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- DOOKIE AND KATAMATITE TRAMWAY**: Bill relating to the Dookie and Katamatite Tramway—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 14; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 23 Nov., p. 28. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 14 Dec., p. 55. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1529.*)
- DRAINAGE**: Bill to provide for the drainage of land—(*Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 26 Oct., 1897, p. 8; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 16 Nov., p. 20; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 25 Nov., p. 32; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to, 2 Dec., p. 41; Bill read the third time and further amended; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 9 Dec., pp. 50-52.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.
- DUNOLLY CEMETERY**: Bill intitled "*An Act to provide for the Extension of the Dumolly Cemetery*"—(*Mr. Best*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 7 Dec., 1897, pp. 43-4. Order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill; question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same, 9 Dec., p. 52. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1528.*)
- EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (OFFICERS AND TEACHERS)**: Bill relating to certain officers and teachers who held office in the Education Department at the passing of the *Public Service Act 1883*—(*Sir George Turner* for *Mr. Peacock*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 14. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 1) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 16 Nov., p. 18; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 17 Nov., p. 22; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 17 Nov., p. 23. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 7 Dec., p. 43. (*Assented to 8 December. Act No. 1521.*)
- EXPORTED PRODUCTS**: Bill to provide for the inspection of live stock, meat, dairy produce, fruit, and other products intended for export, and to regulate the exportation thereof—(*Mr. Taerner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 14; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Nov., p. 23.
- FEES**.—(On motion by leave) House resolved itself into Committee to consider the fees to be charged under the Bill; matter considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution that the fees chargeable under the Bill be such fees as may from time to time be fixed by the Governor in Council reported and agreed to, 25 Nov., p. 32.
- Debate resumed on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment, 25 Nov., p. 32; order for consideration of report discharged and Bill recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 8;

clause reconsidered in Committee, 30 Nov., p. 36; 1 Dec., p. 38; further reconsidered and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report on the Bill received; amendments agreed to; Mr. read the third time and further amended; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 1 Dec., p. 39.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

- FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS:** Bill relating to fraudulent railway tickets or passes—(*Mr. H. R. Williams*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 14; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 17 Nov., p. 23; further considered in Committee, 18 Nov., p. 26. Order for further consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 9 Dec., p. 53.
- GREAT MORWELL COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY PURCHASE:** Bill to validate the purchase of the Great Morwell Coal Company's line of railway—(*Mr. H. R. Williams*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, pp. 13-14; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 17 Nov., p. 22; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 23 Nov., p. 28. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 8 Dec., p. 46. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1525.*)
- HOMES PROTECTION:** Bill for the protection of homes—(*Mr. McColl*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 13.—Bill lapsed.
- HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the *Hospitals and Charities Act 1890* and for other purposes—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 13. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 3) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 16 Nov., p. 18. Motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 16 Nov., p. 20. Message considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 17 Nov., p. 21. Debate resumed on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, and adjourned, 7 Dec., p. 44. Order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 16 Dec., p. 69.
- INCOME TAX:** Bill to declare the rates of duties of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight—(*Sir George Turner*).—House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means; matter considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended; resolution specifying the several rates of the duties of Income Tax to be charged, levied, collected, and paid for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, reported and agreed to and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 8 Dec., 1897, pp. 45-6. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 14 Dec., p. 55. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1526.*)
- INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION:** Bill to prohibit indecent or obscene publications—(*Mr. Cook*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 23 Nov., 1897, p. 27; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 9 Dec., pp. 52-3.—Bill lapsed.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT (BILL NO. 1):** Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*—(*Mr. Graham for Mr. Kennedy*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 12.—Bill lapsed.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT (BILL NO. 2):** Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*—(*Mr. Duggan for Mr. McGregor*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 12.—Bill lapsed.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GEELONG):** Bill to apply a certain provision of the *Local Government Act 1890* to the Town of Geelong—(*Mr. Higgins for Mr. Gurr*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 12; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments and with an amended title, viz., "A Bill to apply a certain provision of the 'Local Government Act 1890' to the City of Melbourne and Town of Geelong," 24 Nov., p. 30; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 25 Nov., p. 32. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 8 Dec., p. 46. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1524.*)
- MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT:** Bill to further amend the *Marine Act 1890*—(*Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs for Mr. Best*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 14; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time; question, That the debate be now adjourned, on division, negatived; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 25 Nov., pp. 32-3; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time and amended; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 2 Dec., p. 41. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 14 Dec., p. 55.—Bill reserved for the signature of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, 21 Dec.
- MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT:** Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890*—(*Mr. Gray*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 12; read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, that the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 17 Nov., p. 24. Report from the Clerk of the House of a correction made by him in the Bill, 23 Nov., p. 27.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

- MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1897 AMENDMENT**: Bill to amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1897*—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 16 Nov., 1897, p. 18; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 18 Nov., p. 25. Report from the Clerk of the House of a correction made by him in the Bill, 23 Nov., p. 27. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 7 Dec., p. 43. (*Assented to 8 December. Act No. 1523.*)
- MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT**: Bill to further amend the *Mining Development Act 1896*—(*Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs for Mr. Foster*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 15; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 17 Nov., p. 23. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 7 Dec., p. 43. (*Assented to 8 December. Act No. 1522.*)
- NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION**: Bill to abolish compulsory vaccination in Victoria—(*Mr. Cook*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 13.—Bill lapsed.
- PORT MELBOURNE PUBLIC PARK AND GARDEN**: Bill to provide a site for a public park and garden at Port Melbourne—(*Mr. Best*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1897, p. 49; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time and amended; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 14 Dec., p. 56. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 15 Dec., p. 62. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1533.*)
- POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT**: Bill to amend the *Post Office Act 1890* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Gavan Duffy*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 13.
- FEES**.—(On motion by leave) House resolved itself into Committee to consider the fees to be charged under the Bill; matter considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution that the following fee shall be charged under the Bill—On registration of a newspaper by the proprietor or printer, any fee not exceeding 5s., reported and agreed to, 18 Nov., p. 25.
- Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 18 Nov., pp. 25-6. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments, 15 Dec., p. 58; amendments considered—some agreed to, one disagreed with, and others disagreed with but certain consequential amendments made, 15 Dec., pp. 64-5. Message from the Council that they insist on the amendments disagreed with by the Assembly; disagreement therewith not insisted on, 16 Dec., pp. 67-8. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1537.*)
- PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS**: Bill relating to certain public and bank holidays—(*Mr. Peacock*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 23 Nov., 1897, p. 27; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 8 Dec., p. 47. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments, 14 Dec., p. 56; amendments agreed to, 15 Dec., p. 64. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1534.*)
- PUBLIC CONTRACTS**: Bill intituled "*An Act relating to certain Public Contracts*"—(*Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 30 Nov., 1897, p. 36; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 8 Dec., p. 47; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same, 9 Dec., p. 50. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1527.*)
- PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION**: Bill to provide for the appointment of a Board to reclassify the Public Service and for other purposes—(*Sir George Turner*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 6) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 7 Dec., 1897, p. 44; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time and amended; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 15 Dec., pp. 58-9. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments; amendments disagreed with, 16 Dec., p. 67; Message from the Council that they do not insist on two and that they insist on one of their amendments; disagreement with the amendment insisted on by the Council not insisted on, 16 Dec., p. 69. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1542.*)
- REFERENDUM**: Bill to provide for the adoption of the referendum—(*Mr. Maloney for Mr. Outtrim*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 12.—Bill lapsed.
- RUTHERGLEN MAIN STREET**: Bill to enable the main street of Rutherglen to be reduced to a width not less than fifty-six feet—(*Mr. Bower*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1897, p. 31. Order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), "That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill"; question

resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 9 Dec., p. 52. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 15 Dec., p. 61. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1530.*)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE): Bill to provide for taking a plebiscite of the electors of the colony on the question of using the Irish National Scripture Lessons Books in State Schools—(*Mr. Graham*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 12; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time; amendment proposed to omit the word "now" and, after the word "time," add the words "this day six months"—debate adjourned; debate resumed and adjourned, 24 Nov., p. 29; debate resumed and further adjourned, 8 Dec., p. 47.—Bill lapsed.

STUDLEY PARK BRIDGE: Bill relating to the Studley Park Bridge—(*Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 14. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 2) recommending an appropriation of penalties for the purposes of the Bill, 16 Nov., p. 18; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 17 Nov., pp. 21-2. Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 17 Nov., p. 22. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 1 Dec., p. 38. (*Assented to 8 December. Act No. 1520.*)

TRADE MARKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Trade Marks Act 1890*—(*Mr. Bennett*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 13.—Bill lapsed.

TRUST FUNDS VESTING: Bill to vest the trust funds in trustees and for other purposes—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 14. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 4) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 30 Nov., p. 35. Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 2 Dec., p. 41; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 8 Dec., p. 46. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 15 Dec., p. 61. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1531.*)

VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Vegetation Diseases Act 1896*—(*Mr. Taverner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 13; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 17 Nov., p. 23. Report from the Clerk of the House of a correction made by him in the Bill, 23 Nov., p. 27. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments, 9 Dec., p. 50; amendments considered and disagreed with, 14 Dec., p. 56. Message from the Council that they insist on their amendments, 15 Dec., p. 58; amendments considered—disagreement with the amendment to insert new clause B insisted on, and disagreement with the other amendments not insisted on, 15 Dec., p. 64. Message from the Council that they still insist on the amendment disagreed with by the Assembly; Bill thereupon laid aside, 16 Dec., p. 68.

VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*—(*Mr. Gavan Duffy for Mr. Best*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 27 Oct., 1897, p. 14; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; motion, That this Bill be now read a third time—debate adjourned, 18 Nov., p. 26; debate resumed—Bill read the third time and amended; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 23 Nov., p. 28. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill with an amendment, 8 Dec., p. 46; amendment considered and disagreed with, 9 Dec., p. 52. Message from the Council that they insist on their amendment, 15 Dec., p. 61; amendment considered and disagreement therewith not insisted on, 15 Dec., p. 66. (*Assented to 21 December. Act No. 1538.*)

LIST OF MEMBERS.

SECOND SESSION 1897.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Under Act No. 1075 the Legislative Assembly consists of Ninety-five Members.

SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FIRST SESSION (25TH OCTOBER, 1897, TO 21ST DECEMBER, 1897).

