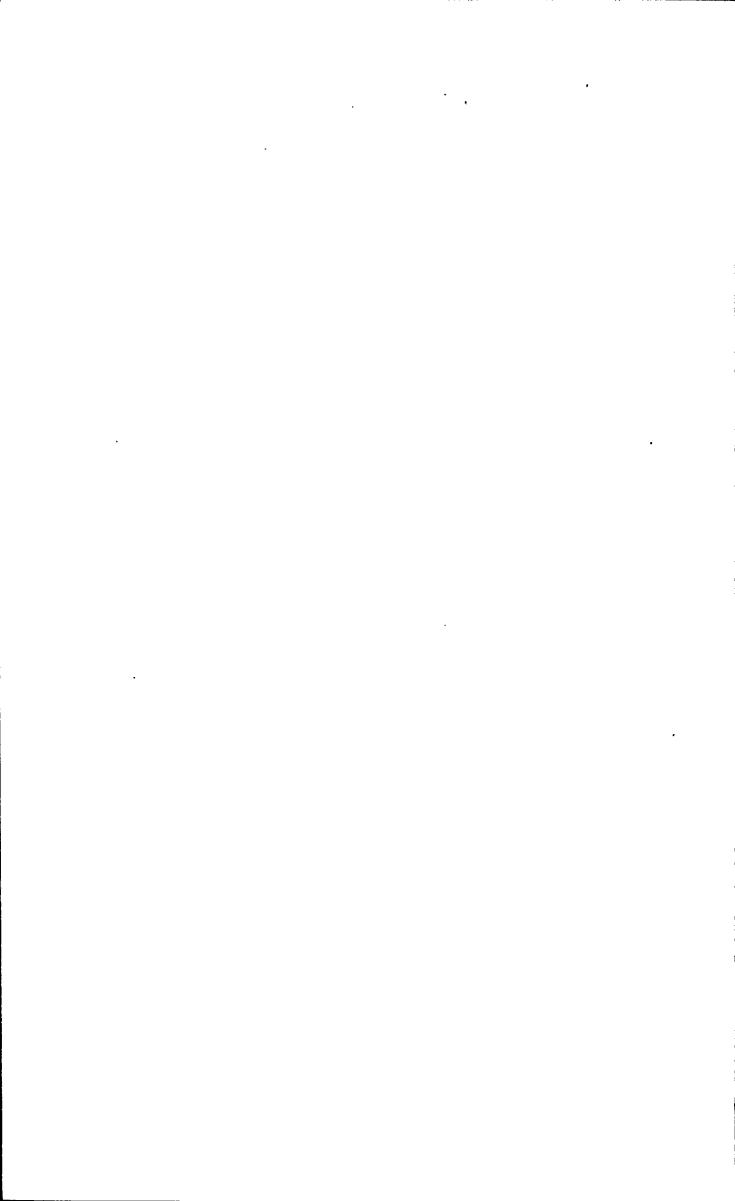
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Marriage Bill—[12]. (To Members only.) Municipal Overdrafts (Indemnity) Bill—[31].

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Municipal Endowment Reduction Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.) Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the Year ending 30th June, 1902. No. 10.



Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 7.

THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1902.

Notice of Motion (Unopposed):-

1. Mr. Max Hirsch: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of pilots in each division (sea pilots and river pilots) who have participated in the pilotage dues collected during 1901, and the amount received by each of them.

Government Business.

Notices of Motion:

- 1. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria."
- 2. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.
- 3. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Defences and Discipline Act 1890."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

1. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.

2. Public Buildings Rent Bill-Consideration of Report.

3. TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2)—Second reading. 4. DEBENTURES DESTRUCTION BILL-Second reading.

5. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL—Second reading.
6. PUBLIC SERVICE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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8. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Second reading.

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TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER.

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- 3. Mr. W. A. Hamilton: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer-
 - 1. Whether he has noticed that the Acting Prime Minister had stated, in answer to a question by Sir John Quick, M.P., that the Federal Government will favorably consider the question of taking over portions of the States' debts, as they fall due, if asked by any State to do so.
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Government Business.

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THOS. G. WATSON, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Municipal Endowment Reduction Bill—[16]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 7.
Government Buildings Rent Bill—[17]. (To Members only.)
Public Service Bill—[27].
Long Lake Water Supply Bill—[29].
Licensing Amendment Bill—[41]. (To Members only.)

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

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- 5. Mr. Fletcher: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is his intention to appoint a Commission to inquire into the general management of lunatic asylums; if so, when.
- 6. Mr. Anstey: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will provide that employés of the State shall not work more than six days in any one week.
- 7. Mr. HAY KIRKWOOD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines-
 - 1. If he will have an extended survey of the three main lines of reef made north of the Moon mines, Eaglehawk, on the Garden Gully, Hustler's, and Victoria reefs, as it is now very difficult to trace them in the scrubby country.
 - 2. Can a diamond drill be spared for the purpose of prospecting for the alluvial lost leads of gold north of Myers Flat, Sydney Flat, and Sebastian which are all trending north-west towards
- 8. Mr. Anster: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will inform the House how many sexagenarians are now in the employ of the State, and whether he intends to retain or dispense with their services.

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 4. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
 5. Voters' Certificates Abolition Bill—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.
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 7. Legal Practitioners Reciprocity Bill—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.
 8. Macronaum (Transport Property Bill—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.
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THOS. G. WATSON, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

D. GILLIES, Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 12th November.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH OCTOBER, 1902.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 6.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8.

Railway Local Rates Abolition Bill-[36].

Marriage Bill.—Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.) Public Service Bill.—New Clause A to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Andrews. (To Members only.) Report of Royal Commission for inquiring into and reporting on the Numerous Amendments required in the Law relating to Local Government. No. 2.

Final Report of Royal Commission on Management of the Railway Department, &c. No. 5.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:-

- Mr. Murray: To move, That the Royal Commission appointed on the 9th April, 1900, to inquire
 into and report on the numerous amendments required in the Law relating to Local Government
 having incurred certain liabilities beyond the amount of the maximum expenditure already
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 in discharge of the liabilities so incurred.
- 2. Mr. Murray: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for the Collection of Statistics."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. METHODIST UNION BILL-Second reading.
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- 3. Public Works Loan Application Bill-Second reading.
- 4. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL-Second reading.
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- 6. Defences and Discipline Act 1890 Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 7. LOCAL RAILWAY RATES ABOLITION BILL-Second reading.
- 8. MARRIAGE ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 9. Supply-To be further considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER.

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- 1. Mr. Maloney: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways-
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2. Can a diamond drill be spared for the purpose of prospecting for the alluvial lost leads of gold north of Myers Flat, Sydney Flat, and Sebastian which are all trending north-west towards

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 5, 6, and 7.

Coroners Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by the Honorable T. C. Harwood. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 7, 8, and 9. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9. Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 2. Water Supply Loans Application Bill—[32]. Statement showing proposed Loan Expenditure for Water Supply. Railway Loan Application Bill—[33]. Statement showing proposed Loan Expenditure for Victorian Railways. Public Works Loan Application Bill—[34]. Statement showing proposed Loan Expenditure for Public Works. Defences Bill—[40].

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WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

- 1. Mr. W. A. Hamilton: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways-
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CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Upon a Motion for going into Committee of Supply-

1. Mr. Bailles: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government, in the interests of the mining industry, should appoint a Director of Mining.

THOS. G. WATSON, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. D. GILLIES, Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 10.
Railway Loan Application Bill—[33]. (To Members only.)
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No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Levien: To ask the Honorable the Minister for Agriculture if he will inform the House as to the intentions of the Government regarding the Maffra Beet Sugar Factory.
- 2. Mr. Field: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he is aware that station-masters, who have been in the lowest grades of that class for upwards of fourteen years at a salary of £130 to £150 per annum, with quarters, fuel, light, and water, have received notice that from the 1st November, 1902, they will have to provide fuel, light, and water at their own expense.
- 3. Mr. Mackinnon: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture-
 - How many inspectors have been appointed under section 17 of the Vegetation Diseases Act 1896.
 - 2. What persons are eligible for such inspectorships.
 - 3. Is it a fact that persons appointed are devoid of practical experience.
 - 4. For what reason are the trained students of the Government Horticultural School ineligible for such inspectorships.
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 - 2. Has he noticed the further statement in the same paper on the following day that these men were taken to Bendigo and classed as "permanent" casuals or some similar name, and that although taken from their homes in Melbourne they were not to be paid the 4s. per day for expenses.
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- 6. Mr. Kerr: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways-
 - 1. What branches of the railway service have been retrenched one day per week, and the number of hands affected by such retreuchment.
 - 2. Does he intend to place all branches of the service on the same footing.
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Government Buildings Rent Bill—[17]. (To Members of Council only.)

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Treasury Bonds Bill (No. 2)—[25]. (To Members of Council only.)

Railway Loan Application Bill—[33]. (To Members of Council only.)

Public Works Loan Application Bill—[34]. (To Members of Council only.)

Defences Bill—[40]. (To Members of Council only.)

Methodist Union Bill—[43]. (To Members of Council only.)

Insolvency Bill.—New Clause A to be proposed by the Hon. G. Godfrey. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 10 and 71. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 11. Statistics Collection Bill—[4].



Notices of Motion and Orders of the

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

NOTICE OF MOTION (Unopposed):-

- 1. Mr. C. HAMILTON: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing-
 - 1. All sums which have been paid in bonuses to railway officials during the past three years.
 - 2. To what officials, and for what purposes, the bonuses in question have been paid.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :--

- 1. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
- 2. EASTERN MALLEE WATER SUPPLY BILL—Second reading.
 3. MARRIAGE ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Consideration of Report.
- 4. Constitution Reform Bill Message from His Excellency the Governor To be considered in Committee.
- 5. STATISTICS COLLECTION BILL—Second reading.
- 6. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
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- 8. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 9. WAYS AND MEANS-To be further considered in Committee.

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 8. MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS TRUST DEBENTURES BILL—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading
- 9. WILLS ACT 1899 AMENDMENT BILL-(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)-Second reading.

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1. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL—Second reading

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8.

Municipal Overdrafts (Indemnity) Bill—[31]. (To Members of Council enly.)

Factories and Shops Continuance Bill.—Amendments made by Legislative Council. How dealt with by Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 12.

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

Coroners Bill—[23]. (To Members only.)

Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the Year ended 30th June, 1902. No. 11.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 13. Statistics Collection Bill—[4]. (To Members only.) The Constitution Bill—[26].

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1902. No. 4.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Craven: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will allow travelling sheep to graze upon the railway reserves between Wodonga and Tallangatta on Sundays.
- 2. Mr. Macker: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways-
 - 1. Is it a fact that the Honorable the Minister has been advised by his responsible officers that, exclusive of a charge for interest on cost of construction of the railways, the cost of carrying Victorian coal hardly exceeds ad. per ton per mile.
 - 2. Is it a fact that under the contracts for the supply of New South Wales coal to the railways, wharfage dues amounting to 1s. per ton are remitted to the contractors, and no charge made
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 3. Are wharfage dues remitted in the case of the supply of New South Wales coal to the City Council, the Metropolitan Board of Works, and other public bodies.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS CONTINUANCE BILL-Message from the Council-To be considered.
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

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REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 8 and 9.

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Statistics Collection Bill—[4]. (To Members of Council only.)

Long Lake Water Supply Bill—[29]. (To Members of Council only.)

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Marriage Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

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Patents Bill-[42].

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The Constitution Bill-

Amendment to be moved by Mr. Bromley on Second Reading of Bill. (To Members only.)

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 26th November.

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

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 20th NOVEMBER, 1902.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 10.

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

Water Supply Loans Application Bill—[32]. (To Members of Council only.)

Education Bill.—New Clause A to be proposed by the Hon. J. Balfour. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 15, 16, and 17.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 17.

The Constitution Bill-

Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. McDonald. (To Members only.) New Clause L to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Field. (To Members only.)

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THURSDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Constitution Reform Bill-Second reading-Resumption of debate.
- 2. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 3. Coroners Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 4. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 5. POLICE OFFENCES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 6. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
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 4. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
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 6. Justices Acts Amendment Bill—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 11.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 18.

The Constitution Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Tucker. (To Members only.)

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NOTICE OF MOTION (Unopposed):-

- 1. Mr. Mackey: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing according to the
 - 1. The number of adult males in each electorate.
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Government Business.

