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DURING THE PERIOD FROM 3RD MARCH, 1909, TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

Names of Provinces and Members.	Elected at—		Dates of Retirement.	Remarks.
	Nomination.	Polling.		
Each Province returns two Members.				
METROPOLITAN.				
EAST YARRA :				
The Honorables—				
Edward Miller	25 May, 1907..	..	1913	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
James Balfour .. ..	..	1 June, 1904 ..	1910	
MELBOURNE :				
The Honorables—				
John Mark Davies	25 May, 1907..	..	1913	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
William Cain	24 May, 1904..	..	1910	
MELBOURNE EAST :				
The Honorables—				
Adam McLellan .. ..	..	4 June, 1907 ..	1913	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
William Pitt .. ..	..	1 June, 1904 ..	1910	Re-appointed Chairman of Committees, 9 February, 1909.
MELBOURNE NORTH :				
The Honorables—				
William John Evans .. ..	..	4 June, 1907 ..	1913	Elected in place of Hon. F. Stuart, who retired by rotation.
Donald Melville .. ..	..	1 June, 1904 ..	1910	
MELBOURNE SOUTH :				
The Honorables—				
Thomas Luxton .. ..	..	4 June, 1907 ..	1913	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Thomas Henry Payne .. ..	..	1 June, 1904 ..	1910	
MELBOURNE WEST :				
The Honorables—				
William Haslam Edgar .. ..	..	4 June, 1907 ..	1913	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
John George Aikman .. ..	..	1 June, 1904 ..	1910	
COUNTRY.				
BENDIGO :				
The Honorables—				
Alfred Hicks .. ..	..	4 June, 1907 ..	1913	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Joseph Sternberg .. ..	..	1 June, 1904 ..	1910	
GIPPSLAND :				
The Honorables—				
William Pearson	25 May, 1907 ..	..	1913	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Edward Jolley Crooke .. ..	..	1 June, 1904 ..	1910	
NELSON :				
The Honorables—				
James Drysdale Brown	19 Jan., 1909 ..	..	1913	Vacated seat by accepting office of Attorney-General; re-elected
Edwin Henry Austin	..	24 October, 1906	1910	Elected in place of Hon. H. W. H. Irvine, resigned
succeeded by	..	23 December,	1910	Elected in place of Hon. E. H. Austin, deceased.
Thomas Carthew Miners .. ..	..	1909		
NORTHERN :				
The Honorables—				
Richard Hartley Smith	..	4 June, 1907 ..	1913	Elected in place of Hon. M. Cussen, resigned.
Abbott	1910	Vacated seat by accepting office of Minister of Public Health; re-elected.
William Lawrence Baillieu	19 Jan., 1909		

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Each Province returns two Members.				
COUNTRY— <i>continued.</i>				
NORTH-EASTERN :				
The Honorables—				
Willis Little	25 May, 1907..	..	1913	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Arthur Otto Sachse ..	24 May, 1904..	..	1910	
NORTH-WESTERN :				
The Honorables—				
Frederick Hagelthorn ..	..	4 June, 1907 ..	1913	Elected in place of Hon. J. M. Pratt, who retired by rotation.
Richard Bloomfield Rees ..	..	1 June, 1904 ..	1910	
SOUTHERN :				
The Honorables—				
George Thomas Dickie ..	..	29 September, 1903	1913	Elected in place of Hon. N. FitzGerald, deceased.
Dr. William Henry Embling	24 May, 1904..	..	1910	
SOUTH-EASTERN :				
The Honorables—				
Duncan Elphinstone McBryde	11 Nov., 1903..	..	1913	Vacated seat by accepting office of Minister of Public Health; re-elected.
James Callender Campbell	24 May, 1904..	..	1910	
SOUTH-WESTERN :				
The Honorables—				
Sir Henry John Wrixon, K.C.M.G., K.C.	25 May, 1907..	..	1913	Retired by rotation and re-elected. Re-elected President, 9 July, 1907.
Thomas Charles Harwood	24 May, 1904..	..	1910	
WELLINGTON :				
The Honorables—				
John Young McDonald ..	25 May, 1907..	..	1913	Retired by rotation and re-elected.
Frederick Brawn ..	..	3 May, 1907 ..	1910	Elected in place of Hon. Sir H. Cuthbert, deceased.
WESTERN :				
The Honorables—				
Edward James White ..	25 May, 1907..	..	1913	Elected in place of Hon. R. B. Ritchie, who retired by rotation.
Walter Synnot Manifold ..	24 May, 1904..	..	1910	
				Total No. of Electors, 189,026

GEORGE H. JENKINS,

*Clerk of the Legislative Council.*Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 31st December, 1909.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF VICTORIA.

SECOND SESSION

OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

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(a) making moulders' blacking, moulders' plumbago preparations, blacklead, boot blacking, boot paste, boot polish, washing blue, harness dressing, harness compounds, ebonite shine, stove polish, knife polish, metal polish ;	
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- (a) Electro-plating ;
- (b) Metal polishing ;
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That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving, other than persons carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving, in connexion with a trade, business, or occupation which may be or is the subject of a Determination of any one of the following Special Boards :—

- Butchers Board ;
- Bread Carters Board ;
- Grocers Board ;
- Hay, Chaff, Wood and Coal Board ;

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ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Duties payable under the Administration and Probate Acts.*" (Hon. W. L. Baillieu.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th December, 1909, p. 95.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 9th December, p. 101. (Assented to 14th December. Act No. 2214.)