Member.	District.	Electors on Roll. (a)			Votes Polled for Sitting Member. (a)
		Ratepayers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.	
Anderson, John, Esquire ...	Melbourne East ...	3,420	902	4,322	1,416
Anderson, William, Esquire ...	Windermere ...	1,119	381	1,500	585
Austin, Edwin Henry, Esquire ...	Ripon and Hampden ...	1,991	665	2,656	846
Bailes, Alfred Shrapnell, Esquire ...	Sandhurst ...	4,082	1,017	5,099	1,981
Beazley, William David, Esquire ¹ ...	Collingwood ...	4,114	945	5,059	2,129
Bennett, George Henry, Esquire ...	Richmond ...	4,317	1,055	5,372	2,564
Best, The Honorable Robert Wallace ² ...	Fitzroy ...	4,839	1,252	6,091	2,542
Bowser, John, Esquire ...	Wangaratta and Rutherglen	2,453	1,106	3,559	1,075
Brake, James Hugh, Esquire ...	Horsham ...	1,525	381	1,906	783
Bromley, Frederick Hadkinson, Esquire ...	Carlton ...	2,919	707	3,626	1,462
Brown, Joseph Tilley, Esquire ...	Shepparton and Euroa	1,817	345	2,162	720
Burton, John Balfour, Esquire ...	Stawell ...	1,723	493	2,216	Unopposed
Cameron, Ewen Hugh, Esquire ...	Evelyn ...	3,133	277	3,410	1,010
Carter, The Honorable Godfrey Downes	Melbourne ...	3,501	495	3,996	1,950
Chirnside, Captain John Percy ...	Grant ...	1,848	499	2,347	Unopposed
Cook, James Newton Haxton Hume, Esquire	East Bourke Boroughs	7,484	1,387	8,871	2,491
Craven, Albert William, Esquire ...	Benambra ...	1,718	342	2,060	909
Deakin, The Honorable Alfred ...	Essendon and Flemington	4,383	725	5,108	1,825
Downward, Alfred, Esquire ...	Mornington ...	3,388	1,007	4,395	1,452
Duffy, The Honorable John Gavan ³ ...	Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield	1,757	370	2,127	805
Duggan, Daniel Joseph, Esquire ...	Dunolly ...	1,520	528	2,048	Unopposed
Dyer, John Henry, Esquire ...	Borong ...	2,109	388	2,497	913

(a) NOTE.—The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1897; the date of each Member's election, where "unopposed," being 7 October, the "day of nomination," and in the other cases, 14 October, the "day of polling."

¹ Mr. W. D. Beazley, Chairman of Committees, from 24 November, 1897.

² The Hon. R. W. Best, President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, also Commissioner of Trade and Customs (without salary), from 27 September, 1894.

³ The Hon. J. Gavan Duffy, Postmaster-General, from 27 September, 1894.

Member.	District.	Electors on Roll.			Votes Polled for Sitting Member.
		Ratepayers.	Non-Ratepayers.	Total.	
Fink, Theodore, Esquire	Jolimont and West Richmond	1,635	817	2,452	1,068
Forrest, Charles Lamond, Esquire	Polwarth	2,272	856	3,128	1,280
Foster, The Honorable Henry ⁴	Gippsland East	2,507	521	3,028	1,358
Gair, Mackay John Scobie, Esquire	Bourke East	2,096	441	2,537	922
Gillies, The Honorable Duncan	Toorak	3,128	872	4,000	1,355
Graham, The Honorable George	Numurkah and Nathalia	1,895	197	2,092	Unopposed
Graves, The Honorable James Howlin ⁵	Delatite	2,272	256	2,528	918
Gray, Frederick Charles, Esquire	Prahran	2,241	610	2,851	981
Grose, Walter Bolitho, Esquire	Creswick	1,425	516	1,941	1,002
Gurr, William, Esquire	Geelong	4,420	971	5,391	2,364
Hamilton, Walter Alfred, Esquire	Sandhurst	4,082	1,017	5,099	2,104
Hancock, John, Esquire	Footscray	3,253	523	3,776	1,121
Harris, Albert, Esquire	Gippsland Central	2,382	525	2,907	1,084
Harris, Joseph, Esquire	South Yarra	1,865	626	2,491	1,054
Higgins, Henry Bourne, Esquire	Geelong	4,420	971	5,391	2,301
Irvine, William Hill, Esquire	Lowan	2,176	253	2,429	941
Isaacs, The Honorable Isaac Alfred ⁶	Bogong	1,459	474	1,933	Unopposed
Isaacs, John Alfred, Esquire	Ovens	1,463	491	1,954	Unopposed
Kennedy, Thomas, Esquire	Benalla and Yarrawonga	2,156	573	2,729	1,095
Keys, John, Esquire	Dandenong and Berwick	3,213	359	3,572	1,010
Kirton, Joseph William, Esquire	Ballarat West	4,560	1,100	5,660	3,183
Langdon, Thomas, Esquire	Korong	1,830	414	2,244	Unopposed
Levien, The Honorable Jonas Felix	Barwon	1,811	590	2,401	932
Madden, Frank, Esquire	Eastern Suburbs	3,952	952	4,904	1,812
Maloney, William, Esquire	Melbourne West	1,604	720	2,324	1,094
Mason, The Honorable Francis Conway ⁷	Gippsland South	2,307	337	2,644	840
Mason, John Walter, Esquire	Rodney	4,023	853	4,881	1,714
McArthur, John Neil, Esquire	Villiers and Heytesbury	1,884	500	2,384	893
McBride, Peter, Esquire	Kara Kara	1,684	625	2,309	Unopposed
McCay, James Whiteside, Esquire	Castlemaine	2,310	1,066	3,385	1,639
McColl, The Honorable James Hiers	Gunbower	2,053	683	2,736	1,170
McGregor, Robert, Esquire	Ballarat East	2,468	865	3,333	1,511
McIntyre, The Honorable Sir John	Maldon	1,429	352	1,781	817
McKenzie, Malcolm Kenneth, Esquire	Anglesey	2,533	998	3,531	1,448
McLean, The Honorable Allan ⁸	Gippsland North	1,841	144	1,985	1,008
McLeod, Donald Norman, Esquire	Portland	1,484	259	1,743	711
Methven, David, Esquire	East Bourke Boroughs	7,484	1,887	8,871	2,469
Moloney, James, Esquire	Carlton South	1,767	543	2,310	907
Morrissey, John, Esquire	Rodney	4,028	853	4,881	1,737
Moule, William Henry, Esquire	Brighton	2,935	506	3,441	1,373
Murphy, Edward, Esquire	Warrenheip	1,500	303	1,803	884
Murray, John, Esquire ⁹	Warrnambool	1,545	367	1,912	860
O'Loughlin, The Honorable Sir Bryan, Bart.	Port Fairy	1,600	336	1,936	620
O'Neill, Richard, Esquire	Mandurang	1,533	492	2,025	832
Outtrim, The Honorable Alfred Richard	Maryborough	1,954	352	2,306	Unopposed

⁴ The Hon. H. Foster, Minister of Mines, also Minister of Water Supply (without salary), from 28 September, 1894.

⁵ The Hon. J. H. Graves, one of the four Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 1 December, 1897.

⁶ The Hon. I. A. Isaacs, Attorney-General, from 27 September, 1894.

⁷ The Hon. F. C. Mason, Speaker, from 25 October, 1897.

⁸ The Hon. A. McLean, a Member of the Government, without office, from 27 September, 1894.

⁹ Mr. J. Murray, one of the four Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 1 December, 1897.

Member.	District.	Electors on Roll.			Votes Polled for Sitting Member.
		Ratepayers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.	
Peacock, The Honorable Alexander James ¹⁰	Clunes and Allandale ...	1,427	316	1,743	Unopposed
Rawson, Hugh, Esquire ¹¹ ...	Kyneton ...	1,465	689	2,154	908
Russell, George, Esquire ...	Grenville ...	2,799	928	3,727	1,479
Salmon, Charles Carty, Esquire ...	Talbot and Avoca ...	1,550	332	1,882	763
Sangster, George, Esquire ...	Port Melbourne ...	2,014	524	2,538	1,226
Shiels, The Honorable William	Normanby ...	1,625	248	1,873	Unopposed
Smith, Robert Murray, Esquire, C.M.G.	Hawthorn ...	3,116	1,003	4,119	1,800
Smith, Thomas, Esquire ...	Emerald Hill ...	1,748	773	2,521	1,125
Stapleton, Michael, Esquire	Grenville ...	2,799	928	3,727	1,043
Staughton, Samuel Thomas, Esquire ...	Bourke West ...	1,589	313	1,902	865
Sterry, David Chaplin, Esquire ...	Sandhurst South ...	1,874	344	2,218	956
Styles, James, Esquire ...	Williamstown ...	2,747	484	3,231	1,237
Taverner, The Honorable John William ¹²	Donald and Swan Hill	5,464	536	6,000	1,770
Thomson, John, Esquire ...	Dundas ...	1,805	460	2,265	Unopposed
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Ararat ...	1,403	367	1,770	680
Trenwith, William Arthur, Esquire ¹³ ...	Richmond ...	4,317	1,055	5,372	2,201
Tucker, The Honorable Albert Lee ...	Fitzroy ...	4,839	1,252	6,091	1,934
Tucker, John Benjamin, Esquire ...	Melbourne South ...	1,704	765	2,469	1,081
Turner, The Right Honorable Sir George, K.C.M.G. ¹⁴	St. Kilda ...	2,694	1,144	3,838	Unopposed
Turner, George James, Esquire ...	Gippsland West ...	3,580	625	4,205	1,319
Vale, The Honorable Richard Tayler	Ballarat West ...	4,560	1,100	5,660	2,470
Watt, William Alexander, Esquire ...	Melbourne North ...	2,031	907	2,938	1,249
Wheeler, The Honorable James Henry	Daylesford ...	1,580	234	1,814	888
White, John Samuel, Esquire ...	Albert Park ...	1,770	1,014	2,784	718
Wilkins, Edgar, Esquire ...	Collingwood ...	4,114	945	5,059	2,583
Williams, Edward David, Esquire ...	Castlemaine ...	2,319	1,066	3,385	1,464
Williams, The Honorable Henry Roberts ¹⁵	Eaglehawk ...	1,737	283	2,020	986
Zox, Ephraim Lamem, Esquire ...	Melbourne East ...	3,420	902	4,322	1,924

¹⁰ The Hon. A. J. Peacock, Chief Secretary, also Minister of Public Instruction (without salary), from 27 September, 1894.

¹¹ Mr. H. Rawson, one of the four Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 1 December, 1897.

¹² The Hon. J. W. Taverner, Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, also Minister of Agriculture (without salary), from 27 September, 1894; and Minister of Health (without salary), from 14 May to 16 September, 1895.

¹³ Mr. W. A. Trenwith, one of the four Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 1 December, 1897.

¹⁴ The Right Hon. Sir George Turner, Treasurer (and Premier), from 27 September, 1894; also Minister of Defence (without salary) and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 20 December, 1894, to 13 February, 1895.

