

**Dr. JENKINS** (Reservoir).—I do not intend to be controversial or provocative concerning your statement, Mr. Speaker, but I have a suggestion to make and a query to raise. In the suggested distribution of the surplus papers, I appreciate the fact that the Parliamentary Library and the State Library have first priority, but I point out that, in this State, there are two very new universities—Monash and La Trobe—and in the future a good deal of the writings on Victoria and its development will be done at those universities. In those circumstances, I am wondering whether perhaps, you, Sir, would give consideration to the inclusion of university libraries higher in your list. Because they are so new, the Monash and La Trobe universities are avid for primary sources of material for their staff to work upon, and I think it would be appropriate if you were able to consider that aspect and encourage this sort of development.

It is rather difficult for honorable members to appreciate fully what papers are available under this list. Since your statement was issued, Mr. Speaker, I have become aware of the existence of an index to Parliamentary papers from 1851 to 1909, and it would be helpful if you could arrange for members to be advised how, in their researches, they can ascertain what papers and reports are available.

**The SPEAKER** (the Hon. Vernon Christie).—The action it is proposed to take will not mean, as some members have suggested, that there will be a possibility of losing precious State documents. The basic purpose is to preserve them and to ensure that they will be in places where people can see them. It is important to ensure, before it becomes too late, that these documents are not lost because of rot and deterioration, and so it is proposed to arrange for better and proper security in the relevant area. Any deferment can lead only to a further period of risk. The sole purpose is preservation.

On the motion of Mr. FENNESSY (Brunswick East), the debate was adjourned.

It was ordered that the debate be adjourned until later this day.

### TEACHING SERVICE (TEACHERS TRIBUNAL) BILL.

This Bill was returned from the Council with a message relating to an amendment.

**Mr. ROSSITER** (Minister of Labour and Industry).—The Council has made the following amendment in this Bill:—

Clause 3, line 28, after "other than" insert "remote allowances and".

The purpose of the amendment is to provide additional allowances for teachers serving in remote areas. This provision takes into account the difficulties that are associated with teachers who serve in distant parts of the State and who have to carry the banner of education into areas that are far removed from the metropolis. It has always been recognized that in those districts there is a larger measure of difficulty and responsibility than elsewhere.

**Mr. FENNESSY**.—What are regarded as remote areas?

**Mr. ROSSITER**.—If one travels north from Orbost to Gelantipy one is in a remote area; similarly if one travels west from Murtoa to the border of South Australia, one is also in a remote area. I move—

That the amendment be agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

### GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

#### ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.

The debate (adjourned from December 5) on the motion of Mr. I. W. Smith (Warrnambool) for the adoption of an Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Speech was resumed.

**Mr. VALE** (Greensborough).—In speaking to the motion which was so admirably moved by the honorable member for Warrnambool and

so efficiently and delicately seconded by the honorable member for Mitcham and supported by other members, I feel that I should take the opportunity to affirm my loyalty and affection to Her Majesty the Queen and also to express my admiration of her representative in the State of Victoria, in the person of Sir Rohan Delacombe.

I believe it is particularly appropriate that I should do so at this time because I am a new member of this House, representing a new electorate, and also because of the close association with the early history of this State of Mr. Green, after whom my electorate is named. At one time, Mr. Green was a member of the Fourth Regiment, which he subsequently left to take up farming pursuits in various parts of Victoria but, owing to circumstances beyond his control, that activity did not succeed as well as he had hoped. In the early 1840's he obtained a contract to cart mail between Melbourne and Sydney, and he used for his stables a shed belonging to a Maltese named Azzopardi, who had a small printing works.

Mr. Green had a friendship and affection for Mr. Azzopardi, and lent him the sum of £90 to purchase an area of land having an area of approximately half an acre behind the post office in Bourke-street. Subsequently, after the gold rush and an increase in land prices, part of that land was sold to the Postmaster-General's Department for the sum of £15,000.

A little later Mr. Green lost the contract, which was let to someone else. But, Mr. Green, being a man of resource, was not to be denied. He refused to sell his buggies and other equipment to the new contractor, and, very judiciously, bought up all the fodder along the route. The contract reverted to him. Richard Heales, who built these carts, subsequently became Premier of this State.