APPROPRIATION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and ten and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.*"—(Hon. W. L. Baillieu.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 23rd December, 1909, p. 132.

Read a second time, by leave, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd December, p. 123. (Assented to 24th December. Act No. 2215.)

ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL ROLLS BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Supplementary Lists and Rolls for the Legislative Assembly for the year One thousand nine hundred and nine.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th July, 1909, p. 16.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 20th July, p. 19. (Assented to 26th July. Act No. 2187.)

ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL ROLLS BILL (No. 2).—Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Assembly for the year One thousand nine hundred and ten.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th December, 1909, p. 94.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments and with an amended title, viz.:—"*An Act relating to the Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly*" ; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd December, p. 134.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have disagreed with the amendments of the Council; amendments considered; the Council do not insist on their amendments, 24th December (morning), p. 140. (Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2239.)

BAIRNSDALE TO ORBOST RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a line of Railway from Bairnsdale to Orbost.*"—(Hon. W. L. Baillieu.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 21st December, 1909, p. 124.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 22nd December, p. 127. (Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2223.)

BENDIGO AND COUNTRY DISTRICTS TRUSTEES AND EXECUTORS COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to confer Powers upon the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited.*"—(Hon. A. Hicks.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly; motion—That a message be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly, requesting that they will be pleased to communicate to the Council copies of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee to which this Bill was referred—resolved in the affirmative, 7th December, 1909, pp. 94-5.

Message from the Assembly transmitting copies of the Report, &c.; receipt produced showing that the sum of £20 had been paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State, and Bill read a first time, 7th December, p. 96.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 8th December, p. 99. (Assented to 14th December. Act No. 2212.)

BENDIGO GAOL LAND REVOCATION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land reserved as a Site for Gaol purposes in the Parish of Sandhurst and to authorize the Reservation of part of such Land as a Site for the purposes of the Bendigo Continuation School.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 12th October, 1909, pp. 57-8.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 10th November, p. 78. (Assented to 22nd November. Act No. 2204.)

BURRUMBEET AND BREWSTER LAND RESERVE CANCELLATION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to cancel the Crown Grant of certain Land in the Parishes of Burrumbeet and Brewster permanently reserved as a Site for Public*

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Park and Recreation.—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th September, 1909, p. 42.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 14th September, p. 45. (*Assented to 25th September. Act No. 2194.*)

CASTLEMAINE LAND RESERVATION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the closing of portions of certain streets in the Borough of Castlemaine and to authorize the Permanent Reservation of such portions and the granting thereof as a Site for Public Recreation.*"—(Hon. W. H. Edgar.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 12th October, 1909, p. 58.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 10th November, p. 78. (*Assented to 22nd November. Act No. 2205.*)

CAULFIELD LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the permanent reservation for Watering purposes of certain land in the Town of Caulfield.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown for the Hon. W. H. Edgar.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th September, 1909, pp. 41-2.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 5th October, p. 56. (*Assented to 12th October. Act No. 2199.*)

CEMETERIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Cemeteries Act 1890.'*"—(Hon. W. H. Edgar.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th December, 1909, p. 94.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 9th December, p. 102.

Report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 16th December, p. 111. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2218.*)

CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD ACT 1909 AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Chaff and Stock Food Act 1909.'*"—(Hon. F. Hagelthorn.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 22nd December, 1909, pp. 128-9.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd December, p. 133. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2232.*)

CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Closer Settlement and Small Improved Holdings and for other purposes.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 12th October, 1909, p. 57.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT AND SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—*continued.*

Petition presented, 9th November, p. 73.

Motion—That the Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned 20th October, p. 65; debate resumed and further adjourned, 26th October, p. 68; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 27th October, p. 69.

Further considered in Committee, 9th November, p. 74; 16th November, p. 81; 17th November, p. 84.

Reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 17th November, p. 84.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have agreed to some of the amendments of the Council, have disagreed with others, have agreed to two of the said amendments with amendments, and have disagreed with the amendment of the Council to omit sub-clause (2) of clause 44, but have made amendments in the said sub-clause, 30th November, p. 89.

Amendments considered; the Council do not insist on one of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, do insist on others of the said amendments, and agree to some of the amendments of the Assembly on amendments of the Council, 16th December, pp. 112-13.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they do not insist on disagreeing with the amendments of the Council, 23rd December, p. 131. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2229.*)

COAL MINES REGULATION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Regulation of Coal Mines.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 9th December, 1909, p. 102.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 16th December, p. 112.

Further considered in Committee, 21st December, p. 125; 23rd December, p. 131.

Reported with amendments, 23rd December, p. 131.