¹⁵ The Hon. H. R. Williams, Minister of Railways, from 27 September, 1894; also Minister of Health (without salary), from 16 September, 1895.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i>	The Honorable FRANCIS CONWAY MASON.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i>	WILLIAM DAVID BEAZLEY, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</i>	WILLIAM VALENTINE ROBINSON, C.M.G., J.P.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i>	CHARLES GAVAN DUFFY.
<i>The Second Clerk-Assistant, Clerk of Private Bills, and Clerk of Committees</i>	THOMAS GREENLEES WATSON.
<i>The Serjeant-at-Arms and Assistant Clerk of Committees</i>	GEORGE EDWARD UPWARD.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

The Parliament of Victoria begun and held at the City of Melbourne on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of October, in the sixty-first year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria; and in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

- 1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, for the despatch of business, pursuant to Proclamations (hereinafter set forth) William Valentine Robinson, Esquire, C.M.G., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Charles Gavan Duffy, Esquire, Clerk-Assistant, and Thomas Greenlees Watson, Esquire, Second Clerk-Assistant, attending in the House, and the other Clerks attending, according to their duty, the following Proclamations were read at the Table by the Clerk:—

FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Thomas, Baron Brassey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by The Constitution Act it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he might think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by Proclamation or otherwise, whenever he should deem it expedient: And whereas the said Council and Assembly are called "The Parliament of Victoria," and it is expedient to fix the time for holding the next Session thereof: Now therefore I, the Governor of Victoria, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation fix Monday, the twenty-fifth day of October, 1897, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Council and Assembly, called the Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at Twelve of the clock at noon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in Parliament Place, Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, this fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixty-first year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

BRASSEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEORGE TURNER.

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ALTERATION OF THE HOUR FOR ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Thomas, Baron Brassey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by *The Constitution Act* it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he might think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by Proclamation or otherwise, whenever he should deem it expedient: And whereas by a Proclamation under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, made on the fifteenth day of October, 1897, Monday, the twenty-fifth day of October, 1897, was fixed as the day for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Council and Assembly, called The Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, and Twelve of the clock at noon on the said day was fixed as the hour at which the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly were required to give their attendance in the Parliament Houses, situate in Parliament Place, Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne: And whereas it is expedient that the hour of Five of the clock in the afternoon of the said twenty-fifth day of October, 1897, should be the hour at which the said Parliament of Victoria should meet for the despatch of business in lieu of the hour of Twelve of the clock at noon: Now therefore I, the Governor of Victoria, in exercise of the power conferred by *The Constitution Act* aforesaid, do by this my Proclamation fix the hour of Five of the clock in the afternoon as the hour at which the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are required to give their attendance on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of October, 1897, at the said place, in lieu of Twelve of the clock at noon as previously fixed.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, this twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixty-first year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.s.)

BRASSEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEORGE TURNER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Several of the Members repaired to their seats.

2. MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONERS.—A Message from the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor was delivered by the Usher of the Legislative Council:—

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

The Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor request the immediate attendance of the Members of the Legislative Assembly in the Legislative Council Chamber to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly the Members of the Legislative Assembly went to the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Honor Sir John Madden, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, said:—

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

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

Then the said Letters Patent were read, and are as follows:—

VICTORIA by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India:

WHEREAS by Proclamations made the fifteenth and the twentieth days of October instant respectively by His Excellency the Right Honorable THOMAS, Baron Brassey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, the said THOMAS, Baron Brassey, did fix Monday, the twenty-fifth day of October instant, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Our said Colony, called "The Parliament of Victoria," for the despatch of business, at Five of the clock in the afternoon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in the City of Melbourne: And forasmuch as for certain causes the said THOMAS, Baron Brassey, cannot conveniently be present in person in the said Parliament at that time: NOW KNOW YE THAT WE, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved The Honorable Sir JOHN MADDEN, Knight, LL.D., the Chief Justice of Our Supreme Court of Victoria, and His Honor JOSEPH HENRY HOOD, a Justice of Our said Court, do give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto you the said Sir JOHN MADDEN and

JOSEPH HENRY HOOD, or either of you, full power in our name to begin and hold Our said Parliament, and to do everything which for and by Us, or the said THOMAS, Baron Brassey, shall be there to be done; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it may concern to meet Our said Parliament, and to the said Sir JOHN MADDEN and JOSEPH HENRY HOOD, or either of them, that they diligently attend in the premises and form aforesaid. In testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS Our right trusty and well-beloved THOMAS, Baron Brassey, Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c., at Melbourne, this eighteenth day of October, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixty-first year of Our reign.

BRASSEY.

By His Excellency's Command,
GEORGE TURNER.

Entered on Record by me in the Register of Patents, Book 24,
page 177, this eighteenth day of October, One thousand
eight hundred and ninety-seven.

CHARLES A. TOPP.

And then His Honor the Chief Justice said—

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

We have it in command from His Excellency to let you know that on a future day, of which due notice will be given, His Excellency will declare to you in person, in this place, the causes of his calling this Parliament together; and as it is necessary before you proceed to the despatch of business that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen, His Excellency requests that you, in your chamber, will proceed to the choice of a proper person to be the Speaker.

And the Members of the Assembly being returned—

3. COMMISSIONER TO ADMINISTER OATHS TO MEMBERS.—His Honor Sir John Madden, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (who was accompanied by His Honor Mr. Justice Hood), having entered the House and been conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows:—

By His Excellency the Right Honorable THOMAS, Baron Brassey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

Do The Honorable Sir JOHN MADDEN, Knight, LL.D., the Chief Justice of Our Supreme Court in Our Colony of Victoria:

GREETING:

WHEREAS by the twenty-eighth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890*, No. 1075, it is enacted that no Member either of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly shall be permitted to sit or vote therein respectively until he has taken and subscribed before the Governor, or some person authorized by the Governor in that behalf, the Oath set out in the Second Schedule to the aforesaid Act: Now therefore I, the Governor of the said Colony, do by these presents command and authorize you to proceed to the Parliament House, in the City of Melbourne, on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of October instant, at Five of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to administer the said Oath to the several Members of the said Legislative Assembly.

(L.S.) Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, in the said Colony, this eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixty-first year of Her Majesty's reign.

BRASSEY.

By His Excellency's Command,
GEORGE TURNER.

Entered on Record by me in the Register of Patents, Book 24,
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eight hundred and ninety-seven.

CHARLES A. TOPP.

4. WRITS.—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor the following letter, which he read:—

SIR,

Government House,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1897.

I have the honour, by direction of the Governor, to transmit to you seventy-two (72) Writs issued under the hand of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, with the names duly indorsed thereon.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

RICHARD NEVILL,
Private Secretary.

The Clerk, the Legislative Assembly,
&c., &c., &c.

The Clerk also announced that he had since received eleven other Writs from His Excellency's Private Secretary.

By the returns indorsed on the several Writs it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly elected for the districts set opposite their respective names, viz.—

Albert Park	John Samuel White.
Anglesey	Malcolm Kenneth McKenzie, of Reedy Creek, grazier.
Ararat	Richard Frederick Toutcher, of thirty-nine Smart-street, Hawthorn, Victoria, agent.
Ballarat East	Robert McGregor.
Ballarat West	{ Joseph William Kirton, and Richard Tayler Vale.
Barwon	Jonas Felix Levien.
Benalla and Yarrawonga	Thomas Kennedy.
Benambra	Albert William Craven, surveyor, Moonee Ponds.
Bogong	Isaac Alfred Isaacs, barrister, St. Kilda.
Borong	John Henry Dyer, of Rupanyup, farmer.
Bourke East	Mackay John Scobie Gair.
Bourke West	Samuel Thomas Staughton, grazier, Eynesbury, Melton.
Brighton	William Henry Moule, Esq., of Beach Avenue, Brighton, barrister.
Carlton	Frederick Hadkinson Bromley, Wilson-street, Carlton.
Castlemaine	{ James Whiteside McCay, and Edward David Williams.
Clunes and Allandale	Alexander James Peacock, of Creswick, legal manager.
Collingwood	{ Edgar Wilkins, and William David Beazley.
Creswick	Walter Bolitho Grose, printer, of Creswick.
Dandenong and Berwick	John Keys, Esq., shire secretary, Dandenong.
Daylesford	James Henry Wheeler, of Daylesford, gentleman.
Delatite	James Howlin Graves, farmer and grazier, Faithfull's Creek, Balmatun.
Donald and Swan Hill	John William Taverner, of Kerang, gentleman.
Dundas	John Thomson, of Monivae, Hamilton, sheep farmer.
Dunolly	Daniel Joseph Duggan, of Tarnagulla, auctioneer.
Eaglehawk	Henry Roberts Williams, Esq., Minister of Railways.
East Bourke Boroughs	{ James Newton Haxton Hume Cook, of 79 Sydney-road, Brunswick, estate agent, and David Methven, of 205 Barkly-street, East Brunswick, contractor.
Eastern Suburbs	Frank Madden, of Studley Park, Kew, in the Colony of Victoria, solicitor.
Emerald Hill	Thomas Smith, of South Melbourne, manufacturer.
Essendon and Flemington	Alfred Deakin, barrister-at-law, South Yarra.
Evelyn	Ewen Hugh Cameron, farmer, of Kangaroo Ground.
Fitzroy	{ Robert Wallace Best, and Albert Lee Tucker.
Footscray	John Hancock, of Footscray, printer.
Geelong	{ William Gurr, and Henry Bournes Higgins.
Gippsland Central	Albert Harris, of Walhalla, and Hawthorn-grove, Hawthorn, merchant.
Gippsland East	Henry Foster, of Bruthen, gentleman.
Gippsland North	Allan McLean.
Gippsland South	Francis Conway Mason, of Canterbury-road, Albert Park, gentleman.
Gippsland West	George James Turner, of Darnum, grazier.
Grant	John Percy Chirside, grazier, of Werribee.
Grenville	{ George Russell, and Michael Stapleton.
Gunbower	James Hiers McColl, engineer, Bendigo.
Hawthorn	Robert Murray Smith, of Toorak, gentleman.
Horsham	James Hugh Brake, of Horsham, business manager.
Jolimont and West Richmond	Theodore Fink, of Melbourne, barrister and solicitor.
Kara Kara	Peter McBride, of St. Arnaud, merchant.
Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Laneefield	John Gavan Duffy, barrister and solicitor, "Narrara," Alma-road, St. Kilda.
Korong	Thomas Langdon.