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- *1. Mr. Bent: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to authorize the clearing of Railway Lands by Fire at any time."
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The Constitution Bill—
New Clauses U, V, and W. to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.) Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Ashworth. (To Members only.)

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 19.

Railways Lands Clearing Bill-[53].

The Constitution Bill-

Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Toutcher. (To Members only.) Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Bowser. (To Members only.)

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No. 21.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1902.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Duggan: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if it is a fact that an inspector of fisheries is stationed at Laanecoorie, on the Loddon River; if so, what remuneration does such inspector receive, and what purpose is he supposed to serve.
- 2. Mr. Ramsay: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that certain men are, or have been, employed by him for the purpose of bringing him secret information as to the working of the Department; if so—
 - (a) How many men are so employed:
 - (b) What are their names and addresses.
 - (c) What qualifications have they for railway administration.
 - (d) What remuneration are they receiving, and what allowance for expenses.
 - (e) Were they appointed to the Service through the proper channel, viz., the Selection Board; if not, by whom, and under what Act, were they appointed.
 - (f) Does he intend to continue this system of railway administration.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS CONTINUANCE BILL—Amendments of Legislative Council and recommendations of Free Conference thereon—To be considered.
- 2. Constitution Reform Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
- 3. CORONERS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 4. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 5. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 6. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.
- 7. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL-Second reading.
- 8. SPRING VALE NECROPOLIS BILL-Second reading.
- 9. INSOLVENCY BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 10. University Act. 1890 Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 11. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 12. WAYS AND MEANS-To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

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- 1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL-(Mr. Maloney)-Second reading.
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 3. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
 4. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
 5. Voters' Certificates Abolition Bill—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.
 6. Justices Acts Amendment Bill—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
 7. Legal Practitioners Reciprocity Bill—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.

 6. Management Transport Transport Bill—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.

- 8. Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill-(Sir Samuel Gillott)
- 9. WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.

- 10. Melbourne University (Abolition of Fees) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.

 11. Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.

 12. Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."
- 13. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.

TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :-

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D. GILLIES, Speaker.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 11 and 12. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 12.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 18, 19, 20, and 21, Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. 'No. 21.

University Bill.—[9]. (To Members only.)
Insolvency Bill.—[13]. (To Members only.)
The Constitution Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Lawson. (To Members only.)

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 22.

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 1902.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. Constitution Reform Bill-To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. Coroners Act 1890 further Amendment Bill-(from Council)-Second reading
- 3. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
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- 5. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
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- 7. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill—Second reading.
- 8. Insolvency Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 9. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 10. PATENTS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 11. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
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General Business.

Notices of Motion:-

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12. FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT OF STATE SERVANTS—Resumption of debate on the question—"That ail servants of the State be paid fortnightly."

13. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.

FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER.

- 1. Mr. Keast: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply-
 - 1. Is he aware that the whole of the Commissioners of the Carrum Irrigation Trust are going to resign owing to the action of the Government in refusing to revote the sum of £171 to that
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TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

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 7. SPRING VALE NECROPOLIS BILL—Second reading.
- 8. INSOLVENCY BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
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No. 24.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1902.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Maloney: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether officials holding high positions are treated the same as the lower-paid railway employes in having to pay full fares for railway travelling other than on official business.
- 2. Mr. Lawson: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will inform the House if he is proceeding with the work of consolidating the Regulations under the Land Act 1901; and, if so, when he expects the work to be completed.
- 3. Mr. Maloney: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will inform the House what is the total annual amount paid by the State to pensioners who reside outside Victoria.
- 4. Mr. McDonald: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply if it is a fact that in the contract for the Waranga Basin the minimum wage has been varied from 7s. per day to 6s. per day.
- 5. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is intended to remove from this building to the Spring-street Parliament House; if so, will he give the House an opportunity of expressing an opinion before the removal takes place.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

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 4. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER.

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THURSDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1902.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. Constitution Reform Bill—To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. Coroners Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 4. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading. 5. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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- 12. WAYS AND MEANS-To be further considered in Committee.

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- 3. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
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10. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (ABOLITION OF FEES) BILL-(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.

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Government Business.

Notice of Motion :-

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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION.

Upon a Motion for going into Committee of Supply-

- 1. Mr. Bailes: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government, in the interests of the mining industry, should appoint a Director of Mining.
- 2. Mr. Sterry: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable, in the interests of the future advancement and development of the mining industry, that the Honorable the Minister of Mines should, at the earliest possible date, bring in an amending Mines Bill to repeal or amend the unworkable sections of the Mines Act 1897 relating to tributing.

THOS. G. WATSON, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 11th December.

Public Accounts—at seven o'clock.

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No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1902.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Max Hirsch: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will
 - 1. At what date the Boards for the distribution of seed wheat will enter upon their functions.

2. How many such Boards does he propose to appoint.

- 3. If he has any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the instructions which will be given to such Boards.
- 2. Mr. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey-

1. When does he intend to throw open the Noojee, Toorongo, and Fumina Crown lands.

2. Will he try and make them available so that ring-barking and some scrub-cutting may be done at the proper time this season.

3. Will he have plans of these lands supplied free of cost and forwarded to applicants, as promised by the late Minister of Lands.

4. Has he yet considered the desirability of making part of the proposed Toorongo State Forest available for selection.

5. When does he intend to proceed with the construction of roads in these localities.

- 6. Could not the lands in the parish of Noojee East (which embrace the Loch River Valley) where the roads are surveyed be made available at once.
- 3. Mr. Max Hirsch: To ask the Honorable the Premier-
 - 1. Is he aware that, though valuable concessions have been made to Messrs. Cobb and Co., mail contractors in Queensland, by the Postmaster-General on account of the drought, all concessions have been refused to mail contractors in the drought-stricken areas of Victoria, though repeatedly asked for.

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- 1. Mr. Bent: To move, That the question of connecting the Western Districts of Victoria with Mildura and the Darling River by means of a railway from Hopetoun to a suitable point on the through line to Mildura, now in course of construction, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
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- 17. Mr. GAIR: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " A Bill to amend Section Six of the 'Meat Supervision Act 1900."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL—(Mr Maloney.)—Second reading.

- 2. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.
 3. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
 4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.

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 5. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.

 6. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.

 7. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.

 8. MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS TRUST DEBENTURES BILL—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading.

 9. WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.

 10. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (ABOLITION OF FEES) BILL—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.

 11. JURORS EXEMPTION BILL—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.

 12. FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT OF STATE SERVANTS—Resumption of debate on the question—"T 12. FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT OF STATE SERVANTS-Resumption of debate on the question-" That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."
- 13. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 23RD DECEMBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

1. Mr. McKenzie: To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the expediency of amending the Land Tax Act 1890.

THOS. G. WATSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. D. BEAZLEY, Deputy-Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 17th December.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 12TH DECEMBER, 1902.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 14. Education Bill—[15]. (To Members of Council only.) Ballaarat Court House Land Bill—[58].

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 28. Nos. 25, 26, 27, and 28.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 4.

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The Constitution Bill—[26]. (To Members only,)

Melbourne Tramways Trust Bill—[64].

Legal Practitioners Reciprocity Bill—[66].

The Constitution Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Tucker on Consideration of Report or after

Third Reading. (To Members only.)

New Clauses A, B, C, and D to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Duggan. (To Members only.)

New Clause F to be proposed in Committee by Mr. A. Harris. (To Members only.)

New Clause to be proposed by Mr. Keogh. (To Members only.)

New Clause C to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Keogh. (To Members only.)

New Clause G to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Keogh. (To Members only.)

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1902.

Government Business.

Notice of Motion:-

1. Mr. Benr: To move, That the question of connecting the Western Districts of Victoria with Mildura and the Darling River by means of a railway from Hopetoun to a suitable point on the through line to Mildura, now in course of construction, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. WAYS AND MEANS-To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. CORONERS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
 4. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 5. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

- 6. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.
 7. Railway Lands Clearing Bill—Second reading.
- 8. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill-Second reading.
- 9. Insolvency Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 10. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 11. PATENTS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

General Business.

Notices of Motion:-

- 1. Mr. MENZIES: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to repeal the Gold Buyers Act 1901."
- 2. Mr. TOUTCHER: To move, That in the opinion of this House, the office of State Governor should be abolished.
- 3. Mr. SANGSTER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to restrict Security to the Mortgaged Property."
- 4. Mr. Mackey: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to remove some Anomalies in the Law relating to Women."
- 5. Mr. Mackey: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to the Limitation of Election Expenses."
- 6. Mr. Gair: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to Actions against the Commissioner of Railways as a Carrier of Passengers."
- 7. Mr. Tucker: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing-
 - 1. The number of free railway passes, half-fare tickets, and all other travelling concessions granted by the Railway Department to each of the leading daily and weekly metropolitan and country newspapers for the year ending 30th September, 1902.
 - 2. The cash value of same.
- 8. Mr. Andrews: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the Public Service and Railways Acts by preventing any New Appointments for Five Years except with the consent of both Houses of Parliament."
- 9. Mr. Prendergast: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing-
 - 1. The number of voters' certificates used in each electorate at the late election.
 - 2. For what candidates were the certificates used.
 - 3. How did the certificates affect the return of present Members of Parliament.
- 10. MR. MALONEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to prevent the Evasion of Probate Duties by Entail Settlement or otherwise."
- 11. Mr. Hall: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to revoke the Proclamation as a Public Road of certain Land in the Town of Benalla and to vest such land in the Country Fire Brigades Board."

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Where the unimproved value of any owner's land is £5,000 or over a graduated tax (in addition to the ordinary tax of 1d. in the £1) at the rate of 3d. in the £1 from £5,000 to £10,000, rising at the rate of id. in the £1 up to 2d. in the £1 where such unimproved

value is £210,000 or over.

- 13. Mr. PRENDERGAST: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " A Bill to legalize the Totalizator."
- 14. MR. BAILES: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for the Admission of certain Law Clerks to practise as Barristers and Solicitors.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL-(Mr Maloney)-Second reading.
- 2. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.

- 3. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
 4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
- 5. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.
 6. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Sec nd reading.
 7. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.

8. Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading.
9. Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
10. Melbourne University (Abolition of Fres) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
11. Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
12. Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."

13. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 23RD DECEMBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

1. Mr. McKenzie: To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the expediency of amending the Land Tax Act 1890.

THOS. G. WATSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. D. BEAZLEY, Deputy-Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH DECEMBER, 1902.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 29.

Land Bill.—Amendment and New Clause H to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Duggan. (To Members

Constitution Statute .--Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 & 19 Vict., Cap. 55, during the Year 1901-2. No. 14. (Re-issue.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 30.

FRIDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1902.

*1. Mr. GROSE: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will inform the House as to the total cost to the State for the past twelve months of maintaining the Metropolitan Botanical Gardens and Parks.

Government Business.

Notice of Motion:-

1. Mr. Benr: To move, That the question of connecting the Western Districts of Victoria with Mildura and the Darling River by means of a railway from Hopetoun to a suitable point on the through line to Mildura, now in course of construction, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

1. PATENTS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

2. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.

3. Coroners Act 1890 further Amendment Bill-(from Council)-Second reading.

4. Insolvency Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
5. Lunacy Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

6. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill-Second reading.

7. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL-Second reading.

8. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.

9. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
*10. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
*11. BALLAARAT COURT HOUSE LAND BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
*12. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

13. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.

14. WAYS AND MEANS-To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

- ... Notices of Motion :--
- 1. Mr. Menzies: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to repeal the Gold
- 2. Mr. TOUTCHER: To move, That in the opinion of this House, the office of State Governor should
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- 4. Mr. MACKEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to remove some Anomalies in the Law relating to Women.'
- 5. Mr. MACKEY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to the Limitation of Election Expenses.'
- 6. Mr. GAIR: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to Actions against the Commissioner of Railways as a Carrier of Passengers."
- 7. Mr. Tucker: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing-
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- 13. Mr. PRENDERGAST: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled " A Bill to legalize the Totalizator."
- 14. Mr. Bailes: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for the Admission of certain Law Clerks to practice as Barresters and Solicitors."
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- 16. Mr. WATT: To move, That the question of the re-organization of the accounts of the Railway Department be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts for consideration and report, with a view to the presentation of an annual balance-sheet framed on business principles.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL-(Mr Maloney)-Second reading.
- 2. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.

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 3. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.

 4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.

 5. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.

 6. JUSTICES ACTS AMEDIMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.

 7. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.