I should like to say something of my electorate. First, I pay tribute to my predecessor, the honorable mem-

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ber for Evelyn, Mr. Russell Stokes, who so ably represented the area for the past twelve years. As honorable members are aware, the new electorate of Greensborough takes in the Rosanna area where there are such sophisticated names as St. James-road and Buckingham-parade. The electorate also covers country areas where there are such homespun names as Flat Rock-road and Broad Gully-road. Basically, the area is one without industries and it is developing as a nursery and residential area. Because of this, certain problems arise in providing facilities for people coming into a new area with young families.

Good educational facilities are needed. I recall that, some years ago, there was no high school between that at Eltham and the University High School or the Melbourne High School. Now, there are ten secondary schools, three of which are technical schools in or adjacent to the boundaries of my electorate. Most of these schools have been developed in the past twelve years. One is to be opened in its own building at Hurstbridge at the beginning of next year. This is the area where the electorates of Evelyn and Greensborough meet.

The population of the area is increasing by about 10 per cent. a year, and, naturally, there are problems. But, they are not insurmountable, and they are being coped with. Some things which, twelve years ago, seemed impossible are now being done. In a basically residential area, the transport problem is very real. In recent years, a great deal of emphasis has been placed on the planning of roads, ring-roads, by-pass roads, and the like. This planning seems to have been undertaken to the detriment of further planning for the recognized system of transport, the railways. The railway line which runs through my electorate is duplicated only as far as Macleod, which is just within its borders. From there, to the end of the line, there is only a single track.

There is a school of thought in my electorate, particularly among members of the chambers of commerce, that the Railway Department should be reconstituted so that it functions in a similar way to the State Electricity Commission and the Gas and Fuel Corporation. In this way more finance could be made available to the Department by way of loans and so on. Instead of land having to be acquired for more roads in the electorate, it is suggested that the railway track should be duplicated; the land for that is available. There is some merit in these thoughts, which have been put to me, and I hope to have the opportunity to discuss them further at a later stage.

I wish to revert to the subject of education, with which I have always had a close association and in which I have had a keen interest, but not, perhaps, a great deal of knowledge. Since I have been a member of this House, I have listened with great interest to what has been said on the subject. In connexion with education, I pay a tribute to another predecessor of mine. The best way I can do this is by quoting from volume 3 of papers presented to Parliament in 1869. The preamble reads—

We have the honour, as Commissioners appointed for the purpose of promoting technological and technical instruction by lecture and otherwise among the working class of Victoria, to submit the following report.

That report, which was the first by the commission on technological education, was signed by, among others, one William Mountford Kinsey Vale, who first entered this Parliament in 1864 as member for Ballarat West. I am his great grandson.

I felt that I should refer to him because, during the period between 1882 and 1886, when the Working Men's College was formed, he was one of two treasurers who worked together. The association with education in my family has continued unbroken since then. My grandfather was a school

teacher; my father was a school teacher; and I was once a school teacher. At present, my sister is a school teacher, and one of my nephews is about to graduate from the teachers' college at Geelong. I hope to continue my association with education in this place, and I hope that I am able to make some worthwhile contribution to the debates on the subject.

I began my teaching career at Toora, as a student teacher, in 1934, at a salary of 25s. a week. That era is sometimes spoken of by some of us as the vintage years of school teaching. In that period, there were teachers such as Professor G. S. Browne and Professor Law. I need not remind honorable members that Dr. Law is the son of Professor Law. I am sorry that the honorable gentleman of whom I am about to speak is not in the House to-day because of ill-health. As I said, I began teaching at Toora in 1934 and, at the time, a young fellow by the name of Herbie Hyland was making his name known and his presence felt in this place. I felt that I should pay a personal tribute to the honorable member for Gippsland South, who represented me in Parliament in those days.

I thank honorable members for the courteous reception they have given me here, and for their extreme courtesy in allowing me to speak at so late a stage of the session, although, I must say, they have kept me waiting. I hope, in some small way, to contribute something to the well-being of the State in this House.

**Mr. A. V. SMITH (Bellarine).**—In addressing myself to the motion for the Address-in-Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech, I first congratulate my colleagues the honorable member for Warrnambool and the honorable member for Mitcham on the way in which they proposed and seconded the motion. On behalf of the electors of Bellarine, whom I have the honour to represent in this House, I heartily endorse the expressions of loyalty which were so ably