Kyneton	...	...	...	Hugh Rawson, draper, Kyneton.
Lowan	...	...	...	William Hill Irvine, of Melbourne, barrister.
Maldon	...	...	...	John McIntyre, of Brighton, gentleman.
Mandurang	...	...	...	Richard O'Neill.
Maryborough	...	...	...	Alfred Richard Outtrim, of Maryborough, gentleman.
Melbourne	...	...	...	Godfrey Downes Carter.
Melbourne East	...	...	...	{ Ephraim Lamén Zox, and John Anderson.
Melbourne North	...	...	...	William Alexander Watt, accountant, of Chapman-street, North Melbourne.
Melbourne South	...	...	...	John Benjamin Tucker, of 123 Cecil-street, South Melbourne, secretary.
Melbourne West	...	...	...	William Maloney, "medico," of 14 Roden-street, West Melbourne.
Mornington	...	...	...	Alfred Downward, of Mornington, grazier.
Normanby	...	...	...	William Shiels, of St. Kilda, Melbourne, barrister-at-law.
Numurkah and Nathalia	...	...	...	George Graham, farmer, Wunghnu.
Ovens	...	...	...	John Alfred Isaacs, solicitor, Rothschild's Chambers, Collins-street, Melbourne.
Polwarth	...	...	...	Charles Lamond Forrest, grazier, of "Warrowie," Irrewarra.
Port Fairy	...	...	...	Bryan O'Loghlen, of St. Kilda, barrister.
Portland	...	...	...	Donald Norman McLeod.
Port Melbourne	...	...	...	George Sangster.
Prahran	...	...	...	Frederick Charles Gray.
Richmond	...	...	...	{ George Henry Bennett, and William Arthur Trenwith.
Ripon and Hampden	...	...	...	Edwin Henry Austin, sheep farmer, of St. Enoch's, Stockyard Hill.
Rodney	...	...	...	{ John Walter Mason, farmer, Rushworth, and John Morrissey, farmer and grazier, Byrneside.
Sandhurst	...	...	...	{ Walter Alfred Hamilton, and Alfred Shrapnell Bailes.
Sandhurst South	...	...	...	David Chaplin Sterry, mining investor, Bendigo.
Shepparton and Euroa	...	...	...	Joseph Tilley Brown, auctioneer, of Collins-street, Melbourne.
South Yarra	...	...	...	Joseph Harris.
St. Kilda	...	...	...	George Turner.
Stawell	...	...	...	John Balfour Burton, miner.
Talbot and Avoca	...	...	...	Charles Carty Salmon, of Daisy Hill Park, Talbot, surgeon.
Toorak	...	...	...	Duncan Gillies.
Villiers and Heytesbury	...	...	...	John Neil McArthur, grazier, Lawrenny, Caramut.
Wangaratta and Rutherglen	...	...	...	John Bowser, Wangaratta, journalist.
Warrenheip	...	...	...	Edward Murphy, of Clonliff Villa, Hopetoun-street, Ballarat East, mining investor.
Warrnambool	...	...	...	John Murray.
Williamstown	...	...	...	James Styles, engineer, of the Strand, Newport.
Windermere	...	...	...	William Anderson.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—J. S. White, Esq., M. K. McKenzie, Esq., R. F. Toucher, Esq., R. McGregor, Esq., J. W. Kirton, Esq., The Honorable R. T. Vale, The Honorable J. F. Levien, T. Kennedy, Esq., A. W. Craven, Esq., The Honorable Isaac A. Isaacs, J. H. Dyer, Esq., M. J. S. Gair, Esq., S. T. Staughton, Esq., W. H. Moule, Esq., F. H. Bromley, Esq., J. W. McCay, Esq., E. D. Williams, Esq., The Honorable A. J. Peacock, E. Wilkins, Esq., W. D. Beazley, Esq., W. B. Grose, Esq., J. Keys, Esq., The Honorable J. H. Wheeler, The Honorable J. H. Graves, The Honorable J. W. Taverner, J. Thomson, Esq., D. J. Duggan, Esq., W. D. Beazley, Esq., Williams, J. N. H. H. Cook, Esq., D. Methven, Esq., F. Madden, Esq., T. Smith, Esq., The Honorable A. Deakin, E. H. Cameron, Esq., The Honorable R. W. Best, The Honorable A. L. Tucker, J. Hancock, Esq., W. Gurr, Esq., H. B. Higgins, Esq., A. Harris, Esq., The Honorable H. Foster, The Honorable A. McLean, F. C. Mason, Esq., G. J. Turner, Esq., J. P. Chirnside, Esq., G. Russell, Esq., M. Stapleton, Esq., The Honorable J. H. McColl, R. Murray Smith, Esq., C.M.G., J. H. Brake, Esq., T. Fink, Esq., P. McBride, Esq., The Honorable J. Gavan Duffy, T. Langdon, Esq., H. Rawson, Esq., W. H. Irvine, Esq., The Honorable Sir John McIntyre, R. O'Neill, Esq., The Honorable A. R. Outtrim, The Honorable G. Downes Carter, E. L. Zox, Esq., J. Anderson, Esq., W. A. Watt, Esq., J. B. Tucker, Esq., W. Maloney, Esq., A. Downward, Esq., The Honorable W. Shiels, The Honorable G. Graham, John A. Isaacs, Esq., C. L. Forrest, Esq., The Honorable Sir Bryan O'Loghlen, Bart., D. N. McLeod, Esq., G. Sangster, Esq., F. C. Gray, Esq., G. H. Bennett, Esq., W. A. Trenwith, Esq., E. H. Austin, Esq., J. W. Mason, Esq.,

J. Morrissey, Esq., W. A. Hamilton, Esq., D. C. Sterry, Esq., J. T. Brown, Esq., J. Harris, Esq., The Right Honorable Sir George Turner, J. B. Burton, Esq., C. C. Salmon, Esq., The Honorable D. Gillies, J. N. McArthur, Esq., J. Bowser, Esq., E. Murphy, Esq., J. Murray, Esq., J. Styles, Esq., W. Anderson, Esq., took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

6. WRIT.—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Returning Officer's substitute for the Electoral District of Carlton South the following letter, which he read:—

Rathdown-street, North Carlton,
25th October, 1897.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.

SIR,

I understand that the Writ referring to the Carlton South Election is reported as missing. Mr. Charles Leach, the Returning Officer for that electorate, is now out of the colony, and cannot be communicated with, either by letter or telegram.

As his acting substitute I hereby declare that Mr. James Moloney was duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria for the electorate of Carlton South.

I inclose herewith cuttings from the *Argus* and *Age* newspapers of 18th instant, referring to such election, which were inserted by the Returning Officer, Mr. Charles Leach, prior to his departure from the colony.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALEXR. KEMP,

Substitute for Chas. Leach, Returning Officer.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF CARLTON SOUTH.

I hereby give notice that, at an election held before me this day for one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the district of Carlton South, the following votes were recorded:—

James G. Barrett	774
James Moloney	907

I therefore declare James Moloney to be duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Carlton South.

Dated at Carlton South this 14th day of October, 1897.

CHARLES LEACH,

Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Carlton South.

—*Argus*, 18th October.

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Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Carlton South.

—*Age*, 18th October.

7. MEMBER SWORN.—James Moloney, Esquire, took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

The Commissioners, preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms, then retired from the House.

8. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. Shiels, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker Mr. Francis Conway Mason, and moved, That Mr. Francis Conway Mason do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Murray.

The House then calling Mr. Francis Conway Mason to the Chair, he stood up in his place and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling Mr. Francis Conway Mason to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Shiels and Mr. Murray and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be their Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table. Then Sir George Turner and Sir John McIntyre congratulated Mr. Speaker.

9. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Sir George Turner stated that he would ascertain at what time it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at six o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1897.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
- 2. A MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR BY THE USHER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor desires the immediate attendance of the Legislative Assembly in the Chamber of the Legislative Council.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—

- 3. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day proceeded to Government House, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor as the choice of the Legislative Assembly, and that His Excellency had been pleased to address him in the following terms :—

MR. SPEAKER,

I have much pleasure in congratulating you upon the high and honorable position to which the confidence of the House of Assembly has raised you. I doubt not that your long service in the House and your experience as Chairman of Committees—a duty which you have always discharged to the satisfaction of Members—will prove of benefit in the deliberations of the Assembly; and I rest assured that you will fulfil the duties of the position in a worthy and dignified manner.

BRASSEY.

Government House,
Melbourne, 26th October, 1897.

- 4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor the following Commission :—

By His Excellency the Right Honorable THOMAS, Baron Brassey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

To The Honorable FRANCIS CONWAY MASON, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of Victoria :

GREETING :

WHEREAS by the twenty-eighth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890, No. 1075*, it is enacted that no Member either of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly shall be permitted to sit or vote therein respectively until he has taken and subscribed before the Governor, or some person authorized by the Governor in that behalf, the Oath set out in the Second Schedule to the aforesaid Act: Now therefore I, the Governor aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you from time to time, in the Parliament House, in the City of Melbourne, to administer the said Oath to such Members of the said Legislative Assembly as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said Legislative Assembly.

(L. s.) Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, in the said Colony, this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixty-first year of Her Majesty's reign.

BRASSEY.

By His Excellency's Command,
GEORGE TURNER.

Entered on Record by me in the Register of Patents, Book 24, page 178, this twenty-sixth day of October, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

CHARLES A. TOPP.
(700 copies.)

5. **MEMBER SWORN.**—Alfred Shrapnell Bailes, Esquire, took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
- **WRIT.**—The Clerk announced that the Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Carlton South had this day been forwarded to him, and from the return indorsed thereon it appeared that James Moloney was duly elected.

7. **PAPERS.**—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Correspondence respecting the Celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession (June, 1897), and Proceedings of a Conference held at the Colonial Office, London, between the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Premiers of the Self-governing Colonies, in the months of June and July, 1897.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Audit Act 1890.—Alteration of General Regulations respecting Public Accounts.

Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 & 19 Vict., Cap. 55, during the year 1896-7.

Mines Acts.—Regulations relating to Mining Leases.—Order in Council.

Victorian Government Stock Act 1896—Regulations under the.—Order in Council.

Water Act 1890—

Proposed Gunbower West Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Application under the provisions of the *Water Act 1890* (No. 1156).—First Petition of Land-owners, together with Engineering Reports, Estimates, Plans, and Documents; as also the Declaration of the Minister of Water Supply thereon.

Rodney Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 15.

Shire of Dimboola and the Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Application of Municipal Funds.

8. **DRAINAGE BILL.**—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the drainage of land.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs and Mr. Best do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intitled "*A Bill to provide for the Drainage of Land,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. **HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.**—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he read to the House as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I have called you together as soon as practicable after the return of the writs for the general election of the Legislative Assembly, in order that I might avail myself of your advice and assistance at the earliest possible moment.

I am rejoiced to meet you at a time when we have a favorable prospect of an abundant harvest, and every reason to believe that Victoria is once more entering upon a period of prosperity in production, trade, and commerce.

Since I last convoked Parliament the fact of Her Most Gracious Majesty having reigned longer than any of her predecessors has been celebrated by the whole of the Empire with unbounded loyalty and enthusiasm. It is deeply gratifying that the people of Victoria took due part in the celebration that marked this auspicious epoch, and manifested in fitting manner their devotion to the throne and person of their beloved Sovereign, and that the Premier of Victoria, present at the capital of the Empire, was able personally to testify to the loyalty and goodwill of the people of the Colony. The magnificent reception accorded to him and extended to the citizen-soldiers of Victoria who took part in the celebration give the undoubted assurance that these feelings were understood and appreciated not alone by our Sovereign but also by all classes of our fellow citizens.

Owing to the period of the year at which the last Session of Parliament closed and to the sitting of the Federal Convention which is to be held in Melbourne in January next, my Advisers intend to place before you during the present Session only such urgent measures of public importance as are immediately necessary, and such other matters as may be speedily and easily dealt with.