- 8. Melbourne Transways Trust Debentures Bill—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading.
 9. Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
 10. Melbourne University (Abolition of Fees) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
 11. Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
 12. Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That servants of the State be paid fortnightly."
- 13. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)-Second reading,

TUESDAY, 23RD DECEMBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:-

1. Mr. McKenzie: To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the expediency of amending the Land Tax Act 1890.

THOS. G. WATSON,

W. D. BEAZLEY,

Deputy-Speaker.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH DECEMBER, 1902.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 15. The Constitution Bill-[26]. (To Members of Council only.) Administration and Probate Bill-[28]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 30.
Transfer of Land Bill—[8] (To Members only.)
Ballacrat Court House Land Bill—[58]. (To Members only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 31.

TUESDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1903.

Questron.

1. Mr. Grose: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will inform the House as to the total cost to the State for the past twelve months of maintaining the Metropolitan Botanical Gardens and Parks.

Government Business.

Notices of Motion:-

- 1 MR. BENT: To move, That the question of connecting the Western Districts of Victoria with Mildura and the Darling River by means of a railway from Hopetoun to a suitable point on the through line to Mildura, now in course of construction, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- , 1. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. WAYS AND MEANS-To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. PATENTS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 4. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 5. Coroners Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 6. INSOLVENCY BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
 7. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 8. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill-Second reading.
- 9. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL—Second reading.
- 10. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 11. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 12. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 13. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

General Business.

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- 1. Mr. Menzies: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to repeal the Gold Buyers Act 1901."
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- LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL—(Mr. Maloney)—Second reading.
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 4. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
 5. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.
 6. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
 7. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.
 8. MELBOURNE TRANWAYS TRUST DEBENTURES BILL—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—

 (M. W. A. Herriten). Second read

- 9. WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
 10. Melbourne University (Abolition of Fees) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
 11. Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
 12. Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."
- 13. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading:

THOS. G. WATSON,

Clerk of the Legislative: Assembly.

W. D. BEAZLEY,

Deputy-Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19TH DECEMBER; 1902.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 31. Education Bill .- Amendment made by the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 32.

WEDNESDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1903.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Grose: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will inform the House as to the total cost to the State for the past twelve months of maintaining the Metropolitan Botanical Gardens and Parks.
- 2. Mr. Bailes: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if it is intended to include mining companies in the proposal to collect the Income Tax from dividend-paying companies in the State; if so, will the receivers of dividends from mining companies have to include such dividends in their Income Tax schedules.
- 3. Mr. Prendergast: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey--
 - 1. Is he aware that some blocks of land have, during his tenure of office, been let under section 187 of the Land Act 1901 for grazing purposes at an absurdly low rental, while starving stock owners have been re-leasing the land from the State lessees at an enormously increased price.
 - Does he consider it wise to permit speculative jobbers to get grazing licences for land which they
 immediately sublet.
- 4. Mr. Graves: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer-
 - 1. Will he inform the House how many additional officers will be required in the Income Tax Office under the new proposals; and
 - 2. What percentage will the total cost of collection be of the estimated receipts. .

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- .2. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. PATENTS BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 4. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 5. Coroners Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 6. INSOLVENCY BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 7. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 8. SPRING VALE NECROPOLIS BILL-Second reading.
- 9. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL—Second reading.
- 10. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 11 LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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- 6. Mr. GAIR: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to Actions against the Commissioner of Railways as a Carrier of Passengers."
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TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business.

Notice of Motion:

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 23RD DECEMBER, 1902.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 17.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 29, 30, 31, 32.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 32. Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 5.

Land Bill. Amendments and New Clauses J and K to be proposed by Mr. Livingston. (To Members only.)

Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1903. B.—No. 14.

Report from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Land in Fumina District, &c. C .-- No. 1. (To Members and Departments.)

Census of Victoria-

Part II.—Ages. No. 21.
Part III.—Birthplaces and Allegiance. No. 24.

Report of Inter-State Royal Commission on River Murray, &c. (To complete issue. To Members only.) Regulations under various Acts of Parliament.—Extracted from Government Gazettes of 24th December, 1902, and 31st December, 1902. Nos. 27 and 28. (To Members only.)



Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 33.

THURSDAY, 22nd JANUARY, 1903.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Supply-To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. WAYS AND MEANS-To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. PATENTS BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 4. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 5. CORONERS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 6. INSOLVENCY BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 7. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 8. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill-Second reading.
- 9. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL-Second reading.
- 10. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 11. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 12. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 13. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-Amendment of the Legislative Council-To be considered.

General Business.

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- 1. Mr. Menzies: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to repeal the Gold Buyers Act 1901."
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FRIDAY, 23RD JANUARY.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Grose: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will inform the House as to the total cost to the State for the past twelve months of maintaining the Metropolitan Botanical Gardens and Parks.
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Government Business.

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THOS. G. WATSON,

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W. D. BEAZLEY,

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 21st JANUARY, 1903.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 18.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

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- 10. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 11. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 12. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 13. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-Amendment of the Legislative Council-To be considered.
- *14. Colac Public Library Site Sale Bill.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.
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W. D. BEAZLEY,

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 27th January.

PRINTING -at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 22ND JANUARY, 1903.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 19.

Constitution Reform Bill—Amendments and New Clauses A, B, C, to be proposed by the Hon. Walter S.

Manifold. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 34. Juries Bill—[68].

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 35.

TUESDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1903.

Question.

- 1. Mr. A. Harris: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey-
 - 1. Will he indicate the first roads that are to be made in the Noojee East, Fumina, and Toorongo country.
 - 2. Is it intended to improve any of the main road approaches leading to these parishes.
 - 3. Have any steps been taken to throw open any of the site reserved for the Toorongo State

Notice of Motion (Unopposed):-

- 1. Mr. Boyd: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the following information in connexion with Mining Boards :-
 - 1. Number of members on each Board.
 - 2. Occupation of each member.
 - 3. Fee paid to each member.
 - 4. Salary paid to secretary of each Board.
 - Rent paid annually by each Board.
 - 6. Total travelling expenses.
 - 7. Printing expenses.
 - 8. Election expenses in each division for the past five years (each year separate).
 - 9. Any other expenses in connexion with the maintenance of these Boards.
 - 10. Details of duties the Boards are called upon to perform in reference to leases and exemptions under labour covenants.
 - 11. What fees have been received by the Boards for reporting to the Minister of Mines under the Mining Development Acts, or for reports on applications or suspensions of labour covenants.
 - 12. The number of persons who voted at each election of members of Mining Boards at the last five elections.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- 1. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)-Second reading.
- 2. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
- 4. SEED AND FODDER ADVANCES BILL-Second reading.
- 5. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.
- 6. PATENTS BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 7. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
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- 13. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
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THOS. G. WATSON, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. D. BEAZLEY,

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 27th January.

PRINTING-at three o'clock.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 35.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 36.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1903.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. GAVAN DUFFY: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he has any objection to lay upon the Table of the House all papers in connexion with the purchase of a block of land at Seymour East by the Education Department.
- 2. Mr. Grose: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether he is in a position to inform the House as to when the Acting Conservator of Forests is likely to be relieved of his duties as secretary of the Royal Commission on the Factories and Shops Acts.

Government Business.

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- 1. Administration and Probate Acts Amendment Bill (No. 2)—Second reading.
- 2. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
 4. SEED AND FODDER ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL—(Mr. Maloney)—Second reading.
- 2. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL-(Mr. Bailes)-Second reading.
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TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business.

Notice of Motion:-

1. Mr. McKenzie: To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole toconsider the expediency of amending the Land Tax Act 1890.

THOS. G. WATSON,

W. D. BEAZLEY,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Deputy-Speaker. .

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 28th January.

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

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 23RD JANUARY, 1903.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 20.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 36. Seed Advances Bill—[59]. Seed Advances Bill.—Amendments and New Clause A to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Hirsch. (To Members only.)

Orders Motion and

No. 37.

THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1903.

Government Business.

Notice of Motion:-

1. MR. BENT: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for the further Appointment of an Acting Victorian Railways Commissioner."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. Administration and Probate Acts Amendment Bill (No. 2)—Second reading.
- 2. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
- 4. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL.—Message from His Excellency the Governor--To be considered in Committee.
- PATENTS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 6. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill-(from Council)-Second reading.
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- 11. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL-Second reading.
- 12. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 13. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 14. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (from Council)—Second reading.
- 15. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

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8. Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill-(Sir Samuel Gillott)-Second reading.

9. WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
10. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (ABOLITION OF FEES) BILL—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
11. JURORS EXEMPTION BILL—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
12. FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT OF STATE SERVANTS—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."

13. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 30TH JANUARY.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Toutcher: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if a survey is now being made by a Mr. Bradford, and a report prepared by that gentleman, of the respective gold-fields of the State; if so, whether Ararat is included among such fields; and, if not, why.
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 - 1. If he will inform the House if any Members of the Legislative Council or of the Legislative Assembly are indebted to the Lands Department for arrears of land rents; if so, what are their names.
 - 2. If any Members are so indebted, will be state the individual amounts owing and the length of time such arrears have been accumulating.
 - 3. If any Members of the Legislative Council or of the Legislative Assembly have had their arrears of rent remitted; if so, what are their names.

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TUESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY.

Question.

1. Mr. Grose: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether he is in a position to inform the House as to when the Acting Conservator of Forests is likely to be relieved of his duties as secretary of the Royal Commission on the Factories and Shops Acts.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 29th January.

Administration of the Lands Department with reference to Grazing Licences—at eleven o'clock, in the South Library.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 28th JANUARY, 1903.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 21. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 21.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 33, 34, 35, and 36. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 37. Administration and Probate Bill—[74].

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Government Business.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 22. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 22.

Seed Advances Bill—[59]. (To Members of Council only.)

Constitution Reform Bill.—New Clause (D) to be proposed by the Hon. T. H. Payne. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. Acting Victorian Railways Commissioner Bill-[75].

Statistical Register of State of Victoria for 1901—
Part V.—Vital Statistics, &c. No. 9.
Part VI.—Law, Crime, &c. No. 16.
Euroa Waterworks Trust.—Application for an Additional Loan of £7,000. No. 17.

Loddon United Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan of £100. No. 19.
Yarrawonga Urban Waterworks Trust.—Additional Loan of £300. No. 20.
Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for Quarter ended 30th September, 1902. No. 18.



Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 39.

WÉDNESDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. TRENWITH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will inform the House what was the amount paid by the Railway Department in compensation to persons injured by the railway accident at Windsor, some years ago.
- 2. Mr. McDonald: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply-
 - 1. If it is a fact, as reported in the Age newspaper of the 29th January last, that a contract has been let for clearing the timber off the Waranga Basin to one man at 4s. per acre, without tenders being called for.
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Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:-

- 1. Mr. Shiels: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to the Railway Accident Fund and to the Railways Stores Suspense Account."
- 2. Mr. Shiels: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill providing for the transfer to the Consolidated Revenue of the Mallee Land Account."
- 3. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to Legal Charges for obtaining Probate or Letters of Administration."
- 4. Mr. Bent: To move, That the question of constructing an electric tramway from the St. Kilda railway station to or towards Brighton Beach, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. Colac Public Library Site Sale Bill.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.
- 4. PATENTS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 5. University Act 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL-(Mr Maloney)-Second reading.
- 2. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.
- 3. Sludge Bill—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
 4. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
- 5. Voters' Certificates Abolition Bill—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.
 6. Justices Acts Amendment Bill—(Mr. MeGregor)—Second reading.
 7. Legal Practitioners Reciprocity Bill—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.

- 1. LEGAL FRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. FIRK)—Second reading.

 8. Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading.

 9. Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.

 10. Melbourne University (Abolition of Fres) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.

 11. Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.

 12. Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."
- 13. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

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Deputy-Speaker.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 4th February.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WITH REFERENCE TO GRAZING LICENCES—at eleven o'clock, in the South Library.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 29TH JANUARY, 1903.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 23. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 23.

Constitution Reform Bill-

Amendments and New Clauses, AA and BB to be proposed by Hon. J. M. Davies. (To Members of Council only.)

Amendments to be proposed by Hon. A. Wynne, &c. (To Members of Council only.) Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. W. Orr. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 37, 38, and 39. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 39. Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 6.



Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 40.

THURSDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

NOTICE OF MOTION (Unopposed) :-

- I. Mr. Anstey: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing-
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
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 WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
- 4. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL.-Message from His Excellency the Governor-To be considered in Committee.
- 5. PATENTS BILL-(from Council)—Second reading.
- 6. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill-(from Council)-Second reading.
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- 8. Insolvency Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 9. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 10. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill-Second reading.
- 11. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL—Second reading.
- 12. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 13. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 14. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 15. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-Amendment of the Legislative Council-To be considered.