Recommitted in respect of clauses 4, 28, 39, 40, 49, 52, 53, and 58; reconsidered in Committee and re-reported with further amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd December, p. 131.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Council, have disagreed with others of the said amendments, have agreed to one of the said amendments, with an amendment, and have disagreed with others of the said amendments, but have made certain amendments; amendments considered; the Council insist (on division) on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, do not insist on one of the said amendments, and agree to some of the amendments made by the Assembly on amendments of the Council, 24th December (morning), pp. 137-9.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they do not now insist on disagreeing with some of the amendments made and insisted on by the Council, and still insist on disagreeing with two of the said amendments; amendments considered; the Council do not insist

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on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, 24th December (morning), p. 141. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2240.*)

COMPANIES NAMES BILL.—Bill relating to the Name Style or Title of Companies.—(*Hon. J. D. Brown.*)—Initiated, by leave, and read a first time, 25th August, 1909, p. 36.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 15th September, p. 48.

Message from the Assembly notifying their agreement to the Bill, 19th October, p. 62. (*Assented to 10th November. Act No. 2203.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—Bill intitled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and seventeen thousand nine hundred and seventy pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten.*”—(*Hon. J. D. Brown.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 6th July, 1909, p. 14.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 7th July, p. 15. (*Assented to 8th July. Act No. 2186.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—Bill intitled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Two hundred and eighteen thousand nine hundred and forty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine.*”—(*Hon. J. D. Brown.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th July, 1909, p. 18.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 27th July, p. 23. (*Assented to 28th July. Act No. 2188.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—Bill intitled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Four hundred and forty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten.*”—(*Hon. J. D. Brown.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 14th September, 1909, p. 43.

Read a second time, by leave, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 14th September, p. 45. (*Assented to 15th September. Act No. 2193.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).—Bill intitled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Eight hundred and fifty-seven thousand and forty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten.*”—(*Hon. J. D. Brown.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 12th October, 1909, p. 57.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4)—*continued.*

Read a second time, by leave, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 12th October, p. 59. (*Assented to 13th October. Act No. 2202.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 5).—Bill intitled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Eight hundred and ninety-five thousand nine hundred and ninety-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and nine and One thousand nine hundred and ten.*”—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th December, 1909, p. 93.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 8th December, p. 100. (*Assented to 9th December. Act No. 2210.*)

CONTRACTS OF INFANTS BILL.—Bill intitled “*An Act to amend the Law as to the Contracts of Infants.*”—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 9th November, 1909, pp. 73-4.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 30th November, p. 88.

Further considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 7th December, p. 96.

Message from the Assembly notifying their agreement to the amendment of the Council, 22nd December, p. 129. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2227.*)

DENTISTS BILL.—Bill to further amend the Law relating to Dentistry.—(*Hon. W. H. Edgar.*)—Initiated, by leave, and read a first time, 7th July, 1909, p. 15.

Read a second time, 20th July, p. 19.

Committed to a Committee of the whole; considered in Committee, 10th August, p. 32.

Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 25th August, p. 36. Bill not returned from the Assembly.

ELECTORAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intitled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections and for other purposes.*”—(*Hon. J. D. Brown.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 14th September, 1909, p. 44.

Motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate adjourned, 28th September, p. 52; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 5th October, p. 56.

Further considered in Committee, 12th October, p. 58; 19th October, p. 62; 20th October, p. 65.

Reported, with amendments, 20th October, p. 65.

Motion—that the Order of the Day for the consideration of the report be discharged and the Bill re-committed to a Committee of the whole in respect of clauses 3, 5, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38,

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41, 53, 55, 57, 58, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 72, 76, 86, 87, and 92; new clauses A and B; and the Schedules; amendment proposed, but (on division) not made, to omit all the words and figures after "in respect of," and insert "the Second Schedule"; original motion put and resolved in the affirmative; further motion for re-committal of the Bill in respect of a proposed new clause, negatived, 26th October, pp. 67-8.

Recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clauses 3, 5, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 53, 55, 57, 58, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 72, 76, 86, 87, and 92; new clauses A and B; and the Schedules; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd November, p. 85.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have agreed to one of the amendments of the Council, with an amendment, and have disagreed with others of the said amendments, 7th December, p. 94.

Amendments considered; the Council insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, and agree to the amendment of the Assembly in new clause A, 17th December, pp. 115-120. Bill not returned from the Assembly.

ELTHAM TO HURST'S BRIDGE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a line of Railway from Eltham to Hurst's Bridge.*"—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th December, 1909, p. 94.

Motion—That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 9th December, p. 101; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 15th December, p. 108. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2217.*)

ESSENDON LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain land in the Municipal District of Essendon reserved as a Site for Conservation of Water.*"—(*Hon. F. Hagclthorn.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th September, 1909, p. 41.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 14th September, p. 45. (*Assented to 25th September. Act No. 2195.*)

FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Factories and Shops Acts.*"—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 17th December, 1909, p. 115.

Petitions presented, 21st December, p. 123.

FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—*continued.*

Motion—That this Bill be now read a second time.—The President said—Before I put the question of the second reading of this Bill, I think that I should add something with regard to the manner in which business has been brought before us. We know that the Ministers in this House do not constitute a majority of the Cabinet, and cannot control the procedure. Therefore, I do not wish it to be considered that I hold them altogether responsible. Nevertheless, I think that such a serious state of things has been brought about that I ought to call serious attention to it. We attended this Chamber week after week and month after month—many Members having to come considerable distances from the country—but no business whatever was laid before us. This went on until the end of the session. Then, at the beginning of December, we had at once a series of Bills submitted for our consideration. On 8th December we had brought before us in a second-reading speech the Land Tax Bill. That was exactly a fortnight and two days before Christmas. The Bill had engaged the attention of the other Chamber for over three months. It had been day after day debated there, and day after day considered in Committee. The whole time allowed to this House to deal with the measure was a fortnight and two days. Beginning on the 8th of December, we were supposed to debate the Bill, consider it in Committee, make suggestions, and endeavour to arrive at some conclusions. Is it to be wondered that negotiations and arrangements fail when there is no time to carry them out? How can there be arrangements between the two Chambers, how can there be a discussion of differences, and how can there be any conclusions arrived at if no time is available? During this fortnight we have also had the Coal Mines Regulation Bill, which, without my discussing in any way its merits, embodies, I may point out, the highly important question as to whether the State should own its own coal mine. We have also had the Electoral Bill and the Closer Settlement Bill, with regard to which the two Houses should have made some attempt to come to an agreement. That can only be done when there is time. If all this has to be compressed into a fortnight it cannot be done. There are also several smaller Bills which should be attended to. Now, in the middle of the day, which we are told is to be the last of the session, the Minister of Public Works has moved the second reading of the Shops and Factories Acts Amendment Bill—a measure of great importance. We are supposed to deal with that during this sitting, and arrive at an agreement with the other place. As the presiding officer here, I am bound to say that it is reducing legislation to a farce. It would be better to have only one Chamber than have two Chambers, one of which is denied the opportunity of giving effective and intelligent decisions on matters to be determined. If there were only one body it would be answerable for what it did, and it would have to take the whole responsibility. If, however, you have two Chambers, one of which is called upon to acquiesce in legislation on matters on which it is given no proper opportunity of really ascertaining its mind, then, I say, you arrive

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at what is really a delusion and a snare. I feel bound to protest against this system of legislating. What I say is, let us have time to deal with these measures properly. I object to being rushed with measures and having to sit till 2 or 3 o'clock to-morrow morning. I would certainly be willing to sit after Christmas, or at any other time, to deal with these matters, but it is not right to hold this House responsible for legislation when the time for legislating is deliberately denied it.—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 22nd December, pp. 127-8.

Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd December, p. 131.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have agreed to one of the amendments of the Council, have disagreed with others of the said amendments, and have disagreed with the amendments in clauses 27 and 41; but have made amendments in the said clauses, 23rd December, p. 133.

Amendments considered; the Council do not insist on one of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, and do insist on others (some on division) of the said amendments, 23rd December, pp. 134-6.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they do not insist on disagreeing with some of the amendments insisted on by the Council, insist on disagreeing with one of the said amendments, and insist on disagreeing with the amendment in clause 27 insisted on by the Council, but have omitted that clause; amendments considered; the Council still insist (on casting vote of the President) on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, and do not insist on their amendment in clause 27, but have agreed with the Assembly to omit the said clause, 24th December (morning), pp. 136-7.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they do not now insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Council to insert new clause A, 24th December (morning), p. 141. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2241.*)

FLINDERS VICTUALLER'S LICENCE RENEWAL BILL.

—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Renewal of a certain Victualler's Licence in pursuance of a Certificate granted by the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Flinders.*"—(*Hon. F. Hagelthorn.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 14th September, 1909, pp. 43-4.

Standing Orders relating to private Bills, by leave, suspended, and the Bill treated as a public Bill, and Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 28th September, p. 52. (*Assented to 12th October. Act No. 2198.*)

FORESTS ACT 1907 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—

Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Forests Act 1907.'*"—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 22nd December, 1909, pp. 129-30. Bill lapsed.

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST ACT 1905 AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1905.'*"—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 21st December, 1909, p. 125.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; motion, by leave—That the report be now adopted; amendment moved—That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clause 8"; amendment, by leave, withdrawn; report adopted, and Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd December, p. 132.

Message from the Assembly notifying their agreement to the amendments of the Council, 24th December (morning), p. 140. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2238.*)

GEELONG MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT (SEWERING AND CLEANSING) BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Geelong Municipal Waterworks Act 1907' and to provide for Sewering and Cleansing of the Town of Geelong and District.*"—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 9th November, 1909, p. 74.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 10th November, p. 78.

Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 17th November, p. 84.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have agreed to some of the amendments of the Council, and have agreed to one of the said amendments with an amendment, 22nd December, p. 129

Amendment considered; the Council agree to the amendment of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council, 23rd December, p. 132. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2230.*)

GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Gheringhap to Maroona.*"—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 9th December, 1909, p. 101.

Petition presented, 14th December, p. 103.

Motion—That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 16th December, p. 111; debate resumed and further adjourned, 16th December, p. 112; debate resumed, and further adjourned, 17th December, p. 115; debate resumed; amendment moved—but not made—That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "this House postpone consideration of this Bill until after the Railways Standing Committee have reported upon the question of direct railway communication between Portland and the Wimmera which is at present under consideration."—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 17th December, p. 120. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2220.*)

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND CARTERS' LICENCE FEES APPORTIONMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to alter the Annual Apportionment amongst Suburban Municipalities of amounts received by the City of Melbourne from residents in those Municipalities for Hackney Carriage Licences and Carters' Licences.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th July, 1909, p. 18.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 3rd August, p. 26. (Assented to 12th August. Act No. 2189.)