The adjourned Session of the Federal Convention is to be held in Melbourne, when it is to be hoped that the great and noble work committed to its charge will be accomplished, and that the patriotism, ability, and moderation of the representatives of the Australian people will enable them to overcome the numerous and serious difficulties of their task, to frame an Australian Constitution which will prove acceptable to the people of all the Colonies, and consummate the union so long and ardently desired.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

Provision for the service of the year has already been made in such a manner as to meet the public requirements with due liberality but without extravagance.

The Trust Funds now amount to a very large sum, and, as it is deemed advisable to place the same under more efficient control, my Advisers have prepared and will submit for the consideration of Parliament a measure for that purpose.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The first measure that my Government will lay before you will be a Bill to regulate Public Charities.

The unsystematic manner in which the Public Charities of Victoria have been administered, and the insufficiency of the present law to provide for deserving cases of distress have long been a reproach. The proposals to be placed before you are intended to provide an efficient remedy, and to place the Public Charities on a satisfactory footing and sound financial basis, giving them certain means of revenue, and affording effective local control.

No classification of the Public Service having taken place since 1884, many anomalies have arisen which, in the interests of the Service and of the colony, should be removed, and a Bill designed to accomplish this end will be submitted for your approval.

A Conference has been held on the subject of the supervision of the Slaughtering of Animals and the sale of meat for human food, and the result of its labours has been embodied in a Bill which will be laid before you, and which will, it is believed, have the effect of improving the food supply, and averting serious danger to human health.

Unfortunately, the measure dealing with the supervision of Exported Products placed before you last Session failed to become law. You will be asked to again consider the question, and it is to be earnestly hoped that a satisfactory result will be arrived at.

The Merchant Shipping Act 1894 passed by the Imperial Parliament having been found to work satisfactorily, you will be asked to pass into law a Bill adapting that Act to local requirements.

Numerous difficulties and disputes having arisen in respect to the drainage of land in various Municipalities, my Advisers have prepared and will place before you a Bill dealing with this important matter.

The Post Office Bill, which passed the Legislative Assembly, but failed to become law, will be again presented to you.

You will be also asked to deal with Bills relating to the Administration of Estates of Deceased Persons; preventing the fraudulent sale of Railway Tickets; and with various other measures which will be submitted to you as the exigencies of public business permit.

I now leave you to your deliberations, which, I trust, by the blessing of Divine Providence, will result in the advancement of the public welfare and the continued and increased prosperity to the people whom you represent, and in whose interest I have called you together.

BRASSEY.

10. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Morrissey moved, That the following Address, in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Mr. Hancock moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

Ordered—That the debate take precedence of all other business.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past five o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The following Warrant, appointing "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications," was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to the provisions of the two hundred and ninety-first section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890*, I do hereby appoint—

William David Beazley, Esquire,
George Henry Bennett, Esquire,
John Balfour Burton, Esquire,
Ewen Hugh Cameron, Esquire,
Albert Harris, Esquire,
William Henry Moule, Esquire, and
Robert Murray Smith, Esquire, C.M.G.,

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

Given under my hand this twenty-seventh day of October, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Observatory.—Thirty-first Report of the Board of Visitors to the Observatory; together with the Report of the Government Astronomer for the period from 1st July, 1896, to 30th June, 1897.
Mr. H. R. Williams presented—
Subsidy for Steamer *Gem*.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 25th August, 1897, for a return showing the amount of subsidy paid each year by the Railway Department to the owners of the steamer *Gem* up to the end of the last financial year.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1897.
4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

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

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House.

5. **SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE) BILL.**—Mr. Graham moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for taking a plebiscite of the electors of the colony on the question of using the Irish National Scripture Lessons Books in State Schools. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Ordered—That Mr. Graham and Mr. Kirton do prepare and bring in the Bill. Mr. Graham then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for taking a Plebiscite of the Electors of the Colony on the question of using the Irish National Scripture Lessons Books in State Schools,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
6. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Gray moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890*. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Ordered—That Mr. Gray and Mr. Wilkins do prepare and bring in the Bill. Mr. Gray then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
7. **ALIENS BILL.**—Mr. Kirton moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Vale, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to aliens and for other purposes. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Ordered—That Mr. Vale and Mr. Kirton do prepare and bring in the Bill. Mr. Kirton then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Aliens and for other purposes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
8. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GEELONG) BILL.**—Mr. Higgins moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Gurr, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to apply a certain provision of the *Local Government Act 1890* to the Town of Geelong. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Ordered—That Mr. Gurr and Mr. Higgins do prepare and bring in the Bill. Mr. Higgins then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply a certain provision of the ‘Local Government Act 1890’ to the Town of Geelong,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
9. **BUNGAREE JUNCTION TO RACE-COURSE RESERVE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the purpose of constructing a railway siding from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Ordered—That Mr. Murphy and Mr. R. Murray Smith do prepare and bring in the Bill. Mr. Murphy then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for the purpose of constructing a Railway Siding from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
10. **REFERENDUM BILL.**—Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Outtrim, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the adoption of the referendum. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Ordered—That Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Maloney do prepare and bring in the Bill. Mr. Maloney then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the adoption of the Referendum,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
11. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1).**—Mr. Graham moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Kennedy, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Ordered—That Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Graham do prepare and bring in the Bill. Mr. Graham then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Local Government Act 1890,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
12. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. Duggan moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. McGregor, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Ordered—That Mr. McGregor and Mr. Duggan do prepare and bring in the Bill. Mr. Duggan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Local Government Act 1890,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.

13. **NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.**—Mr. Cook moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish compulsory vaccination in Victoria.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Cook and Mr. Hamilton do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Cook then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to abolish Compulsory Vaccination in Victoria,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
14. **HOMES PROTECTION BILL.**—Mr. McColl moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the protection of homes.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. McColl, Mr. Fink, and Mr. Salmon do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. McColl then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for the Protection of Homes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
15. **AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. O'Neill moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Auction Sales Act 1890*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Duggan do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. O'Neill then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the 'Auction Sales Act 1890,'*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
16. **TRADE MARKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Bennett moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Trade Marks Act 1890*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Bennett and Mr. Beazley do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Bennett then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the 'Trade Marks Act 1890,'*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
17. **HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Hospitals and Charities Act 1890* and for other purposes.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Gavan Duffy do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the 'Hospitals and Charities Act 1890' and for other purposes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
18. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Administration and Probate Acts.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs and Mr. Peacock do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Administration and Probate Acts,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
19. **POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Post Office Act 1890* and for other purposes.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Gavan Duffy and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Gavan Duffy then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the 'Post Office Act 1890' and for other purposes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
20. **VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Taverner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Vegetation Diseases Act 1896*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Taverner and Mr. Foster do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Taverner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the 'Vegetation Diseases Act 1896,'*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
21. **GREAT MORWELL COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY PURCHASE BILL.**—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to validate the purchase of the Great Morwell Coal Company's Line of Railway.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. H. R. Williams and Mr. Gavan Duffy do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. H. R. Williams then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to validate the Purchase of the Great Morwell Coal Company's Line of Railway*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.

22. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to vest the trust funds in trustees and for other purposes.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. McLean do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to vest the Trust Funds in Trustees and for other purposes*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
23. STUDLEY PARK BRIDGE BILL.—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Studley Park Bridge.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered that Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs and Mr. Taverner do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Studley Park Bridge*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
24. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Gavan Duffy (on behalf of Mr. Best) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Best and Mr. Gavan Duffy do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Gavan Duffy then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Vermin Destruction Act 1890'*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
25. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL.—Mr. Taverner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the inspection of live stock, meat, dairy produce, fruit, and other products intended for export, and to regulate the exportation thereof.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Taverner and Mr. Best do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Taverner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Inspection of Live Stock, Meat, Dairy Produce, Fruit, and other Products intended for Export, and to regulate the Exportation thereof*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
26. FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS BILL.—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to fraudulent railway tickets or passes.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. H. R. Williams and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. H. R. Williams then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Fraudulent Railway Tickets or Passes*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
27. DOOKIE AND KATAMATITE TRAMWAY BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Dookie and Katamatite Tramway.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. H. R. Williams do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Dookie and Katamatite Tramway*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
28. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs (on behalf of Mr. Best) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Marine Act 1890*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Best and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Marine Act 1890'*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.
29. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (OFFICERS AND TEACHERS) BILL.—Sir George Turner (on behalf of Mr. Peacock) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to certain officers and teachers who held office in the Education Department at the passing of the *Public Service Act 1883*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Peacock and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to certain Officers and Teachers who held office in the Education Department at the passing of the 'Public Service Act 1883'*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.

30. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs (on behalf of Mr. Foster), moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Mining Development Act 1896*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Foster and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Mining Development Act 1896,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 16th November next.

31. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 16th November next:—

Drainage Bill—Second reading.

32. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 10th November next, at four o’clock.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Sir George Turner moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 16th November next, at four o’clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past nine o’clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 16th November next.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 - Aborigines.—Thirty-third Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines. Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1896—
 - Part III.—Finance, &c.
 - Part IV.—Population (Exclusive of Municipal Finances).
 - Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 - The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 - Customs Act 1890—
 - Schedule to Drawback Regulations amended.—Order in Council.
 - Drawback Regulations amended.—Order in Council.
 - Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890.—Minor Articles used in Manufacture—
 - Hat Buttons of Silk.
 - Bird Cage Bells.
 - Used in the Manufacture of Coal Scuttles.
 - Factories and Shops Acts.—Mode of electing Special Boards.—Alteration of Regulations.—Order in Council.
 - Fisheries Act 1890—
 - Close Season in the Hopkins and Merri Rivers.
 - Prohibition of Netting, Hobson's Bay.
 - Prohibition of Netting around Lorne Jetty.
 - Prohibition of Netting around Lorne Jetty.
 - Marine Act 1890—
 - Amended Regulations relating to the Marking of Load lines on Ships.
 - Regulations for the Carriage of Animals by Ship.
 - Public Service Act 1890.—Alteration of Regulations.
 - Water Act 1890.—Koondrook and Myall Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.
3. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker reported that he had, that day, waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 27th October last, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I thank you, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, for the renewed expression of loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign. I feel assured that the various measures about to be submitted will receive your careful consideration, and that your labours will prove of much benefit to the colony.

BRASSEY.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 16th November, 1897.
4. SUPPLY.—Sir George Turner moved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir George Turner moved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Peacock, and the same was read :—

BRASSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-seven of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to certain Officers and Teachers who held office in the Education Department at the passing of the *Public Service Act 1883*.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 16th November, 1897.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Taverner, and the same was read :—

BRASSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-seven of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made of penalties for the purposes of the Bill relating to the Studley Park Bridge.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 16th November, 1897.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read :—

BRASSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-seven of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the *Hospitals and Charities Act 1890* and for other purposes.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 16th November, 1897.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

9. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1897*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Gavan Duffy do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1897,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

10. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, 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 Tuesday, and Three o'clock be the hour of meeting on Wednesday and Thursday; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after Half-past Ten o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday and Thursday in each week during the present Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That on Wednesday in each week during the present Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business until Half-past Eight o'clock; after that hour business shall be called on in the following order, viz:—

On one Wednesday—

Private Bill Business.