General Business.

Notices of Motion:-

- 1. Mr. Menzies: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to repeal the Gold Buyers Act 1901."
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 5. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.

 6. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.

 7. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.

- 8. MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS TRUST DEBENTURES BILL—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading.
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FRIDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Keogh: To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session to stop the adulteration of beer.
- 2. MR. BAILES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines and Water Supply if he is aware of the impure condition of the water supplied to the citizens of Bendigo; if so, will be take the necessary steps to remedy the evil.
- 3. Mr. Keogh: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when his Department will allocate the £59,371 promised by the Honorable the Treasurer to the 4th, 5th, and 6th class. shires in his interim Budget Statement (reported in Hansard of 5th August, 1902).
- 4. Mr. Mackey: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture:-
 - 1. If he will inform the House what steps, if any, are being taken by the Government in regard to the contracts about to be entered into by the British Government for the supply of meat tothe Army in South Africa, particularly in view of the steps taken by the Governments of New South Wales, South Australia, and New Zealand to secure for those States these contracts, and the numerous consequential trade benefits that would accrue therefrom.
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Government Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

1. RAILWAY ACCIDENT FUND AND RAILWAYS STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT BILL-Second reading.

MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
 Administration and Probate (Legal Charges) Bill—Second reading.

4. INCOME TAX BILL—Second reading.

THOS. G. WATSON, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. W. D. BEAZLEY, Deputy-Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 5th February.

Administration of the Lands Department with Reference to Grazing Licences-at four o'clock, in the South Library.

Tuesday, 10th February.

PRINTING-at three o'clock.

Wednesday, 11th February.

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

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 4TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 24. Acting Victorian Railways Commissioner Bill-[75]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 40. Report of the Council of Judges under Section 33 of the Supreme Court Act 1890. No. 22. Report of Proceedings taken under the Land Acts and the Wattles Act 1890 during Year ending 31st December, 1901. No. 23.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the

No. 41.

TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

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2. From whom the coal was purchased.

How many tons were purchased.

What price per ton was paid.

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Government Business.

Notice of Motion:-

1. Mr. TAVERNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Grant of certain Land at St. Arnaud."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

1. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.

2. Supply—Resolutions to be reported.

3. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
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- 10. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 11. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill-Second reading.
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 13. PUBLIC SERVICE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

- 14. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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20. Mr. Prendergast: To move, That there be laid before this House a return, tabulated as follows, of the cattle and sheep carried on the Victorian railways at Starvation Stock Rates :-

Owners' Names or Name of Person who makes	Stock C	arried.	District from which		
Declaration that he was unable to pay ordinary freight.	Sheep.	Cattle.	Stock came,	Destination,	
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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Deputy-Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMI

Tuesday, 10th February.

PRINTING-at three o'clock.

Wednesday, 11th February.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (Joint)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 25. Constitution Reform Bill.—New Clauses (G) and (H) to be proposed by the Hon. W. L. Baillieu. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE

Notices of Motion and Orders of the

No. 42.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Bailes: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines and Water Supply if he is aware of the impure condition of the water supplied to the citizens of Bendigo; if so, will be take the necessary steps to remedy the evil.
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 - 2. If, in the opinion of the Attorney-General, the provisions of the two Acts are in conflict, will the Minister of Mines have the 1897 Act amended, making it perfectly clear that wages are a first charge.
- 3. Mr. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer-
 - 1. If he is aware that the Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Actuary for Friendly Societies, laid before Parliament on the 22nd January last, has not yet been issued to the several Friendly Societies; if so, will be give the reason for the delay.
 - 2. In view of the great value and importance of such Report to Friendly Societies, will he give the necessary directions to have it issued as usual.
- 4. Mr. Langdon: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply whether he is aware that considerable dissatisfaction exists as to the distribution of the waters of the Loddon River; if so, what action does he propose taking to see that such waters are fairly and equitably allocated.

Government Business.

- ORDERS OF THE DAY:-
- 1. INCOME TAX BILL—Second reading.
- 2. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
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- 11. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill-Second reading.
- 12. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL—Second reading.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

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Administration of the Lands Department with Reference to Grazing Licencesat twelve o'clock, in the South Library.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at three o'clock, in the Legislative Council Committee Room

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 5TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Nos. 24, 25, and 26. Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 26.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 40, 41, and 42.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No 42.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 7. Income Tax Bill—[38].

Transfer of Land Bill 1902.—New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr. W. A. Hamilton. (To Members only.)

Rules under Division VII. of the Companies Act 1896 .- Return by Prothonotary of Business of Court. No. 26.

Finance, 1901-2.—The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, year ending 30th June, 1902; accompanied by Report of Auditor-General, &c. A-No. 1.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 43.

THURSDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. Income Tax Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
- 3. SUPPLY—Resolutions to be reported.
- 4. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
- 5. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL.-Message from His Excellency the Governor-To be considered in Committee.
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- 8. Coroners Act 1890 Further Amendment Bill-(from Council)-Second reading.
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Questions.

- 1. MR. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, upon the decease of a patient, it is the duty of the lunatic asylum officials, or is there any regulation in force instructing such officials, to immediately notify the relatives; if so, why has this custom been departed from in the case of Mrs. A. Wilkinson, who died on Sunday last at the Ballarat Asylum; and, if not, will he make such arrangements as will insure that a notification will be sent in future to the relatives of deceased persons.
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 - The amount paid in each case.
 - 3. The names of the persons who receive such rent.
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Constitution Reform Bill—[26]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 44.

Income Tax Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. W. A. Hamilton. (To Members only.)

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 45.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

- 1. Mr. WATT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways how many of the 536 engines reported to be in existence on the 30th June last year are, in the opinion of the Chief Mechanical Engineer, in proper working order.
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Government Business.

Notice of Motion:-

1. Mr., IRVINE: To move, That the consideration of the Report from the Select Committee upon the Administration of the Lands Department with Reference to Grazing Licences be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. INCOME TAX BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. Supply—Resolutions to be reported.
- 4. WAYS AND MEANS-To be further considered in Committee.
- 5. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL.-Message from His Excellency the Governor-To beconsidered in Committee.
- PATENTS BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 7. UNIVERSITY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
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- 9. INSOLVENCY BILL-(from Council)—Second reading.
- 10. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 11. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill-Second reading.
- 12. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL—Second reading.
- 13. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 14. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading. 15. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
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- 17. RAILWAY ACCIDENT FUND AND RAILWAYS STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT BILL-Second reading.
- 18. MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL (No. 2)-Second reading.
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- 20. St. Arnaud Land Bill-Second reading.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

1. Gold Buyers Act 1901 Repeal Bill—(Mr. Menzies)—Second reading.

2. Mortgage Limitation Bill—(Mr. Sangster)—Second reading

3. Women's Disabilities Removal Bill—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.
4. Election Expenses Limitation Bill—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.
5. Railway Passengers' Actions Bill—(Mr. Gair)—Second reading.

6. GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS PREVENTION BILL—(Mr. Andrews)—Second 7. PROBATE DUTIES EVASION BILL—(Mr. Maloney)—Second reading.

8. BENALLA PUBLIC ROAD REVOCATION BILL—(Mr. Hall)—Second reading. -Second reading.

9. Totalizator Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.

- 10. LAW CLERKS ADMISSION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.
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- DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Brown)—Second reading.
- 14. Registration of Brands Bill-(Mr. Mackey)-Second reading.
- 15. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL (Mr. Maloney) Second reading.

16. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading. 17. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.

- 18. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
- 19. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.

20. Justices Acts Amendment Bill—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
21. Legal Practitioners Reciprocity Bill—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.
22. Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading.
23. Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.

24. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (ABOLITION OF FEES) BILL—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
25. JURORS EXEMPTION BILL—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
26. FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT OF STATE SERVANTS—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."

27. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

THOS. G. WATSON,

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W. D. BEAZLEY,

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 18th February.

PRINTING—at half-past two o'clock. LIBRARY (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Tuesday, 24th February.

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

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 12TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Constitution Reform Bill .-- New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Agar Wynne. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 43, 44, and 45. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 45. Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 8. Income Tax Bill-

New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Mackey. (To Members only.) Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Swinburne. (To Members only.)



Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 46.

THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:-

1. Mr. Bent: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to further amend the 'Health Act 1890."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. INCOME TAX BILL-Consideration of Report.
- 2. Supply-To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. Supply-Resolutions to be reported.
- 4. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
- 5. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.
- 6. PATENTS BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 7. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 8. Coroners Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 9. INSOLVENCY BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 10. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 11. SPRING VALE NECROPOLIS BILL-Second reading.
- 12. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL-Second reading.
- 13. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 14. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 15. Transfer of Land Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 16. Education Act 1901 Amendment Bill—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.
- 17. RAILWAY ACCIDENT FUND AND RAILWAYS STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT BILL-Second reading.
- 18. MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL (No. 2)-Second reading.
- 19. Administration and Probate (Legal Charges) Bill-Second reading.
- · 20. St. Arnaup Land Bill—Second reading.

General Business.

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- 9. Mr. J. Cameron: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Recent Possession of Stolen Cattle."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1901 REPEAL BILL—(Mr. Menzies)—Second reading.
- 2. MORTGAGE LIMITATION BILL—(Mr. Sangster)—Second reading
- 3. Women's Disabilities Removal Bill—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.
 4. Election Expenses Limitation Bill—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.
 5. Railway Passengers' Actions Bill—(Mr. Gair)—Second reading.

- 6. GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS PREVENTION BILL—(Mr. Andrews)—7. PROBATE DUTIES EVASION BILL—(Mr. Maloney)—Second reading. -Second reading.
- 8. Benalla Public Road Revocation Bill—(Mr. Hall)—Second reading.
- 9. TOTALIZATOR BILL—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
- 10. LAW CLERKS ADMISSION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.
- 11. MEAT SUPERVISION ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Gair)—Second reading.
 12. POUNDS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Keogh)—Second reading.
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 25. Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State by paid fortnightly."
- 26. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. TOUTCHER: To ask the Honorable the Premier, as the leader of the House, and therefore the custodian of its honour, integrity, reputation, and dignity, and also in the best interests of the credit of the State of Victoria, what action he purposes taking in regard to the Report of the Select Committee on the mal-administration of the Lands Department by the Honorable M. K. McKenzie while Minister for Lands.
- 2. Mr. WARDE: To ask the Honorable the Premier-
 - 1. Has he been informed that it is the intention of one of the Supreme Court Judges to retire.
 - 2. Will he give Parliament an opportunity of discussing the advisability of filling such vacancy before any appointment is made, as there is reported to be a great falling-off in the number of cases brought before the Supreme Court.
- 3. Mr. Prendergast: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Labour if he will inform the House when that portion of the Tinsmiths Board determination agreed to by the Conference of both Houses will be gazetted.
- 4. Mr. Mackinnon: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey-
 - 1. How much, if anything, is owing to his Department for rent, distinguishing the amounts which are in arrears for two years, one year, and six months respectively.
 - 2. What steps does he intend to take to collect these arrears.

TUESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY.

Question.

1. Mr. Shoppee: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will amend the Act relating to public holidays by eliminating two days, viz., the "Melbourne Cup" and the "Royal Agricultural Show" days when applied to places outside a radius of 25 or 30 miles from Melbourne.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Administration of the Lands Department with Reference to Grazing Licences— Report of Select Committee—To be considered.
- 2. Constitution Reform Bill-Amendments of the Legislative Council-To be considered.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :-

1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL-(Mr. Maloney)-Second reading.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 24th February.

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

Wednesday, 25th February.

PRINTING-at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 46.

Income Tax Bill—[38]. (To Members only.)