HAMILTON TOWN HALL SITE SALE BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Hamilton to sell the Site of the Town Hall in the said Borough and for other purposes.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 21st December, 1909, p. 124.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd December, p. 133. (Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2231.)

HAMPDEN LAND PURCHASE BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the sale of certain Land to the Shire of Hampden by a Councillor of the said Shire.*"—(Hon. W. H. Edgar.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 14th September, 1909, p. 43.

Standing Orders relating to private Bills, by leave, suspended, and the Bill treated as a public Bill, and Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 5th October, p. 56. (Assented to 12th October. Act No. 2200.)

INCOME TAX BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and ten.*"—(Hon. W. L. Baillieu.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly, and read a first time, 7th December, 1909, p. 95.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 8th December, p. 100. (Assented to 14th December. Act No. 2213.)

JEPARIT TO LORQUON RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Jeparit to Lorquon.*"—(Hon. W. L. Baillieu.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 21st December, 1909, p. 124.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 22nd December, p. 127. (Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2224.)

LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes.*"—(Hon. J. D.

LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—*continued.*

Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 22nd December, 1909, p. 129.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd December, p. 131. (Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2228.)

LAND TAX BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for a Tax on the Unimproved Value of Land and for the Assessment of Land and other purposes.*"—(Hon. W. L. Baillieu.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 30th November, 1909, p. 88.

Petitions presented, 30th November, p. 88; 7th December, p. 93; 9th December, p. 101; 14th December, p. 103.

Motion—That the Petitioners have leave to appear at the Bar of the House in support of their Petition; debate adjourned, 30th November, p. 88.

Motion—That the Petitioners have leave to appear by Counsel at the Bar of this House; amendment moved, but (on division) not made—That the following words be added after the word "House" viz. :—"also that the Secretary of the Trades Hall Council be granted the privilege of representation at the Bar of this Honorable House for the purpose of showing that such a measure combining taxation with social reform is of vast importance to the welfare of the State of Victoria"—question for Petitioners to have leave to appear by Counsel at the Bar of this House (on division) resolved in the affirmative, 7th December, pp. 95-6.

Counsel heard at the Bar, 7th December, p. 96.

Motion—That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 8th December, p. 100; debate resumed, and further adjourned, 9th December, p. 101; debate resumed, and the question being put (on division) resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 14th December, p. 104.

Further considered in Committee and reported with the following suggested amendments, viz. :—

In the Title, omit "for a Tax on the Unimproved Value of Land and."

In the Title, omit "Assessment" and insert "Valuation."

Clause 1, line 5, omit "Land Tax" and insert "Valuation of Land."

Clause 2, line 9, omit "Nature of Taxation. Sections 6-13."

Clause 2, line 17, omit "Part 4.—Liability for Land Tax. Sections 37-54."

Clause 2, page 2, lines 1-2, omit "Payment and enforcement of tax. Sections 55-71."

Clause 3, lines 10-14, omit "'Assessment' means the amount of tax charged in the assessment roll or chargeable to any person under this Act and includes all matters comprised or which ought to be comprised in the assessment roll in reference to such amount of tax."

Clause 3, line 20, after "might" insert "reasonably."

Clause 3, page 4, line 11, after "valuable" insert "or good."

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- Clause 3, page 4, lines 27-9, omit "Tax" or "taxation" means the duty upon land and includes any additional charge in respect thereof to be assessed, collected, or enforced under this Act."
- Clause 3, page 4, lines 31-2, omit, "whether liable to taxation or not."
- Clause 6, omit this clause.
- Clause 7, omit this clause.
- Clause 8, omit this clause.
- Clause 9, line 2, omit "tax" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 10, omit this clause.
- Clause 11, omit this clause.
- Clause 12, omit this clause.
- Clause 13, omit this clause.
- In the headline, line 13, omit "and Assessments."
- Clause 14, line 14, omit "the assessment and levy of taxation" and insert "this Act."
- Clause 15, lines 27-8, omit "and for the payment of the whole amount of tax (if any) assessed thereon respectively."
- Clause 15, line 38, omit "and for."
- Clause 15, line 39, omit "tax" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 15, line 39, omit "charged" and insert "made."
- Clause 15, page 11, lines 3-4, omit "in consequence of exemptions or deductions or otherwise."
- Clause 16, omit sub-clause (2).
- Clause 16, omit sub-clause (3).
- Clause 18, omit this clause.
- Clause 19, omit this clause.
- Clause 21, omit sub-clause (1),
- Clause 21, omit sub-clause (2).
- Clause 21, page 13, line 9, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 21, page 13, lines 11-12, omit "or the assessment roll."
- Clause 21, page 13, line 14, omit "or roll."
- Clause 21, page 13, lines 15-18, omit "assessment; and except in proceedings on objection against the assessment (when the same shall be *prima facie* evidence only) shall also be conclusive evidence that the amount and all the particulars of such assessment are correct" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 21, page 13, line 21, omit "or assessment roll."
- Clause 22, line 25, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 22, line 25, omit "and entered in the assessment roll."
- Clause 22, lines 25-6, omit "any assessment thereon."
- Clause 22, lines 26-7, omit "(whether such roll is completed or not)."
- Clause 22, line 28, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 22, lines 28-30, omit "if the taxpayer has not had previous notice of the valuation of the lands comprised in the assessment either in whole or in part."
- Clause 22, line 31, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 22, line 33, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 22, line 35, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."