1. Notices of Motion.
2. Orders of the Day.

General Business:

1. Notices of Motion.
2. Orders of the Day.

On the alternate Wednesday—

General Business:

1. Orders of the Day.
2. Notices of Motion.

Private Bill Business:

1. Orders of the Day.
2. Notices of Motion.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

- 13. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graves, Mr. Higgins, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. McLean, Mr. Staughton, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. A. L. Tucker, Sir George Turner, Mr. Vale, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Zox ; five to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 14. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, 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. Deakin, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Madden, and Mr. Shiels.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 15. **PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, 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. Graham, Mr. Moule, Mr. T. Smith, and Mr. Taverner.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 16. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Craven, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Kirton, Mr. Langdon, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Outtrim, and Mr. Rawson ; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 17. **REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, 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. J. Anderson, Mr. Austin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Wilkins.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 18. **COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Beazley, Mr. Carter, Mr. Deakin, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. T. Smith, and Mr. Wheeler ; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 19. **REIMBURSEMENT OF MEMBERS.**—Mr. Staughton moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the reduction of the reimbursement of Members to £240 a year should continue in full force until the Public Servants receive the full amount of salaries which the State agreed to pay when entering its service.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 55.

Mr. Brake,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Chirnside,
Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Keys,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. McBride,
Mr. McColl,
Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Moloney,

Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Shiels,
Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. White,
Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Zox.

Tellers.

Mr. Moule,
Mr. Salmon.

Mr. J. Anderson,
Mr. W. Anderson,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Best,
Mr. Burton,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Craven,
Mr. Deakin,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Dyer,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Graves,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Gurr,
Mr. Hamilton,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. A. Harris,
Mr. Higgins,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Maloney,
Mr. McCay,

Mr. McGregor,
Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Methven,
Mr. Murray,
Sir B. O'Loghlen, Bart,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Styles,
Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Sir George Turner,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Vale,
Mr. Watt,
Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. H. R. Williams.

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Beazley.

And so it passed in the negative.

- 20. **"GOVERNMENT GAZETTE" MINING NOTICE INQUIRY.**—Sir John McIntyre moved, by leave, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire and report as to how the party to whom was granted the mining land in dispute between the South German Gold Mining Company and Mr. Charles Gray, of Maldon, obtained information as to when the said land was gazetted to be thrown open ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Cameron, Mr. McCay, Mr. Salmon, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records ; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

21. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Zox moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And, after debate—

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

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

22. DRAINAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Madden moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

23. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 27 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
 - Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—Statement showing the Names, Remuneration, Duties, &c., of all Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Assembly under the authority of Part IX. of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* during the period from 11th November, 1896, to 17th November, 1897.
 - Victorian Railways—
 - Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the quarter ending 30th September, 1897.
 - Return of Special Goods Rates for quarter ending 30th September, 1897.
 - Return of Special Passenger Rates for quarter ending 30th September, 1897.
3. ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the Honorable Member for Warrnambool, Mr. John Murray, act as Chairman of Committees for this day. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 3, having been read—On the motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
 - On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 - Mr. Murray reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows:—
 - Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the *Hospitals and Charities Act 1890* and for other purposes.
 - And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
5. STUDLEY PARK BRIDGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 2, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Taverner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Mr. Taverner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Murray reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made of penalties for the purposes of the Bill relating to the Studley Park Bridge.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

6. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (OFFICERS AND TEACHERS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 1, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Mr. Peacock, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Murray reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to certain Officers and Teachers who held office in the Education Department at the passing of the *Public Service Act 1883*.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

7. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

8. GREAT MORWELL COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY PURCHASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. H. R. Williams moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. H. R. Williams, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

9. STUDLEY PARK BRIDGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

10. "GOVERNMENT GAZETTE" MINING NOTICE INQUIRY SELECT COMMITTEE.—Sir John McIntyre moved, by leave, That Mr. Salmon be discharged from attendance upon this Committee, and that Mr. Moule be appointed a member of the Committee, Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (OFFICERS AND TEACHERS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Peacock, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Foster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Foster moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Foster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Foster, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 9 and 10 be postponed until to-morrow.
14. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Taverner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Taverner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Taverner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Taverner, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Taverner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Sir John McIntyre moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 13 be postponed until to-morrow.
17. FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. H. R. Williams moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. H. R. Williams, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 15 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Wednesday next.

19. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McCay,	
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Methven,	Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Cook.

Tellers.

Noes, 21.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. W. Anderson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. R. Murray Smith.
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. McBride,	

Tellers.

Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Moule.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Gray moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Gray, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Gray, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 12 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday next.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Victorian Naval and Military Forces.—Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Order in Council.
3. “GOVERNMENT GAZETTE” MINING NOTICE INQUIRY.—Sir John McIntyre moved, by leave, That the Select Committee on the *Government Gazette* Mining Notice Inquiry have leave to report the Minutes of Evidence from time to time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the Honorable Member for Warnambool, Mr. John Murray, act as Chairman of Committees for this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—FEES.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Fees to be charged under the Post Office Act 1890 Amendment Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Mr. Gavan Duffy, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Murray reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—
Resolved—That the following Fee shall be charged under the Post Office Act 1890 Amendment Bill :—On registration of a newspaper by the proprietor or printer—any fee not exceeding 5s.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
7. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Gavan Duffy, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended, so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Gavan Duffy, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

8. FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—

Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Irvine moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 11 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-five minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1897.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
- 2. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL.—Mr. Peacock moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to certain public and bank holidays.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Peacock and Mr. Foster do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to certain Public and Bank Holidays,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
- 3. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL.—Mr. Cook moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit indecent or obscene publications.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Cook and Mr. Watt do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Cook then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to prohibit Indecent or Obscene Publications,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
- 4. CORRECTION IN VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following Report from the Clerk of the House :—

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER,
I have the honour to report that I have made the following correction in the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Vegetation Diseases Act 1896,’*” viz.:—
In clause 2, line 10, the figures “1897” have been omitted and “1896” inserted.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

- 5. CORRECTION IN MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following Report from the Clerk of the House :—

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER,
I have the honour to report that I have made the following correction in the Bill intituled “*An Act to further amend the ‘Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890,’*” viz.:—
In clause 2, line 11, the word “First” has been omitted.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

- 6. CORRECTION IN MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following Report from the Clerk of the House :—

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER,
I have the honour to report that I have made the following correction in the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1897,’*” viz.:—
In clause 3, line 3, the word “a” has been inserted at the end of the line.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—

Statement showing the Names, Remuneration, Duties, &c., of all Persons temporarily employed in the Departments of the Legislative Council and the Parliament Gardens.

Statement of Temporary Appointments.—Department of the Library.

Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1897.

8. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, viz. :—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Craven, Mr. A. Harris, Mr. Styles, Mr. Trenwith, and Mr. White.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until this day.

10. GREAT MORWELL COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY PURCHASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

11. ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the Honorable Member for Warnambool, Mr. John Murray, act as Chairman of Committees for this day.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. DOOKIE AND KATAMATITE TRAMWAY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Sir George Turner moved, That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

13. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a third time—having been read—

Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

On the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—

At the end of clause 2 add “to the then owner of the land.”

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs offered the following clause to be added to the Bill :—

“Nothing in this Act contained shall impose any liability upon the owner for the time being of any land who became such owner after materials as aforesaid had been furnished or offered to be furnished to the owner of the land, or create any charge upon the land if such owner for the time being proves that at the time he became such owner there were on the land no such materials as aforesaid, and that he had no knowledge that such materials had at any time been furnished or offered to be furnished as aforesaid.”

And the said clause was read a second and third time, and, after debate, was added to the Bill.

Mr. W. Anderson offered the following clause to be added to the Bill :—

“Where a wire-netting fence is to be erected along the boundary between two adjoining holdings the cost of the same shall be divided between the owners of the said holdings.”

And the said clause was read a second time.

Mr. W. Anderson moved, That the said clause be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 10 inclusive be adjourned until to-morrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at one minute past eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

 WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the Order of Business be suspended for this evening, and that the whole of the sitting be allotted to General Business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Sir Bryan O'Loughlen moved, as an amendment, That the word "now" be omitted, and that after the word "time" the words "this day six months" be added.
Debate continued.
Mr. Peacock moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive be postponed until this day.
5. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Gray, That the Honorable Member for Collingwood, Mr. William David Beazley, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time, and on the amendment, That the word "now" be omitted, and that after the word "time" the words "this day six months" be added—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Bromley moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 8th December next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Wednesday, 8th December next.
8. DANGEROUS BUILDINGS REMOVAL BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the speedy removal of dangerous buildings.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the speedy removal of Dangerous Buildings,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GEELONG) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gurr moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Gurr moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Gurr, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments, and with an amended Title, which Title is as follows:—

“A Bill to apply a certain provision of the ‘Local Government Act 1890’ to the City of Melbourne and Town of Geelong.”

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 to 12 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 8th December next.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at thirty-nine minutes past ten o’clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RUTHERGLEN MAIN STREET BILL.—Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the main street of Rutherglen to be reduced to a width not less than fifty-six feet.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Bowser and Mr. Graves do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Bowser then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to enable the Main Street of Rutherglen to be reduced to a width not less than Fifty-six feet,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
3. REPRESENTATION OF ALBERT PARK.—PETITION.—Mr. Speaker laid before the House the following Petition that had been presented to him on the 24th November instant:—

ALBERT PARK ELECTION.—PETITION OF ERNEST JOSKE AND THOMAS RAMSDEN ASHWORTH AGAINST THE RETURN OF JOHN SAMUEL WHITE.

To the Honorable Francis Conway Mason, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of Victoria.

The humble Petition of Ernest Joske, of 33 Canterbury-road, Albert Park, barrister and solicitor, and Thomas Ramsden Ashworth, of Canterbury-road, Albert Park, estate agent:

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH—

That your Petitioners were Candidates at the election of One Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Albert Park, held on the fourteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and also were voters at such election for such district, and did so vote at such election.

That at such election John Samuel White, of 27 Faussett-street, Albert Park, contractor, was a Candidate, and was by the Returning Officer declared duly elected, and was returned as Member for the said district.

That the said John Samuel White was, by his agent or agents, or by some other person or persons on his behalf, guilty at such election of bribery.

That the said John Samuel White at such election was guilty of bribery.

That the said John Samuel White was, either personally or by his agent or agents, or by some other person or persons on his behalf, guilty at such election of undue influence.

That your Petitioners therefore claim that the said John Samuel White was not duly elected as Member for the said district.

That your Petitioners therefore pray that the said John Samuel White may be declared not duly elected for the said district.

That a new election may be had.

And that your Petitioners may have such further and other relief as the circumstances of the case may require.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

ERNEST JOSKE.
THOS. R. ASHWORTH.

Witness—ARTHUR ROBINSON, solicitor, 48 Queen-street, Melbourne.