Constitution Reform Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

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 - 1. If his attention has been called to a paragraph in the Argus newspaper of 13th February instant, which states that the Fisheries Commissioners of Tasmania intend to close the cray fisheries in Bass Straits against Victorian fishermen by stopping the practice of laying basket pots; if so, will be inform the House if the Fisheries Commissioners have power to do so.
 - 2. Will he take steps to protect Victorian interests.
- 7. Mr. Grose: To ask the Honorable the Premier-
 - 1. If he will inform the House whether any determination has been arrived at as to the future disposal of Mallee lands.
 - 2. Will he give the House full information with reference to the whole question, and allow an opportunity of discussing it.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

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- 2. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
- 3. Administration of the Lands Department with Reference to Grazing Licences Report of Select Committee—To be considered.
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- considered in Committee.
- 9. PATENTS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 10. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
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- 10. Mr. McGregor: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to further amend the 'Justices Act 1890.'"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL—(Mr. Maloney)—Second reading.
- 2. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1901 REPEAL BILL—(Mr. Menzies)—Second reading.
- 3. Mortgage Limitation Bill—(Mr. Sangster)—Second reading.
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- 11. LAW CLERKS ADMISSION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.
- 12. MEAT SUPERVISION ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL-(Mr. Gair)-Second reading.
- 13. Pounds Act 1890 Amendment Bill-(Mr. Keogh)-Second reading.
- 14. DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-(Mr. Brown) Second reading:
- 15. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS BILL.—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (Joint)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 25th February.

Printing—at half-past two o'clock.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19th FEBRUARY, 1903.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 29.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 47. Gold Buyers Bill—[52].

Wills Bill—[67].

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 48.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Duggan: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will inform the House when Mr. Bradford's report on the mineral resources of Inglewood, Tarnagulla, Moliagul, and Dunolly, recently prepared by that gentleman, will be printed and made available.
- 2. Mr. Sangster: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if, in view of the fact that several employés in the Railway Department who have insured their lives for £300, and whose salaries (through percentage reductions and shortening of working time) have been reduced below the amount on which they are required to insure for that sum, he will allow such employés to surrender £100, so that they may have to pay premiums on £200 only.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. Supply—Resolutions to be reported.
- 3. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
- 4. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL-Amendments of the Legislative Council-To be considered.
- 5. RAILWAY ACCIDENT FUND AND RAILWAYS STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT BILL-Second reading.
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- 8. PATENTS BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.
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- 15. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 16. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 17. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council).-Second reading.
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- 19. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (LEGAL CHARGES) BILL-Second reading.
- 20. St. ARNAUD LAND BILL-Second reading.
- 21. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.

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No. 48.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Duggan: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will inform the House when Mr. Bradford's report on the mineral resources of Inglewood, Tarnagulla, Moliagul, and Dunolly, recently prepared by that gentleman, will be printed and made available.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. Supply—Resolutions to be reported.
- 3. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
- 4. Constitution Reform Bill-Amendments of the Legislative Council-To be considered.
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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 48.

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Report from Select Committee upon Administration of Lands Department with Reference to Grazing Licences, &c. D.—No. 1.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 49.

THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
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Railways Bill—[61].
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- 17. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
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- 19. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading. 20. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.

- 21. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.
 22. Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading.
 23. Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Justices Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
 2. Stolen Cattle (Recent Possession) Bill—(Mr. J. Cameron)—Second reading.
- 3. Public Holidays Law Amendment Bill-(Mr. Shopper)-Second reading.

THOS. G. WATSON,

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 4th March.

Public Accounts—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 26TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 30. Constitution Reform Bill-Amendments made by Legislative Council. How dealt with by Legislative-Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 50. Legal Profession Practice Bill—[89].



Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 51.

WEDNESDAY, 4rn MARCH, 1903.

Questions,

- 1. Mr. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer-
 - 1. What time it is intended to give to taxpayers to prepare their Income Tax Schedules this year.
 - 2. Will he fix as late a date as possible for the lodging of the Schedules, in view of the new provisions of the Act and the alterations in the tax.
- 2. Mr. Keogh: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if it is his intention to go on with the Land Act 1901 Amendment Bill, introduced by Mr. McKenzie, or to go on with any part of the amendment this Session.
- 3. Mr. A. Harris: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, if he will favorably consider the advisability of inserting in the Land Act 1901 Amendment Bill a clause providing an extended time for applicants to seek for the reclassification of their areas.
- 4. Mr. PRENDERGAST: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 - 1. If his attention has been directed to certain charges made against the Examiners of Patents in the Age newspaper of 2nd February, 1903.
 - 2. If so, have steps been taken to ascertain the correctness or otherwise of the said charges.
 - 3. In view of the serious nature of the charges, does he intend to hold an open public inquiry into the administration of the Patents Act and the conduct of the Patents Office.
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Nhill, £40 to each applicant, Wycheproof, £37 to each applicant, Boort, £27 to each applicant;

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NOTICE OF MOTION;-

1. Mr. E. H. Cameron: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to further amend the Mildura Irrigation Trusts Act 1895' and for other purposes."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Ways and Means—To be further considered in Committee.

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3. MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
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 - The total area of land occupied by the Labour Colony at Leongatha.
 The approximate present unimproved value of this area.

 - The approximate present improved value of this area.
 The total debt of this labour colony to the State to date.
 The present annual cost of this establishment to the State.
 - 6. The average number per annum of labour colonists maintained on this area.
 - The number of the paid staff employed to maintain and manage this area.
 - 8. Who have been the responsible manager or managers under the Crown.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- Justices Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
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THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- 1. Women's DISABILITIES REMOVAL BILL—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.
- 2. ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION BILL—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 10TH MARCH.

1. Mr. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will submit to the Cabinet the suggestion made by the Honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Trenwith) that the Conciliation and -Arbitration Bill be made a Government measure, and inform the House of the decision of the Cabinet.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Upon a Motion for going into Committee of Ways and Means-

1. Mr. Bromley: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Museums and Art Gallery should be open to the public on Sundays, provided that no employé shall be required to work seven days per week or on any Sunday against his conscience.

THOS. G. WATSON,

W. D. BEAZLEY,

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 5th March.

Public Accounts—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 26TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 30, 31, and 32.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 49, 50, and 51.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 51.

Probate Charges Bill—[77].

Royal Agricultural Show Day Bill—[90].

Election Expenses Bill—[91].

Meat Supervision Bill—[93].

Legal Profession Practice Bill—[94].

Lunacy Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by Mr. Murray. (To Members only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 52.

THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1903.

Government Business.

Notices of Motion:

- 1. Mr. TAVERNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to the selection and purchase of Crown Lands."
- 2. Mr. MURRAY: To move, That the Royal Commission appointed on the 8th January, 1902, to inquire into and report upon the question of handling grain or other produce in bulk or otherwise, having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by Order in Council, and not yet having concluded their inquiry, the House concurs in the expenditure by such Commission for the purposes of their inquiry and report of a further sum of £30.
- 3. Mr. TAVERNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain Crown Land in the County of Polwarth, Town of Colac.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. WAYS AND MEANS-To be further considered in Committee.
- 2. MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
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FRIDAY, 6TH MARCII.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Graves: To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in view of the provisions of The Parliamentary Witnesses Oaths Act 1871 (34 and 35 Vict., Ch. 83), which enables the House of Commons and any Committee thereof to administer Oaths to witnesses, he will invite the Standing Orders Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of similarly empowering this House and any Committee thereof to examine witnesses on Oath.
- 2. Mr. SWINBURNE: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary-
 - 1. If it is a fact that, as compared with the New York State Lunatic Asylums of some ten years ago, our metropolitan asylums of Kew and Yarra Bend to-day have, on the average, only one-half the number of medical officers, two-thirds the number of attendants, and two-thirds of the number of employés generally; that the attendants are very inadequately trained, and never removed for inefficiency; that the medical officers are underpaid and unprovided with necessary instruments, books, and journals; that the asylums are without any special provision for curable cases; that mechanical restraint was last year practised up to the enormous amount of some 30,000 hours in each asylum; that in place of open doors the policy of locks and keys is still in vogue, and that more than half the patients practically never see the outside of enclosed exercise yards.
 - 2. If it is a fact that, as compared with more modern asylums, our metropolitan asylums still keep all patients locked up all night long; have no women in attendance on the male sick wards and in place of a staff of trained hospital nurses each asylum has only one trained nurse and an untrained matron for some 800 patients.
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- 1. Mr. A. Harris: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will submit to the Cabinet the suggestion made by the Honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Trenwith) that the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill be made a Government measure, and inform the House of the decision of the Cabinet.
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THOS. G. WATSON, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. W. D. BEAZLEY,

Deputy-Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 5th March.

Public Accounts—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 4TH MARCH, 1903.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 31.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 52.

Benalla Fire Brigade Station Land Bill—[44].

Mortgage Limitation Bill—[95].

Legal Practitioners Reciprocity Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Fink. (To Members only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 53.

TUESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1903.

Questions.

- 1. Mr. Graves: To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in view of the provisions of *The Parliamentary Witnesses Oaths Act* 1871 (34 and 35 Vict., Ch. 83), which enables the House of Commons and any Committee thereof to administer Oaths to witnesses, he will invite the Standing Orders Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of similarly empowering this House and any Committee thereof to examine witnesses on Oath.
- 2. Mr. Swinburne: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary-
 - 1. If it is a fact that, as compared with the New York State Lunatic Asylums of some ten years ago, our metropolitan asylums of Kew and Yarra Bend to-day have, on the average, only one-half the number of medical officers, two-thirds the number of attendants, and two-thirds of the number of employés generally; that the attendants are very inadequately trained, and never removed for inefficiency; that the medical officers are underpaid and unprovided with necessary instruments, books, and journals; that the asylums are without any special provision for curable cases; that mechanical restraint was last year practised up to the enormous amount of some 30,000 hours in each asylum; that in place of open doors the policy of locks and keys is still in vogue, and that more than half the patients practically never see the outside of enclosed exercise yards.
 - 2. If it is a fact that, as compared with more modern asylums, our metropolitan asylums still keep all patients locked up all night long; have no women in attendance on the male sick wards; and in place of a staff of trained hospital nurses each asylum has only one trained nurse and an untrained matron for some 800 patients.
 - 3. If it is a fact that at present the Yarra Bend Asylum has only one medical officer and the Kew Asylum an acting superintendent, an acting medical officer, and an acting matron.
- .3. Mr. A. Harris: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will submit to the Cabinet the suggestion made by the Honorable Member for Richmond (Mr. Trenwith) that the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill be made a Government measure, and inform the House of the decision of the Cabinet.
- 4. Mr. Langdon: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether, as reported in the public press, the average amounts allotted to applicants under the Seed and Fodder Act at the undermentioned places has been as follows, viz.:—

Nhill, £40 to each applicant, Wycheproof, £37 to each applicant, Boort, £27 to each applicant;

if so, will he state upon what basis the Boards have made their recommendations.

-5. Mr. Graham: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he has any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the instructions issued to the Seed and Fodder Boards previous to their visiting the drought-stricken districts.

(220 copies.)

- 6. Mr. Elmslie: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Health if he will inform the House-
 - 1. What amount of money was received by the trustees of the St. Kilda Cemetery for grave-decorations and repairs in the years 1900, 1901, and 1902.
 - 2. What number of graves were transferred since the closing of the cemetery; to whom were they transferred; and when did the last transfer take place.
 - 3. Were 80 graves sold to one person in one lot; if so, what was the price paid, and how many of such graves were re-sold and transferred since the closing of the cemetery.
- 7. Mr. Prendergast: To ask the Honorable the Premier whether it is the intention of the Government to increase the minimum wage for unskilled labour from six to seven shillings per day in future contracts in connexion with the construction of waterworks for the dry areas in the north.

Government Business.

Notices of Motion:

- 1. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria.'
- 2. Mr. Shiels: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill relating to Receipts of Income Tax during July and August One thousand nine hundred and three."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
 COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.
- 3. PATENTS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
 4. UNIVERSITY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 5. Coroners Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
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- 18. Crown Lands Selection and Purchase Bill—Second reading.
 19. Colac Land Reserve Revocation Bill—Second reading.
 20. Ways and Means—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Women's Disabilities Removal Bill—(Mr. Mackey)—To be further considered in Committee.

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 20. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.

 21. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.

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- 23. Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second res.
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THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH.

General Business.

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1. STOLEN CATTLE (RECENT Possession) BILL—(Mr. J. Cameron)—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL.

General Business.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 10th March.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS—at seven o'clock. Public Accounts—at seven o'clock.

Wednesday, 11th March.

Printing (Joint Sub-Committee)—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH MARCH, 1903.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 33. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 32. (To Members of Council only.) Railways Bill--[61]. Trustee Companies Bill-[76].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 53. Mildura Irrigation Trusts Bill-[79].

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No. 54

WEDNESDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1903.

Questions.

1. Mr. Langdon: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether, as reported in the public press, the average amounts allotted to applicants under the Seed and Fodder Act at the undermentioned places has been as follows, viz .:-

Nhill, £40 to each applicant, Wycheproof, £37 to each applicant, Boort, £27 to each applicant;

if so, will he state upon what basis the Boards have made their recommendations.