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- Clause 22, line 37, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 22, line 38, omit "one month" and insert "six weeks."
- Clause 22, line 44, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 23, line 8, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 27, line 15, omit "assessments" and insert "valuations."
- Clause 27, line 18, omit "roll" and insert "register."
- Clause 28, omit "assessment" wherever occurring and insert "valuation."
- Clause 31, page 16, line 4, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 33, line 4, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 36, line 11, omit "assessment" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 36, lines 14-16, omit "assessment; and tax may be made levied and recovered on the assessment in like manner as if no objection or appeal were pending" and insert "valuation."
- Clause 36, omit sub-clause (2).
- Clause 37, omit this clause.
- Clause 38, omit this clause.
- Clause 39, omit this clause.
- Clause 40, omit this clause.
- Clause 41, omit this clause.
- Clause 42, omit this clause.
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- Clause 65, omit this clause.
- Clause 66, omit this clause.
- Clause 67, omit this clause.
- Clause 68, omit this clause.
- Clause 69, omit this clause.
- Clause 72, omit paragraph (b).
- Clause 72, lines 32-3, omit "or for any purposes whatsoever."
- Clause 76, line 18, omit "assessments" and insert "valuations."
- Clause 80, lines 20-21, omit "but such valuation when made shall not affect any prior assessment of tax."
- Clause 81, line 27, omit "such taxation" and insert "any valuation."
- Clause 81, lines 34-6, omit "in relation to any matter or thing affecting his own or any other person's liability to or exemption from assessment or taxation."
- Clause 81, lines 37-9, omit paragraph (d).

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Clause 81, lines 41-5, omit "and if he is convicted of any offence under paragraphs (c) or (d) the convicting Court shall also inflict on him an additional penalty of treble the amount of the tax the assessment or payment whereof he has evaded or attempted to evade."

Clause 81, page 30, omit sub-clause (2).

Clause 82, omit this clause.

Clause 85, omit this clause.

Clause 86, omit this clause.

Clause 87, omit this clause.

Clause 88, omit this clause.

Clause 89, omit this clause.

Clause 90, omit this clause.

Clause 97, omit this clause.

First Schedule, omit this schedule.

Second Schedule, omit this schedule.

—report adopted, 15th December, pp. 108-10.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have decided not to make the amendments suggested by the Council. Message referred to the Committee of the whole on the Bill, 16th December, p. 111.

Bill further considered in Committee of the whole, when the President said—As a rule the President does not take part in discussions in the House, but the matter that has now arisen has regard to our position and our rights as a Chamber, and I therefore desire to say a few words as to the right of this House to make suggestions in the manner we have done. It must not be forgotten that for a great many years this Chamber possessed the right of absolute veto, and that this House could not be reached by dissolution. It could remain where it was, and veto everything. It was in an impregnable position. That position was regarded as an unsound one, and not one fitting in a democratic community, and accordingly a few years ago a change was made in the Constitution. The change was of a serious and fundamental character, and of a good character too. By that change in the Constitution the power of this Chamber to veto measures permanently was taken away, and the Chamber was rendered subject to dissolution just like the other Chamber. The impregnable position it previously occupied was taken from this Chamber, and on a difference arising between this Chamber and the other, which could not be otherwise settled, power was given to the Governor to dissolve both Chambers after certain procedure was gone through. Concurrently with this important change, which rendered this Chamber liable to dissolution, there was given to it the power of making suggestions in regard to Money Bills, which previously this House could only accept or reject. I may say, in passing, that the argument that that power of suggestion refers only to Appropriation Bills is illusory and wrong. The section in the Act dealing with the matter expressly prescribes our right to make suggestions as being in regard to any Bill which the Council cannot alter. We have acted on that repeatedly. But I wish to call attention to the fact that this power to make suggestions in Bills which hitherto we could not amend was given as a consideration for the position we are placed in in being rendered liable to dissolution like the other Chamber. It is an important change, and I think a good change. If we are

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to be told, a few years after the passing of that alteration in the Constitution—a change brought about by the Liberal party in this country—that the power of suggestion therein conveyed is to be viewed as a nullity, that the exercise of that power is to be regarded as a piece of impertinence, and that if we make suggestions they need not be considered, but are to be rejected *in toto*, then it is a complete departure from the understanding when the change was made in the Constitution by that Act which rendered this House liable to dissolution. Honorable members will understand that I am addressing myself to no particular dispute. Personally, my wish is always to arrive at some understanding with the other Chamber if possible; but if, when we exercise this right of suggestion, it is to be treated as a fiction, as something not to be considered even, then the whole of this constitutional reform is vain. The meaning of the Constitution is that the suggestions we make should be carefully considered elsewhere, and I believe that is not alone the intention of the Constitution but also the wish of the people. I therefore hope that there will be some understanding come to between the two Chambers by which this matter may be considered. We give every attention to the views of the other Chamber, and when we make suggestions in accordance with the law, under which our impregnable position was taken from us, and we were rendered liable to dissolution, I think it is only due to the law and the people we represent that the suggestions should be given deliberate consideration by honorable members elsewhere.—Bill reported without amendment. Motion—That the amendments suggested on the consideration of the Bill in Committee of the whole be again made and suggested to the Assembly; amendment proposed—but (on division) not made—to omit all the words after "That" with a view to insert in place thereof the words "this Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole"; original motion put and resolved in the affirmative, 16th December, p. 112.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have decided not to make the amendments suggested by the Council on the consideration of the report by the Committee, 21st December, p. 123.