4. ALBERT PARK ELECTION PETITION.—REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.—Sir George Turner moved, That the Petition of Ernest Joske and Thomas Ramsden Ashworth complaining of the return of John Samuel White, which had been presented to the House by Mr. Speaker this day, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MELBOURNE AND GEELONG) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until this day.
7. DRAINAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL.—FEES.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Fees to be charged under the Exported Products Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows:—
Resolved—That the Fees chargeable under the Exported Products Bill be such Fees as may from time to time be fixed by the Governor in Council.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
9. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed, and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Sangster moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Bromley,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. McCay,	
Mr. Methven,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Wilkins.

Noes, 32.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. W. Anderson,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Gray,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Madden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. John A. Isaacs,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Murray.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 2 and Nos. 7 to 10 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at two minutes past six o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.

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TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had, this day, received from William David Beazley, Esquire, the resignation of his appointment as a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 - Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890—
 - Duty on Provost Oats.
 - Duty on Quaker Oats.
 - Explosives Act 1890.—Addition to List of Explosives authorized for Importation into and Manufacture in Victoria.—Order in Council.
 - Post Office Act 1890.—Charges for Rental of Telephones at Bendigo.
 - Water Act 1890—
 - Campaspe Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Further Loan.
 - Carrum Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Appointment of Arbitrator.—Order in Council.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read :—

BRASSEY,
Governor. *Message No. 4.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-seven of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to vest the Trust Funds in Trustees and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 24th November, 1897.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
5. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 4, having been read—On the motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
 - On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 - Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to vest the Trust Funds in Trustees and for other purposes.

 And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
6. PETITION.—Mr. Carter presented a Petition from the Acting President, Vice-President, and Members of Council of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, praying that all legislation on the question of exported products may be restricted to the provision for such an inspection of perishable products as will enable the officers of the Government to certify that such products are fit for human consumption.
 - On the motion of Mr. Carter, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
 - The Petition was read by the Clerk.
 - Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be considered in connexion with the Order of the Day relating to the Exported Products Bill.

7. DANGEROUS BUILDINGS REMOVAL BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Sir George Turner moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,

Melbourne, 30th November, 1897.

9. PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL.—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act relating to certain Public Contracts*," be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged:—

Exported Products Bill—Consideration of Report.

Mr. Taverner moved, That this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause 8.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Taverner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. V. ROBINSON;
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MR. SPEAKER'S NOMINATION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating the Temporary Chairmen of Committees, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of Victoria numbered 4A, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable James Howlin Graves,
John Murray, Esquire,
Hugh Rawson, Esquire, and
William Arthur Trenwith, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees whenever requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this first day of December, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The following Warrant, appointing a member of "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications," was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890*, I do hereby appoint—

David Methven, Esquire,

to be a member of "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications" in the place of William David Beazley, Esquire, resigned.

Given under my hand this first day of December, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

4. SUBPENA.—Mr. Speaker having announced that a subpoena had been served on the Clerk of the Assembly, requiring him to attend on Tuesday, the 7th December, 1897, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Lancefield Police Court, before such Justice or Justices of the Peace for the Central Bailiwick as are then there, to testify what he shall know concerning the matter of an information against Patrick Houlihan and Robert S. Graham for voting twice at the election of a Member for the Legislative Assembly in the Electoral District of Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield, and to produce at the time and place aforesaid the ratepayers' rolls for the following divisions:—Lancefield, Newham, and Riddell's Creek, which said rolls were used during the last parliamentary election—

Sir George Turner moved, That leave be given to the Clerk, or some other officer of the Assembly, to attend and produce the documents as required by the said subpoena.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the order of business on Wednesday in each week be suspended for this evening so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Dyer rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The action of the Minister of Lands in calling special Land Boards at Warracknabeal and Birchip, at which farmers are summoned to appear to show cause why their holdings should not be forfeited for non-payment of arrears of rent."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—

Mr. Dyer moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

7. BERRY SUPERANNUATION BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of a superannuation allowance to Sir Graham Berry, K.C.M.G.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for the Payment of a Superannuation Allowance to Sir Graham Berry, K.C.M.G.," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. RAILWAY COMMUNICATION WITH THE UPPER YARRA AND WARBURTON DISTRICTS.—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of railway communication with the Upper Yarra and Warburton districts from the main Lilydale and Healesville Railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Studley Park Bridge*" without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1897.

10. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of clause 8 of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Speedy Removal of Dangerous Buildings*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1897.

And the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

1. Clause 5, line 21, omit "eight" and insert "six."

2. " 8, lines 1-2, omit "or in connexion with."

3. " 9, omit this clause and insert the following new clause:—

A. (1) If any workman employed in the repair alteration or pulling down of any building or part of any building under the authority of this Act or in pursuance of any notice or order given or made under this Act suffers personal injury while engaged on any such work compensation shall be paid by the employer as follows (that is to say):—

Liability of employers to workmen for injuries. See 60 & 61 Vict. c. 37.

(a) Where total or partial disablement or incapacity for work results from the injury, then until complete recovery but not exceeding three years, a weekly payment to the workman at the rate at which he was employed at the time the injury was sustained:

(b) Where death results from the injury, if the workman leaves any dependants, then the amount of three years' wages at the rate aforesaid shall be paid to the legal representative of the workman for the general benefit of the dependants, and if the workman leaves no dependants then the reasonable expenses of his medical attendance and burial.

See Schedule I. to 60 & 61 Vict. c. 37.

- (2) Where the injury is caused by the personal negligence or wilful act ^{See s. 1 (b).} of the employer or of some person for whose act or default the employer is responsible, nothing in this Act shall affect any civil liability of the employer but in that case the workman or his legal representative may at his option either claim compensation under this Act or take the same proceedings as were open to him before the commencement of this Act ; but the employer shall not be liable to pay compensation for injury to a workman both independently of and also under this Act.
- (3) If it is proved that the injury to the workman is attributable to the ^{See s. 1 (c).} serious and wilful misconduct of that workman any compensation claimed in respect of that injury shall be disallowed.
- (4) Where the injury for which compensation is payable under this Act was ^{See s. 6.} caused by circumstances creating a legal liability in some person other than the employer to pay damages in respect thereof, the workman or his legal representative may proceed either at law against that person to recover damages or against the employer for compensation under this Act but not against both, and if compensation be paid under this Act the employer shall be entitled to be indemnified by the said other person.
- (5) If before the happening of an injury as aforesaid to any workman the employer has at his own expense effected for the benefit of the workman or in the case of his death for the benefit of his dependants an insurance of the workman against accident, and has deposited the policy thereof with the Registrar of Friendly Societies and obtained from such Registrar a certificate that such insurance is in his opinion substantially as beneficial to the workman as the provision for compensation in this section contained, then the employer shall not in the case of such injury be liable to pay the said compensation.
- (6) "Dependants" in this section mean a wife and also the persons included in the expressions "child" and "parent" as defined by section thirteen of the *Wrongs Act 1890*.
- (7) All claims hereunder may be made and recovered in the County Court.
- (8) This section shall apply and have full force and effect notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendment 1 agreed to.

Amendment 2 agreed to with the following amendment :—Insert "or about" in place of the words omitted.

Amendment 3 agreed to with the following amendment :—In line 1 of new clause A, after "employed in" insert "or about."

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to one of the said amendments, and have agreed to the other amendments with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

12. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of clause 8 of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had amended clause 8.

On the motion of Mr. Taverner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report of the Committee on the Bill to be received this day.

Mr. Taverner moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Taverner, read a third time.

Mr. McColl moved, That the words "and may at any time revoke or alter any such order either wholly or partly," in clause 8, lines 4 and 5, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Taverner, the House agreed to the following amendments in this Bill :—

Clause 8, lines 9 and 10, omit "at least four clear days prior to shipment for the purpose of being" and insert "until the butter is properly."

Clause 12, line 2, after "works" insert "or."

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. PUBLIC SERVANTS WITH LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS.—Mr. Graves moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing how many officers in the Public Service have passed the legal examinations to qualify them for the position of Police Magistrate; and how many officers in the Public Service are barristers-at-law or barristers and solicitors of the Supreme Court.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 3. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Question—put and negatived.
Sir George Turner moved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 4. DRAINAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
On the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
 5. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
 6. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Best, read a third time.
On the motion of Mr. Best, the House agreed to the following amendments in this Bill:—

Clause 5, line 23, before "shall" insert "and also section one hundred and three of the *Merchant Shipping Act 1894*.
" omit sub-section (4).
" omit sub-section (4).
- Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 5 to 10 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifty-five minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance, 1896-7.—The Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1897; accompanied by the Report of the Commissioners of Audit, and by the Documents specified in the fifty-first section of the Audit Act.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

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

Companies Act 1890.—Summary of Statements for the year 1896 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendments of the Legislative Assembly on amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Speedy Removal of Dangerous Buildings.*"

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to certain Officers and Teachers who held office in the Education Department at the passing of the 'Public Service Act 1883'*" without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Mining Development Act 1896'*" without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1897.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1897*" without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1897.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Extension of the Dunolly Cemetery,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1897.

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5. **DUNOLLY CEMETERY BILL.**—Mr. Best moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to provide for the Extension of the Dunolly Cemetery,*” be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read :—
BRASSEY,
Governor. *Message No. 5.*
The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at the Government Offices, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz.:—
“*An Act to authorize the Speedy Removal of Dangerous Buildings.*”
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 2nd December, 1897.
7. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read :—
BRASSEY,
Governor. *Message No. 6.*
In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-seven of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the appointment of a Board to reclassify the Public Service and for other purposes.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1897.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
8. **PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message, No. 6, having been read—On the motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the appointment of a Board to reclassify the Public Service and for other purposes.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Best do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
9. **PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION BILL.**—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the appointment of a Board to reclassify the Public Service and for other purposes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—Debate resumed.
Mr. Salmon moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirteen minutes past eleven o’clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Methven presented a Petition from Christopher Sparling, of Northcote, in the colony of Victoria, ex-constable of the Victorian Police Force, praying that the House will take his case into consideration and grant him such redress as it may deem fit.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read:—

BRASSEY,

*Governor.**Message No. 7.*

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

“An Act relating to the Studley Park Bridge.”

“An Act relating to certain Officers and Teachers who held office in the Education Department at the passing of ‘The Public Service Act 1883.’”

“An Act to further amend the ‘Mining Development Act 1896.’”

“An Act to amend the ‘Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1897.’”

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 8th December, 1897.

4. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS SWORN.—George Henry Bennett, Esquire, John Balfour Burton, Esquire, Ewen Hugh Cameron, Esquire, Albert Harris, Esquire, David Methven, Esquire, William Henry Moule, Esquire, and Robert Murray Smith, Esquire, C.M.G., the members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, took the Oath at the Table of the House, before the Clerk.
5. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—FIRST MEETING.—Mr. Speaker appointed to-morrow, at a quarter past two o'clock as the time, and Committee Room No. 1 as the place, for the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows:—

Resolved—Subject to the Income Tax Acts, the rates of the duties of Income Tax which shall, pursuant to the said Acts, be charged, levied, collected, and paid for the use of Her Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, are hereby declared to be as follows (that is to say):—

(a) On all income derived by any person from personal exertion—

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Twelve hundred pounds, Fourpence;

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Twelve hundred pounds and up to Two thousand and two hundred pounds, Sixpence ;
and for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Two thousand and two hundred pounds, Eightpence.