2. Mr. BAILES: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary-

1. If his attention has been directed to an article in the Bendigo Independent newspaper of 7th March instant, referring to the wanton neglect of the body of a miner named Quentin Renant, who was killed in the Clarence mine on the 5th March.

2. Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the cause of that neglect.

3. Will he give the necessary instructions so that such a state of affairs shall not occur again.

3. Mr. A. Harris: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways-

1. If his attention has been called to the serious loss, delay, and inconvenience to consignors of hay and chaff at the Sale railway station, owing to insufficient trucks, the want of tarpaulins, &c., and absence of suitable platform and shed accommodation; if so, will he take speedy steps to obviate similar complaints by ordering suitable provision to be made for the care and carriage of the class of produce referred to.

2. Have steps been taken to insure a more speedy despatch of goods from Melbourne to Sale, and

their delivery by train thereat.

- 4. Mr. Thomson: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he has any objection to lay upon the table of the Library-
 - 1. The contract, valuations, and papers in connexion with the purchase of the Tarrington Estate.

2. The Annual Report—posted up to date—on the Closer Settlement system.

3. A statement showing the amount of stock available for the purchase of properties under the Closer Settlement system.

5. Mr. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General-

- 1. If it is a fact that Mr. G. H. Neighbour, K.C., the present Commissioner of Patents, has in various important matters given decisions and rulings reversing or modifying the former Patent Office practice under and the interpretation of the Patents and Trade Marks Acts and Rules, and that the influence of such decisions has been to expedite public business.
- 2. If it is a fact that many such decisions have never been published, and that full opportunities for knowing promptly of such decisions and rulings, and also of like important decisions of the Honorable the Attorney-General, have not been given to inventors, patentees, patent agents, solicitors entitled to practise before the Patents Office, or to the public generally (in whatever part of the State resident), to guide such persons in the proper transaction of patent and trade

mark business, and in the understanding of patent and trade mark practice.

3. Will the Honorable the Attorney-General take steps to have promptly published in the Official List issued weekly by the Patents Office particulars of such rulings and decisions somewhat as is done by the United States Commissioner of Patents in the Official Gazette of his office.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL.-Message from His Excellency the Governor-To be considered in Committee.
- 2. RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT BILL-Message from His Excellency the Governor-To be considered.
- 3. INCOME TAX RECEIPTS BILL—Second reading.
 4. CHURCH OF ENGLAND BILL—Second reading.
- 5. PATENTS BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

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Questions.

1. Mr. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary at the second of the second

1. If his attention has been called to the incompleteness of the Statistics of the Victorian Manufacturers, issued from the Government Statist's Office, and to the injustice done to Victorian interests by the unfavorable comparisons in consequence as against the State of New South Wales; if so, what action does he propose to take to remedy the unsatisfactory state of affairs in question.

2. Has he any objections to lay upon the table of the Library, for the information of Honorable

Members, any communications he may have received.

2. Mr. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines-

1. If he will give authority for the exploration of the auriferous country between Blackwall and Mount Selma, with a view to cutting tracks to aid prospectors; if so, when will an officer of

his Department be instructed to proceed with the examination.

2. Will he give authority for re-clearing track No. 47 from its junction with track No. 7, starting about 2½ miles from Icy Creek (Fumina) to the Tyers River, a distance of about 18 miles, as it traverses good gold-bearing country.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH.

Questron.

1. Mr. Kirkwood: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey-

1. If any reduction by selection within the areas of the following State timber reserves, viz., Kamarooka and Egerton, 16,800 acres; Nerring, 1,100 acres; Ellesmere and Axedale, 18,000 acres; Wellsford, 2,500 acres; Wellsford and Sandhurst, 3,580 acres; Lyall, 28,000 acres; Kimbolton, 9,000 acres; Ravenswood, 2,820 acres, has been made since July, 1888; if so, to what extent (in acres).

2. Is there any supervision made for the protection of the timber in these forests by the Forests

Board.

3. Is there any young timber being planted, or intended to be planted, with a view of future supply for the mines.

THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL.

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PRINTING (Joint Sub-Committee)—at half-past two o'clock. LIBRARY (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock. REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at seven o'clock.

Thursday, 12th March.

Public Accounts—at a quarter-past four o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 5TH MARCH, 1903.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 34.

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Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Bill—[56]. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 52, 53, and 54.

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Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 10.

Land Bill—[81].

Recent Possession Bill—[82].

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Constitution Reform Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. How dealt with. (To Members only.)

Spring Vale Necropolis Bill—

New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Boyd. (To Members only.)

New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Hickford. (To Members only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1903.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. Constitution Reform Bill-Message from the Legislative Council-To be considered.
- RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT BILL-Second reading.
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- 9. GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS PREVENTION BILL—(Mr. Andrews)—Second reading.
 10. PROBATE DUTIES EVASION BILL—(Mr. Maloney)—Second reading.
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·General Business.

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THOS. G. WATSON, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. W. D. BEAZLEY, Deputy-Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 12th March.

Public Accounts—at a quarter-past four o'clock.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 34. Mallee Land Account Bill—[70]. (To Members of Council only.)
Income Tax Receipts Bill—[92]. (To Members of Council only.) Church of England Bill—[96]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 55.

Health Bill-[84].

Church of England Bill-[96].

Victorian Railways Commissioners Bill-[97].

Royal Agricultural Show Day Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Shoppee. (To Members only.) Report of Royal Commission appointed to investigate and report on operation of Factories and Shops Law of Victoria. No. 30.

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2. If he is aware that there are clerks in the Railway Department who were appointed under that Act who, after five years' service, receive only £85 per annum; if so, when does he intend to

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT BILL—Second reading.
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4. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.

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15. Health Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—Second reading.

16. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL—Second reading.

17. Crown Lands Selection and Purchase Bill.—Second reading.
18. Colac Land Reserve Revocation Bill.—Second reading:

19. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

Notice of Motion:-

- 1. Mr. SWINBURNE: To move, That there be laid before this House a return (with reference to Paper No. 23, page 45, distributed by the Honorable the Treasurer when delivering his Budget Speech, from which it appears that at the end of the financial year 1897-8 the amount of overdue instalments on account of lands selected was £743,014; and that in 1898-9 this was reduced to £709,794, the decrease being said to have been caused by payments in reduction of arrears and omission of amounts previously included in error, and of arrears now due to the Mallee Land Fund), showing-
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Government Business.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 18th March.

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

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PRINTING - at half-past two o'clock.

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

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 12TH MARCH, 1903.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 35, 36, and 37. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 36.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 55, 56, and 57.

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Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 11.

St. Arnaud Land Bill-[71].

Colac Library Bill—[72] Colac Market Land Bill -[73].

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THURSDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1903.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

1. RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT BILL-Second reading.

2. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
3. Coroners Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.

- 4. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 5. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS ACT 1895 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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10. Land Act 1901 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

- 11. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

 12. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

 13. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (LEGAL CHARGES) BILL—Second reading.

St. Arnaud Land Bill—Second reading.
 Health Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—Second reading.

16. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL-Second reading.

- 17. Crown Lands Selection and Purchase Bill—Second reading. 18. Colac Land Reserve Revocation Bill—Second reading.
- 19. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :-

- 1. Mr. SWINBURNE: To move, That there be laid before this House a return (with reference to Paper No. 23, page 45, distributed by the Honorable the Treasurer when delivering his Budget Speech, from which it appears that at the end of the financial year 1897-8 the amount of overdue instalments on account of lands selected was £743,014; and that in 1898-9 this was reduced to £709,794, the decrease being said to have been caused by payments in reduction of arrears and omission of amounts previously included in error, and of arrears now due to the Mallec Land Fund), showing-
 - 1. (a) Amount of payments made that year in reduction of arrears.
 - (b) Amounts omitted which had been previously included in error.

(c) Amount of arrears due to the Mallee Land Fund.

- (d) How did the errors referred to in (b) occur, and what is their nature.
- 2. Specify amounts received on account of arrears in 1899-1900, 1900-1, and 1901-2; also amount of outstanding arrears on expired grazing area leases deducted, and amount deducted for classification of certain lands in course of alienation prior to 1st July,
- 3. Of the amounts outstanding and overdue at the end of financial year 1901-2, £402,116-

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(c) How much is due on selections which have complied with the conditions.

(d) Give a tabulated statement showing the number of selections and the number of unpaid instalments thereon, making up the above-named amount.

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- 1. Stolen Cattle (Recent Possession) Bill—(Mr. J. Cameron)—Second reading.
 2. Women's Disabilities Removal Bill—(Mr. Mackey)—To be further considered in Committee.
 3. Election Expenses Limitation Bill—(Mr. Mackey)—To be further considered in Committee.
 4. Justices Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
 5. Public Holidays Law Amendment Bill—(Mr. Shoppee)—To be further considered in Committee.
 6. Gold Buyers Act 1901 Repeal Bill—(Mr. Menzies)—Second reading.
 7. Mortgage Limitation Bill—(Mr. Seprester)—Second reading.

- 7. Mortgage Limitation Bill—(Mr. Sangster)—Second reading. 8. Railway Passengers' Actions Bill—(Mr. Gair)—Second reading.
- 9. GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS PREVENTION BILL-(Mr. Andrews)-Second reading.

10. Probate Duties Evasion Bill-(Mr. Maloney)-Second reading.

11. BENALLA PUBLIC ROAD REVOCATION BILL—(Mr. Hall)—Second reading.
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LEGAL FRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. FIRK)—Second reading.
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Questions.

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Questions.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH MARCH, 1903.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 38. Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 37.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 59. Report from the Committee of Public Accounts. D.-

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Government Business.

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 7. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill—Second reading.
- 8. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL-Second reading.
- 9. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 10. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 11. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 12. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

 13. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (LEGAL CHARGES) BILL—Second reading.
- 14. St. Arnaud Land Bill-Second reading.
- 15. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
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Second reading.

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- 17. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS BILL—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.
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24. Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.
25. Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
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THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL.

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No. 61.

THURSDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1903.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

1. WAYS AND MEANS-To be further considered in Committee:

2. RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT BILL—Second reading.

3. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.

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 11. Land Act 1901 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

 12. Transfer of Land Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.

 13. Education Act 1901 Amendment Bill—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

 14. Administration and Probate (Legal Charges) Bill—Second reading.

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 16. Health Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—Second reading.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 40.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 61. Royal Agricultural Show Day Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Shoppee. (To Members only.)

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- 14. Mr. Ramsay: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if, in view of the urgent necessity for a new graving dock of sufficient capacity to accommodate any vessel trading to the port of Victoria, he will remit the question of constructing such a dock to the Railways Standing Committee for inquiry and report.
- 15. Mr. PRENDERGAST: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he has any objection to lay upon the table of the Library all the papers in reference to the recent prosecution of a woollen mill employer in Geelong.
- 16. Mr. Tucker: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways-
 - 1. If it is a fact that engineers, boilermakers, and others who have been engaged full-time in the construction of new locomotives at the Newport Workshops have, during the time of such employment, put in their accounts for wages as half-time at new work, and half-time at repairs.

2. Is such workmen's labour paid for or valued at a lower rate for repairing than at new work; if so, what is the difference per cent.

- 17. Mr. Shoppe: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will introduce a Bill next Session to deal with the excessive rates of interest charged by money lenders and companies.
- 18. Mr. Bowser: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will send experts from his Department to inspect and report on the areas within the Beechworth District classed auriferous on the Land Act maps, and which are not likely to be required for mining purposes, with a view to ascertaining what lands may be made available for settlement under Part I., Division 3, Land Act 1901.
- 19. Mr. Prendergast: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if any engines of the AA class are to be constructed in the new lot for which tenders have been called by the Department; if so, who is responsible for the recommendation to construct this class of engine.

- 20. SIR SAMUEL GILLOTT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether it is his intention to take any, and if so what, steps to prevent the pollution and silting up of the River Yarra through the discharge of sludge therein by persons engaged in sluicing operations now being carried on at the Upper Yarra.
- 21. Mr. PRENDERGAST: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he is aware of the long hours engine-drivers in the Department are compelled to work; if so, how does he propose to remedy this evil.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

- 1. Constitution Reform Bill-Amendments of the Legislative Council and Recommendations of the Free Conference thereon-To be considered.
- 2. University Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 3. Coroners Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 4. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 5. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS ACT 1895 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 6. INSOLVENCY BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 7. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill-Second reading.
- 8. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL-Second reading.
- 9. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.
- 10. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 11. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 12. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.
- 13. Administration and Probate (Legal Charges) Bill-Second reading.
- 14. St. Arnaud Land Bill-Second reading.
- 15. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 16. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL—Second reading.
- 17. Crown Lands Selection and Purchase Bill-Second reading.
- 18. Colac Land Reserve Revocation Bill—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. STOLEN CATTLE (RECENT POSSESSION) BILL—(Mr. J. Cameron)—Second reading.
- 2. Women's Disabilities Removal Bill—(Mr. Mackey)—To be further considered in Committee.