Motion—That seven members of this House be appointed to meet and confer with a like number of members of the Legislative Assembly on the Bill (on division) negatived, 21st December, p. 125.

Motion—That this Bill be now laid aside (on division) resolved in the affirmative—Bill laid aside, 21st December, p. 125.

LANDLORD AND TENANT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intitled "An Act to amend the Law of Landlord and Tenant."—(Hor. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 21st September, 1909, p. 49.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 30th November, p. 88.

Message from the Assembly notifying their agreement to the amendments of the Council, 8th December, p. 99. (Assented to 14th December. Act No. 2211.)

MARRIAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill to amend the Marriage Acts.—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Initiated and read a first time, 30th June, 1909, p. 10.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 20th July, p. 19.

Order for consideration of report discharged and Bill recommitted in respect of clauses 2 and 5; reconsidered in Committee and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 27th July, p. 24.

Message from the Assembly notifying their agreement to the Bill, 7th September, p. 41. (Assented to 15th September. Act No. 2192.)

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST LANDS EXCHANGE BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners to exchange and transfer certain lands in the City of Melbourne.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 22nd December, 1909, p. 128.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd December, p. 133. (Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2234.)

MOTOR CARS BILL.—Bill to regulate the use of Motor Cars.—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Initiated, by leave, and read a first time, 7th July, 1909, p. 15.

Read a second time, 20th July, p. 19.

Committed to a Committee of the whole; considered in Committee, 3rd August, p. 27.

Further considered in Committee, 4th August, p. 29; 10th August, p. 32.

Reported with amendments, 10th August, p. 32.

Recommitted in respect of clause 4 and a new clause; reconsidered in Committee and re-reported with a further amendment, 10th August, p. 32.

Order for consideration of report discharged and Bill recommitted in respect of certain new clauses; reconsidered in Committee and re-reported with further amendments; motion—That the Report be now adopted; further motion for the recommittal of the Bill on clause 12 with a view to add the words "provided that the councils be reimbursed from the Consolidated Revenue the costs respectively incurred by them under these regulations." The President said—"The Honorable Mr. McLellan has raised an interesting point, and, certainly, a very important one. I will be most happy to express an opinion upon it whenever such a clause has been presented, first in Committee, and afterwards to the House. I would point out, however, what I have already informed Mr. McLellan privately, that before either one House or the other could pass such a clause there must be a Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending that an appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue." Motion for recommittal of the Bill negatived; report, by leave; considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 25th August, p. 36.

MOTOR CARS BILL—continued.

Message from the Assembly notifying their agreement to the Bill with amendments, 22nd December, p. 128.

Amendments considered; the Council agree to some of the amendments of the Assembly and disagree (on division) with one of the said amendments, 23rd December, pp. 133-4.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they do not insist on their amendment to insert new clause B, 24th December (morning), p. 140. (Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2237.)

NORADJUHA TO TOOLONDO RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Noradjuha to Toolondo.*"—(Hon. W. L. Baillieu.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 17th December, 1909, p. 120.

Read a second time, by leave, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 17th December, p. 121. (Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2222.)

NORTHCOTE RAILWAY STATION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for improving the Access to the Northcote Railway Station.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th July, 1909, p. 18.

Standing Orders relating to private Bills, by leave, suspended, and the Bill treated as a public Bill, and Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 3rd August, p. 26. (Assented to 12th August. Act No. 2190.)

OLD-AGE PENSIONS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Old-age Pensions.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 9th November, 1909, p. 74.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd November, p. 85. (Assented to 1st December. Act No. 2209.)

POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill to further amend the *Poisons Act 1890.*—(Hon. F. Hagelthorn.)—Initiated, by leave, and read a first time, 25th August, 1909, p. 36.

Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 15th September, p. 48.

Message from the Assembly notifying their agreement to the Bill with an amendment, 19th October, p. 62.

Amendment considered and agreed to, 10th November, p. 78. (Assented to 22nd November. Act No. 2206.)

RAILWAY FUNDS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Railway Funds Act 1907.'*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 9th November, 1909, p. 74.

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Motion—That this Bill be now read a second time; further motion for the adjournment of the debate negatived; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with the following suggested amendment, viz. :—

Clause 2, at end of clause add—(4) In this amending Act the expression "surplus railway revenue" means surplus railway revenue for any year after deducting therefrom all superannuation or retiring allowances, compensation and gratuities paid for such year in respect of railway service;

—report adopted, 10th November, p. 78.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have made the amendment suggested by the Council; Message referred to the Committee of the whole on the Bill; 16th November, p. 82.

Bill as amended by the Assembly further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 17th November, p. 84. (*Assented to 22nd November. Act No. 2207.*)

RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways.*"—(Hon. W. L. Baillieu.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 21st December, 1909, p. 124.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 22nd December, p. 127. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2225.*)

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW GROUNDS BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for Improving the Access to the Royal Agricultural Society's Show Grounds at Flemington.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th September, 1909, p. 41.

Standing Orders relating to private Bills, by leave, suspended, and the Bill treated as a public Bill, and Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 28th September, p. 52.

Message from the Assembly notifying their agreement to the amendments of the Council, 5th October, p. 56. (*Assented to 12th October. Act No. 2201.*)

SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Inspection of Scaffolding and for other purposes.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown for the Hon. W. H. Edgar.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th September, 1909, p. 41.

Motion for second reading (on division) negatived, 7th December, p. 97.

SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LAND BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Settled Estates and Settled Land.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 21st December, 1909, p. 124.

SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LAND BILL—
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Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 24th December (morning), p. 136. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2235.*)

SHEEP DIPPING BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep.*"—(Hon. W. L. Baillieu.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 9th November, 1909, p. 73.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 10th November, p. 78.

Further considered in Committee, and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd November, p. 85.

Message from the Assembly notifying that they have agreed to some of the amendments of the Council, and that they have agreed to one of the said amendments with a consequential amendment in clause 3, 14th December, p. 103.

Amendment considered; the Council agree to the consequential amendment made by the Assembly on one of the amendments of the Council, 15th December, p. 108. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2216.*)

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IMPRISONMENT BILL.—Bill to amend the Law relating to Imprisonment in Solitary Confinement.—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Initiated, by leave, and read a first time, 25th August, 1909, p. 36.

Motion—That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 15th September, p. 48; debate resumed and question for second reading (on division), negatived, 28th September, p. 52.

SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year on the thirtieth of June, One thousand nine hundred and nine and to certain unexpended balances under prior Surplus Revenue Acts.*"—(Hon. W. L. Baillieu.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 16th November, 1909, p. 81.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 17th November, p. 84. (*Assented to 22nd November. Act No. 2208.*)

UPPER YARRA RIVER (BOAT TRAFFIC) BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate Boat Traffic on the Upper Yarra River.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown.)—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 3rd August, 1909, p. 25.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 14th September, p. 45.

Message from the Assembly notifying their agreement to the amendment of the Council, 21st September, p. 49. (*Assented to 25th September. Act No. 2196.*)

VOTING BY POST ACTS CONTINUANCE BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to further continue the Voting by Post Acts.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown).—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 23rd December, 1909, p. 132.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 24th December (morning), p. 139. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2236.*)

WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Water Act 1905' and for other purposes.*"—(Hon. F. Hagelthorn).—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th December, 1909, p. 94.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 16th December, p. 111.

Message from the Assembly notifying their agreement to the amendments of the Council, 22nd December, p. 128. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2226.*)

WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act 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.*"—(Hon. W. L. Baillieu).—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 14th December, 1909, pp. 103-4.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 16th December, p. 112. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2219.*)

WEST MELBOURNE LITERARY INSTITUTE LAND BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the vesting in the Crown of certain Land in the Parish of North Melbourne permanently reserved for the purposes of the West Melbourne Literary Institute and the granting of the same to Trustees as a site for the incorporated institution called 'The Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital' and for other purposes.*"—(Hon. F. Hagelthorn).—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 7th September, 1909, p. 42.

Standing Orders relating to private Bills, by leave, suspended, and the Bill treated as a public Bill, and Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; report, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 14th September, p. 45.

WEST MELBOURNE LITERARY INSTITUTE LAND BILL
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Message from the Assembly notifying their agreement to the amendment of the Council, 21st September, p. 49. (*Assented to 25th September. Act No. 2197.*)

WIMMERA INLAND FREEZING COMPANY'S BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Registration under Part I. of the 'Companies Act 1890' of a Company to be called 'The Wimmera Inland Freezing Company.'*"—(Hon. F. Hagelthorn).—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 22nd December, 1909, p. 129. Standing Orders relating to private Bills, by leave, suspended, and the Bill treated as a public Bill, and Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 23rd December, p. 133. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2233.*)

WOODEND LAND EXCHANGE BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the issue of a Crown Grant of certain land in the parish of Newham permanently reserved for Water Supply purposes in exchange for certain other land transferred to the Woodend Waterworks Trust.*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown).—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 20th July, 1909, p. 19.

Standing Orders relating to private Bills, by leave, suspended, and the Bill treated as a public Bill, and Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 3rd August, p. 26. (*Assented to 12th August. Act No. 2191.*)

WOOLAMAI TO POWLETT COAL-FIELD RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Woolamai to Powlett Coal-field.*"—(Hon. W. L. Baillieu).—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 17th December, 1909, p. 120.

Read a second time, by leave, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; report considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 17th December, p. 121. (*Assented to 4th January, 1910. Act No. 2221.*)

WRONGS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Wrongs Act 1890.'*"—(Hon. J. D. Brown).—Brought from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time, 28th September, 1909, pp. 51-2.

Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; reports, by leave, considered and adopted; Bill read the third time and passed, 24th December (morning), p. 140.

NOTE.—The Adult Suffrage Bill, passed in the Session 1908, and reserved on the 1st December, 1908, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, was assented to on the 15th February, 1909, and the Royal Assent proclaimed on the 31st March, 1909. Act No. 2185.