 3. Election Expenses Limitation Bill—(Mr. Mackey)—To be further considered in Committee.

 4. Justices Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.

 5. Public Holidays Law Amendment Bill—(Mr. Shoppee)—To be further considered in Committee.

 6. Gold Buyers Act 1901 Repeal Bill—(Mr. Menzies)—Second reading.

- 7. Mortgage Limitation Bill—(Mr. Sangster)—Second reading.

 8. Railway Passengers' Actions Bill—(Mr. Gair)—Second reading.

 9. Government Appointments Prevention Bill—(Mr. Andrews)—Second Probate Duties Evasion Bill—(Mr. Maloney)—Second reading.

 11. Benalla Public Road Revocation Bill—(Mr. Hall)—Second reading. -Second reading.

- 12. TOTALIZATOR BILL—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
- 13. LAW CLERKS ADMISSION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.

 14. MEAT SUPERVISION ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Gair)—Second reading.

 15. POUNDS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Keogh)—Second reading.
- 16. DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Brown)—Second reading.

 17. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS BILL—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.

 18. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.

- 19. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
 20. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
 21. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.
 22. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.

- 23. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.

- 24. Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.
 25. Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
 26. Melbourne University (Abolition of Fees) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
 27. Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
 28. Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly.
- 29. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.

THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:-

1. Office of State Governor-Resumption of debate on the question-" That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty the King praying that on the expiration of the present Governor's term of office the question of the necessity of appointment of future State Governors for Victoria be taken into consideration"

THOS. G. WATSON,

W. D. BEAZLEY,

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 31st March.

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

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 26TH MARCH, 1903.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 41.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 62. Census of Victoria, 1901— Part IV.—Religions. No. 25. Part V.—Conjugal Condition. No. 27.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 63.

WEDNESDAY, 1st APRIL, 1903.

Questions.

1. Mr. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General-

1. If it is a fact that Mr. G. H. Neighbour, K.C., the present Commissioner of Patents, has in various important matters given decisions and rulings reversing or modifying the former Patent Office practice under and the interpretation of the Patents and Trade Marks Acts and Rules, and

that the influence of such decisions has been to expedite public business.

2. If it is a fact that many such decisions have never been published, and that full opportunities for knowing promptly of such decisions and rulings, and also of like important decisions of the Honorable the Attorney-General, have not been given to inventors, patentees, patent agents, solicitors entitled to practise before the Patents Office, or to the public generally (in whatever part of the State resident), to guide such persons in the proper transaction of patent and trade mark business, and in the understanding of patent and trade mark practice.

3. Will the Honorable the Attorney-General take steps to have promptly published in the Official List issued weekly by the Patents Office particulars of such rulings and decisions somewhat as is done by the United States Commissioner of Patents in the Official Gazette of his office.

- 2. Mr. WATT: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will give early attention to the present haphazard method of compiling the jury list, so that jurors' duties may be distributed more equally amongst those eligible.
- 3. Mr. Graves: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey-
 - If the roads indicated on plans of Noojee and Fumina lands which are to be made available
 next week for selection will be graded and formed.
 - 2. Will he have such roads indicated as roads to be formed and graded for the information of selectors.
- 4. Mr. Watt: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he purposes taking any steps to empower the Committee of Public Accounts to conduct investigations of public expenditure during the recess, as requested in its last Report.
- 5. Mr. Graves: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, if his attention has been called to the article in the Age newspaper of the 28th ult., page 4, entitled "Circumlocution regarding the Lands Department"; if so, will be cause inquiry to be made to have the many complaints therein referred to remedied.
- 6. Mr. W. A. Hamilton: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will direct the Commissioner of Income Tax, when he is sending out assessment notices, to show thereon how the amount of tax arrived at is made up; as, for instance, so much for income from property, and so much from personal exertion, and not as has been done in former years, when a notice has been sent stating the amount of tax without giving any particulars thereof.
- 7. Mr. Hickford: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey-
 - 1. If he is aware that a Select Committee of the Legislative Council recommended on the 17th December, 1901, as follows:—(1) That an agricultural lease, without special reservations, should be granted to Mr. Abraham Dabscheck on the most favorable terms the statutes and the regulations of the Department permit. (2) That Mr. Abraham Dabscheck be granted the sum of £250 for the purpose of removing tramways, repairing fences, and burning off the débris in the Ti Tree and Monkey gullics, and for other damage to the property.
 - 2: Does he intend to carry out the recommendations as aforesaid.
- 8. Mr. Anstey: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary why some men in his Department are put off at 60 years of age and others kept on for many years over that age.
- 9. Mr. Bailes: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if, in view of the facts adduced at the inquest on the body of the late Quentin Renant, a miner, who was accidentally killed in the Clarence Mine at Eaglehawk, that the body was in a condition reflecting the greatest discredit on a civilized community, and the fact that the inquest was not commenced until nearly 30 hours after the unfortunate miner had met his death, will be cause instructions to be issued to all Coroners that for the future, in cases of fatal mining accidents, the inquest shall be opened on the day the accident occurs, so that the relations can obtain possession of the body for interment.

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- 10. Mr. Anstey: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways-
 - 1. If he will state what is the total amount expended for the purchase of land for railway purposes. 2. Has the Minister any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a monthly statement setting forth the receipts and working expenses of the Department.
 - 3. Has the Minister's attention been called to the following report in the Herald newspaper of 27th March ult.:—"The rate of premium he proposed is: Apprentices following the engineering course at the Melbourne University to be required to pay a premium of £50, and to be entitled to remain at the Workshops for a period of three years; all other premium apprentices to pay a premium of £100. The Minister has approved of the report and states that he will carry the proposals into effect as soon as possible.
 - 4. Is the report correct; if so, why does he draw a distinction between those from the University and those individually following an engineering course in other places.

11. Mr. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture-

- 1. If he has any objection to state what has been done in the way of making soil surveys, and what. his intentions are re the publication of maps showing the difference of soils throughout the State, and when such maps are likely to be available.
- 2. In the event of there being any difficulty in publishing such maps, will be confer with the Honorable the Minister of Mines, with the object of utilizing any geological maps that may be issued by showing thereon the different character of the soils by means of figures, and a key thereto, embracing the information obtained from the Agricultural Department.
- 12. Mr. PRENDERGAST: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is a fact that seven female clerks have been dismissed from the Observatory; if so, what reason has been given for the dismissals.

Government Business.

Notices of Motion:-

- 1. Mr. E. H. CAMERON: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the Water Acts so far as they relate to the Condah Swamp Lands."
- 2. Mr. Bent: To move, That the question of connecting the main Gippsland railway and the Great Southern line, by means of a railway starting at a point near Traralgon, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
- 3, Mr. Shiels: To move, That the Report of the Printing Committee on the question of Parliamentary Printing be now taken into consideration.

Orders of the Day:-

- 1. Administration and Probate (Legal Charges) Bill-Second reading.
- 2. UNIVERSITY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
- 3. Coroners Act 1890 further Amendment Bill-(from Council)-Second reading.
- 4. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill-Second reading.
- 5. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS ACT 1895 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 6. INSOLVENCY BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.
 7. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

- 8. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL-Second reading.
- 9. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- .10. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 11. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (from Council) Second reading.
- 12. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL-Amendment of the Legislative Council-To be considered.
- 13. St. Arnaud Land Bill-Second reading.
- 14. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 15. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL—Second reading.
- 16. Crown Lands Selection and Purchase Bill-Second reading.
- 17. COLAC LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL-Second reading.

General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Stolen Cattle (Recent Possession) Bill—(Mr. J. Cameron)—Second reading.
 2. Women's Disabilities Removal Bill—(Mr. Mackey)—To be further considered in Committee.
 3. Election Expenses Limitation Bill—(Mr. Mackey)—To be further considered in Committee.

- 4. JUSTICES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.

 5. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Shoppee)—To be further considered in Committee.

 6. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1901 REPEAL BILL—(Mr. Menzies)—Second reading.

- Second reading.
- 7. Mortgage Limitation Bill—(Mr. Sangster)—Second reading.
 8. Railway Passengers' Actions Bill—(Mr. Gair)—Second reading.
 9. Government Appointments Prevention Bill—(Mr. Andrews)—Second Probate Duties Evasion Bill—(Mr. Maloney)—Second reading.
 11. Benalla Public Road Revocation Bill—(Mr. Hall)—Second reading.
- 12. TOTALIZATOR BILL—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
 13. LAW CLERKS ADMISSION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.
- 14. MEAT SUPERVISION ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL-(Mr. Gair)-Second reading.
- 15. Pounds Act 1890 Amendment Bill-(Mr. Keogh)-Second reading.
- 16. DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-(Mr. Brown)-Second reading.

17. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS BILL—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.
18. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.

- 18. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.

 19. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.

 20. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.

 21. Voters' Certificates Abolition Bill—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.

 22. Justices Acts Amendment Bill—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.

 23. Legal Practitioners Reciprocity Bill—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.

LEGAL FRACTITIONERS KECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.
 Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading.
 Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
 Melbourne University (Abolition of Fees) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
 Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
 Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."
 Luroring Act 1800 Amendment Bill. (from Course)

29. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:-

1. Office of State Governor-Resumption of debate on the question-" That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty the King praying that on the expiration of the present Governor's term of office the question of the necessity of appointment of future State Governors for Victoria be taken into consideration."

THOS. G. WATSON, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. D. BEAZLEY.

Deputy-Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 26TH MARCH, 1903.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 42.

The Constitution Bill—[26]. As it will be presented for Royal Assent if Recommendations of Free Conference are agreed to by both Houses of Parliament. (To Members of Council only.)

Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Bill—[56]. (To Members of Council only.)

Victorian Railways Commissioners Bill—[97]. (To Members of Council only.)

Railways Commissioners Appointment Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Honorable William Cain.

(To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 63.

The Constitution Bill—[26]. (To Members only.)
Constitution Reform Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. How dealt with. Recommendations of Free Conference. (To Members only.)

Education.—Report of Minister of Public Instruction for 1901-2.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 64.

THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1903.

Government Business.

Notice of Motion:-

1. Mr. IRVINE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Unlawful Assemblies Act 1890.'"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

1. Spring Vale Necropolis Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

2. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS ACT 1895 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.

3. Insolvency Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.

4. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.

5. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL—Second reading.

6. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.

- 7. LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

 8. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

 9. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

10. St. Arnaud Land Bill-Second reading.

11. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.

12. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL—Second reading.
13. CROWN LANDS SELECTION AND PURCHASE BILL—Second reading.

14. COLAC LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL—Second reading.
15. WATER ACTS AMENDMENT (CONDAH SWAMP LANDS) BILL—Second reading.

16. YEA RACE-COURSE RESERVE SALE BILL-Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

1. Office of State Governor-Resumption of debate on the question-" That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty the King praying that on the expiration of the present Governor's term of office the question of the necessity of appointment of future State Governors for Victoria be taken into consideration"

2. STOLEN CATTLE (RECENT Possession) BILL—(Mr. J. Cameron)—Second reading.

3. Women's Disabilities Removal Bill+(Mr. Mackey)—To be further considered in Committee.
4. Election Expenses Limitation Bill-(Mr. Mackey)—To be further considered in Committee.

5. JUSTICES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
6. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Shoppee)—To be further considered in Committee.
7. Gold Buyers Act 1901 Repeal Bill—(Mr. Menzies)—Second reading.

8. Mortgage Limitation Bill—(Mr. Sangster)—Second reading.
9. Railway Passengers' Actions Bill—(Mr. Gair)—Second reading.

-Second reading.

10. GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS PREVENTION BILL—(Mr. Andrews)—11. PROBATE DUTIES EVASION BILL—(Mr. Maloney)—Second reading.

12. Benalla Public Road Revocation Bill—(Mr. Hall)—Second reading.
13. Totalizator Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
14. Law Clerks Admission Bill—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.

- 15. MEAT SUPERVISION ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Gair)—Second reading.
 16. POUNDS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Keogh)—Second reading.

17. DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-(Mr. Brown)-Second reading.

18. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS BILL—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.—
19. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.

- 20. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
 21. Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
- 22. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.

23. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
24. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.
25. MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS TRUST DEBENTURES BILL—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading.

26. WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
27. Melbourne University (Abolition of Fres) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
28. Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
29. Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."

30. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-(from Council)-Second reading.

FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL.

Questrons.

- 1. Mr. WATT: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will give early attention to the present haphazard method of compiling the jury list, so that jurors' duties may be distributed more equally amongst those eligible.
- 2. Mr. Hickford: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey-
 - 1. If he is aware that a Select Committee of the Legislative Council recommended on the 17th December, 1901, as follows: --(1) That an agricultural lease, without special reservations, should be granted to Mr. Abraham Dabscheck on the most favorable terms the statutes and the regulations of the Department permit. (2) That Mr. Abraham Dabscheck be granted the sum of £250 for the purpose of removing tramways, repairing fences, and burning off the débris in the Ti Tree and Monkey gullics, and for other damage to the property.

2. Does he intend to carry out the recommendations as aforesaid.

- 3. Mr. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey-
 - 1. If he will, in order to give intending selectors a reasonable opportunity of securing land and saving expense, make the whole of the available lands in Fumina, Toorongo, Noojee, and Noojee East, area 30,000 to 40,000 acres, open for selection at the same time.

2. Will the plans of the parishes named be ready and issued before Easter.

- 3. Will he have the roads from the nearest railway stations to the land to be selected shown on the plans.
- 4. Will be also have printed on the plans information for selectors showing the way to reach the
- 5. Will he place on the plans the conditions of selection to be applied to the areas alluded to.
- 4. Mr. Warr: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he purposes taking any steps to empower the Committee of Public Accounts to conduct investigations of public expenditure during the recess, as requested in its last Report.
- 5. Mr. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture-

I. If he has any objection to state what has been done in the way of making soil surveys, and what his intentions are re the publication of maps showing the difference of soils throughout the State, and when such maps are likely to be available.

2. In the event of there being any difficulty in publishing such maps, will be confer with the Honorable the Minister of Mines, with the object of utilizing any geological maps that may be issued by showing thereon the different character of the soils by means of figures, and a key thereto, embracing the information obtained from the Agricultural Department.

6. Mr. Billson: To ask the Honorable the Premier if the following statement, published in the Argus newspaper of Monday, 22nd September last, still represents the policy pursued by the Government

with regard to the granting of increments or subdivisional promotions, namely :-

"The practice we propose to adopt is that twice every year, once when the Estimates are being framed, and once six months later, these subdivisional promotions in each branch of each Department will be considered. The merits of the various officers who are not each Department will be considered. The merits of the various officers who are not entitled, but qualified under-the law—I lay stress on that, not entitled, but merely qualified -to receive these increments, will come into competition with others. Before they receive these rises the merits of these officers will be duly weighed by the permanent heads of the Departments and the Minister, and only those who have shown due diligence—and even conspicuous diligence-shall be allowed these increments"

7. Mr. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will state what is the cause of the delay in proceeding with the Neerim East to Fumina road, as recommended by the Standing Committee on Railways, and when will the same be started; as the lands to be made available cannot be thrown open until the roads are completed.

THOS. G. WATSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. D. BEAZLEY.

Deputy-Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 2nd April.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at seven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1st APRIL, 1903.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 43.

Probate Charges Bill—[77]. (To Members of Council only.)
Coroners Act 1890 Further Amendment Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Trustee Companies Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. A. Wynne. (To Members of Council only.)

Railway Inquiry Board.—Epitome of Evidence as to a Board of Direction or Control. C 1. (To Members of Council only.)

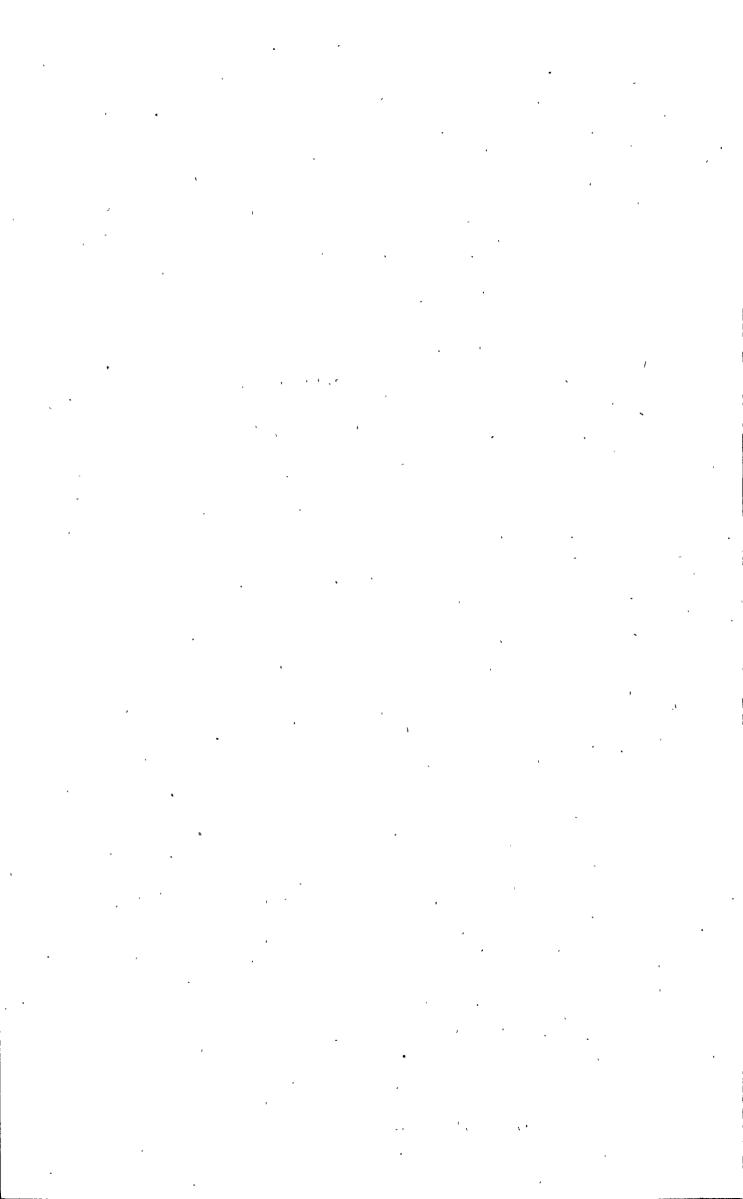
Parliamentary Printing .--Joint Report from Printing Committees of Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly. Dil. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 64. Water Bill-[65].

Dairying Companies Bill-[78].

Crown Lands Selection and Purchase Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by Mr. Graves. (To Members only.)

Health Act 1890 Further Amendment Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Mackey. (To Members only.)



Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 65.

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- 1. Mr. Watt: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will give early attention to the present haphazard method of compiling the jury list, so that jurors' duties may be distributed more equally amongst those eligible.
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 - 1. If he will, in order to give intending selectors a reasonable opportunity of securing land and saving expense, make the whole of the available lands in Fumina, Toorongo, Noojee, and Noojee East, area 30,000 to 40,000 acres, open for selection at the same time.

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- 5. Mr. A. Harris: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture-
 - 1. If he has any objection to state what has been done in the way of making soil surveys, and what his intentions are re the publication of maps showing the difference of soils throughout the State, and when such maps are likely to be available.
 - 2. In the event of there being any difficulty in publishing such maps, will be confer with the Honorable the Minister of Mines, with the object of utilizing any geological maps that may be issued by showing thereon the different character of the soils by means of figures, and a key thereto, embracing the information obtained from the Agricultural Department.
- 6. Mr. Billson: To ask the Honorable the Premier if the following statement, published in the Argus newspaper of Monday, 22nd September last, still represents the policy pursued by the Government with regard to the granting of increments or subdivisional promotions, namely:
 - "The practice we propose to adopt is that twice every year, once when the Estimates are being framed, and once six months later, these subdivisional promotions in each branch of each Department will be considered. The merits of the various officers who are not entitled, but qualified under the law-I lay stress on that, not entitled, but merely qualified to receive these increments, will come into competition with others. Before they receive these rises the merits of these officers will be duly weighed by the permanent heads of the Departments and the Minister, and only those who have shown due diligence-and even conspicuous diligence—shall be allowed these increments."
- 7. Mr. A. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public, Works if he will state what is the cause of the delay in proceeding with the Neerim East to Fumina road, as recommended by the Standing Committee on Railways, and when will the same be started; as the lands to be made available cannot be thrown open until the roads are completed.
- *8. Mr. Maloney: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he can inform the House what is the total amount received by the authorities of the Melbourne General Cemetery up to 31st December, 1902.
 - Notifications to which an asterisk (*) is prefixed appear for the first time. (660' copies.)

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :-

- 1. INSOLVENCY BILL—(from Council)—To be further considered in Committee.
- Crown Lands Selection and Purchase Bill-Second leading.
- 3. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 4. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL-Second reading.
- 5. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL-Second reading.
- 6. Public Service Acts Amendment Bill-Second reading.
- 7. Land Act 1901 Amendment Bill—Second reading.
- 8. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (from Council)—Second reading.
- 9. Education Act 1901 Amendment Bill-Amendment of the Legislative Council-To be considered.
- 10. St. Arnaud Land Bill-Second reading.
- 11. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL—Second reading.
 12. COLAC LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL—Second reading.
- 13. WATER ACTS AMENDMENT (CONDAH SWAMP LANDS) BILL-Second reading.
- 14. YEA RACE-COURSE RESERVE SALE BILL-Second reading.
- *15. Unlawful Assemblies Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

General Business.

Notice of Motion:-

- *1. Mr. Billson: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing-
 - I. The number of officers in the Public Service who have been deemed qualified to receive increments or subdivisional promotions since the Government took office.
 - 2. How many of such officers have been recommended for subdivisional promotions by the permanent head.
 - 3. How many of such officers have been allowed such promotions during the same period.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:-

- 1. Office of State Governor-Resumption of debate on the question-" That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty the King praying that on the expiration of the present Governor's term of office the question of the necessity of appointment of future State Governors for Victoria be taken into consideration"

- 2. STOLEN CATTLE (RECENT POSSESSION) BILL—(Mr. J. Cameron)—Second reading.

 3. WOMEN'S DISABILITIES REMOVAL BILL—(Mr. Mackey)—To be further considered in Committee.

 4. ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION BILL—(Mr. Mackey)—To be further considered in Committee,

 5. JUSTICES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.

 6. Public Holidays Law Amendment Bill—(Mr. Shoppee)—To be further considered in Committee,

 7. Gold Buyers Act 1901 Repeal Bill—(Mr. Menzies)—Second reading.

- 8. MORTGAGE LIMITATION BILL—(Mr. Sangster)—Second reading.
 9. RAILWAY PASSENGERS' ACTIONS BILL—(Mr. Gair)—Second reading.
 10. GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS PREVENTION BILL—(Mr. Andrews)—Second reading.
 11. PROBATE DUTIES EVASION BILL—(Mr. Maloney)—Hello Creading.
- 12. Benalla Public Road Revocation Bill—(Mr. Hall)—Second reading.
- TOTALIZATOR BILL—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
 LAW CLERKS ADMISSION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.
- 15. MEAT SUPERVISION ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Gair)—Second reading.
 16. POUNDS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. Keogh)—Second reading.
- 17. DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (Mr. Brown) Second reading.
- 18. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS BILL—(Mr. Mackey)—Second reading.
 19. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.

- 19. THED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Bailes)—Second reading.
 20. SLUDGE BILL—(Mr. Bowser)—Second reading.
 21. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL—(Mr. Trenwith)—Second reading.
 22. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL—(Mr. Boyd)—Second reading.
 23. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(Mr. McGregor)—Second reading.
 24. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL—(Mr. Fink)—Second reading.

- 25. Melbourne Tramways Trust Debentures Bill—(Sir Samuel Gillott)—Second reading.
 26. Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill—(Mr. W. A. Hamilton)—Second reading.
 27. Melbourne University (Abolition of Fees) Bill—(Mr. Smith)—Second reading.
 28. Jurors Exemption Bill—(Mr. Prendergast)—Second reading.
 29. Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—"That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly."
- 30. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—(from Council)—Second reading.

THOS. G. WATSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. D. BEAZLEY,

Deputy-Speaker.

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