- (b) On all income derived by any person from the produce of property within Victoria—
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Twelve hundred pounds, Eightpence ;
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Twelve hundred pounds and up to Two thousand and two hundred pounds, Twelvence ;
and for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Two thousand and two hundred pounds, Sixteenpence.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Foster do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

8. INCOME TAX BILL.—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to declare the Rates of Duties of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

9. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to validate the Purchase of the Great Morwell Coal Company's Line of Railway*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to apply a certain provision of the ‘Local Government Act 1890,’ to the City of Melbourne and Town of Geelong*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Vermin Destruction Act 1890,’*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendment be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

12. **PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
 On the motion of Mr. Peacock, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Peacock moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Peacock, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. **PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
15. **SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time, and on the amendment, That the word “now” be omitted, and that after the word “time” the words “this day six months” be added—having been read—
 Mr. Bromley moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 And, after debate—
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Austin,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Chirside,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Craven,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Tutchter,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Madden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Grose,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. T. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 22nd December instant.

16. **ALIENS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Vale moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Irvine moved, as an amendment, That the word “now” be omitted, and that after the word “time” the words “this day six months” be added.
 Debate continued.

Question—That the word “now,” proposed to be omitted, stand part of the question—put and negatived.

Question—That the words “this day six months,” proposed to be added after the word “time,” be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months—put and resolved in the affirmative.

17. BUNGAREE JUNCTION TO RACE-COURSE RESERVE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murphy moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Sir George Turner moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 to 10 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 22nd December instant, and that the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 11 and 12 be postponed until to-morrow.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 15.

THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PORT MELBOURNE PUBLIC PARK AND GARDEN BILL.—Mr. Best moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide a site for a public park and garden at Port Melbourne.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Best and Mr. Peacock do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Best then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide a Site for a Public Park and Garden at Port Melbourne,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
3. BIRCHIP LAND RESUMPTION BILL.—Mr. Best moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of certain land reserved as a site for a mechanics’ institute and public hall at Birchip.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Best and Mr. Peacock do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Best then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of certain Land reserved as a Site for a Mechanics’ Institute and Public Hall at Birchip,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session, so far as Government Business is concerned.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. FERN TREE GULLY TO GEMBROOK RAILWAY.—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, pursuant to notice, That the construction of a 2-ft. narrow-gauge line of railway from Fern Tree Gully to Gembrook be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Wheeler moved, as an amendment, That the figure and words “2-ft. narrow-gauge” be omitted.
Question—That the figure and words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.
Question—That the construction of a line of railway from Fern Tree Gully to Gembrook be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE MALLEE DISTRICTS.—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
Debate ensued.
Mr. McCoil moved, as an amendment, That the words “Gunbower and Richardson Valley” be inserted after the word “Mallee.”
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.
Question—That the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. RAILWAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE NORTHERN SUBURBS AND MELBOURNE.—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of providing direct communication between the Northern Suburbs and Melbourne by railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

Mr. Beazley moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That the" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—"Report of the Standing Committee on Railways, as presented to the Legislative Assembly on the 23rd December, 1896, be given effect to by reference to the Committee, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Best,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Dyer,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Moloney,	Mr. Tutchner.

Tellers.

Noes, 24.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McKeenzie,	
Mr. McLeod,	

Tellers.

Mr. Higgins,
Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the question of providing direct communication between the Northern Suburbs and Melbourne by railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Vegetation Diseases Act 1896,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

9. PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
- Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, read a third time.
- Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.
10. DRAINAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, read a third time.

On the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill:—

Clause 2, page 2, line 8, omit "gold."

Mr. Madden moved, That sub-section (1) of clause 9 be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the following sub-section, viz:—

(1) If in the opinion of the council any land within the Drainage Area is not as to the drainage of surface and storm water drained by some efficient drain, the council subject to the provisions of this Act may with the consent of the Governor in Council take land compulsorily for the purpose of constructing through such first-mentioned land and any lands lying between the first-mentioned land and any suitable water-course an efficient drain suited for draining from the first-mentioned land and from the intermediate lands such surface and storm water as aforesaid.

Whenever the council deem it expedient to construct any such drain as last aforesaid for the purpose whereof the exercise of any compulsory power of taking land will in their opinion be necessary or desirable they shall cause their surveyor to prepare such specifications maps plans and sections as may be necessary expressing the nature and extent of the work or undertaking necessary for the construction of such drain and the exact site and admeasurements thereof and on and through what lands the same is proposed to be constructed and the names of the owners or reputed owners lessees or reputed lessees and the occupiers thereof so far as known; and the same when so prepared and approved by the council shall be deposited at the office of the council, and shall be open for inspection by all persons interested at all reasonable hours for the space of forty clear days after notice has been given by advertisement in the *Government Gazette* and in two newspapers generally

circulating in the neighbourhood as next hereinafter provided. And any clerk or other person having the custody of the said specifications maps or other papers who shall refuse to permit such inspection shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds.

The council shall forthwith after the said specifications maps plans and sections have been deposited cause to be published in the *Government Gazette* and twice in some newspaper generally circulating in the neighbourhood a notice describing shortly the purport of the said specifications maps and other papers, and stating that the same are deposited for inspection and the place where they are so deposited and calling upon all persons affected by the proposed work or undertaking to set forth in writing addressed to the council within forty days from the publication of such notice in the *Government Gazette* all objections which they may have to the construction of the said drain; and shall further within one week after such publication in the *Government Gazette* serve a notice in manner hereinafter mentioned on every owner reputed owner lessee or reputed lessee and occupier of such lands defining in each case the particular land intended to be taken and requiring an answer stating whether the person so served assents dissents or is neuter in respect of taking such land and the construction of the said drain, such notice to be served—

by delivery of the same personally to the person required to be served, or if such person is absent from Victoria to his agent; or

by leaving the same at the usual or last-known place of abode of such person as aforesaid; or by forwarding the same by post in a registered letter addressed to the usual or last-known place of abode of such person.

At the next ordinary meeting of the council after the expiration of forty days from the publication of such notice in the *Government Gazette* any person affected by the proposed construction of such drain or his agent or manager for the property in respect of which he is so affected who has set forth in writing his objections to the construction of the proposed drain or undertaking within the time hereby limited for the purpose may appear before the council in support of such objections.

The council shall touching all such objections have authority to hear receive and take evidence and by summons under the hand of the person who acts as chairman at the meeting of the council to require all such persons as the council may think fit to appear personally before the council at their office at a time to be fixed in and by such summons and to produce to such council all such books and papers in their possession or under their control as may appear necessary for the purpose of their examination; and the person who acts as chairman at the meeting shall administer and take for the council all necessary oaths affirmations and declarations.

If after the expiration of such term of forty days and hearing all objections (if any) so set forth as aforesaid and such evidence as the council may require it appears to them expedient to proceed with the construction of such drain or undertaking they may make an order directing the construction of such drain according to the specifications maps plans and sections deposited as aforesaid; and if it is found necessary for the purpose of constructing such drain to take any land compulsorily may cause such order together with true copies of all such specifications maps plans and sections and with the written objections (if any) set forth as aforesaid to be transmitted to the Minister; and the said Minister shall consider the same respectively, and shall for the purpose of such consideration have the like powers as are by the last section vested in the council, and may confirm the same order with or without variation or may disallow such order; and notice of the confirmation or variation of any such order shall be forthwith published in the *Government Gazette*.

Upon the confirmation of such order as aforesaid and not before the council shall be authorized to take and use subject to the provisions of this Act for the purpose of such drain all such land as is described in and by the said specifications maps plans and sections as being required for the construction of the said drain. Provided that the council shall make to the owners of and all persons interested in any lands taken or used for the purpose of such drain or injuriously affected by the execution thereof full compensation for the value of the lands so taken or used and for all damage sustained by such owners occupiers and other persons by reason of the exercise of the powers vested in the council by this Act.

After the confirmation by the Minister of any such order as aforesaid the same shall be deemed valid and effectual notwithstanding any non-compliance with any matter or thing hereinbefore required as preliminary thereto.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-section proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Dyer,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. McKenzie,	
Mr. McLean,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Peacock,	Mr. Cook.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keys,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Higgins,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Moule.
Mr. McBride,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, the House agreed to the following further amendment in this Bill :—

Clause 27, line 42, omit "ten" and insert "three."

Mr. Cook, by leave, offered the following clause to be added to the Bill :—

BB. (1) Where a Drainage Area in a municipal district adjoins a part of another municipal district, such part not being a Drainage Area, the councils of the said adjoining districts may agree in writing that the council of the first-mentioned district may in the said part of the adjoining district exercise any powers mentioned in such agreement (other than the making and levying of any rate) which under the provisions of this Act are exercisable by a council in a Drainage Area, and after the making of such agreement such first-mentioned council may (as nearly as practicable) exercise such powers accordingly.

(2) The expense (including compensation) of the exercise of such powers shall be wholly borne by the council exercising the same, and shall be deemed to be incurred by such council in the execution of works within its own municipal district.

And the said clause was read a second time.

And, after debate, the House, on the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, agreed to the following amendments in this clause :—

Line 1, omit "Drainage Area in a"; after "district" insert "in which there is a Drainage Area."

Line 10, omit "municipal district" and insert "Drainage Area."

And the said clause, as amended, was read a third time and added to the Bill.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

11. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Clause 3, omit this clause.

Mr. Best moved, That the said amendment be disagreed with.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have disagreed with the said amendment.

12. DUNOLLY CEMETERY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion this is a Private Bill."

Mr. Best moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Best, read a third time.

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

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 6.

14. RUTHERGLEN MAIN STREET BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion this is a Private Bill."

Mr. Best moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Best, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

15. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Cook moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Cook moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Cook, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 7 to 9 inclusive and No. 11 be postponed until Tuesday next.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next :—

Vegetation Diseases Act 1896 Amendment Bill—Amendments of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

17. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—

Fraudulent Railway Tickets Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

And then the House, at fifty-one minutes past seven o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. "GOVERNMENT GAZETTE" MINING NOTICE INQUIRY.—Sir John McIntyre, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee on *Government Gazette* Mining Notice Inquiry; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence. Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Australasian Federal Convention held at Parliament House, Sydney, 2nd September to 24th September, 1897—
 Proceedings of the Convention.
 Official Report of the Debates of the Convention.

Mr. Best presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Land Acts and Wattles Act 1890—Report of Proceedings taken under the provisions of the—during the year ending 31st December, 1896.

Mr. Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1896—
 Part V.—Vital Statistics, &c.
 Part VI.—Law, Crime, &c.
 Part VII.—Accumulation.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

Water Act 1890—

Camaspae Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Additional Loan (£9,000).

Shire of Deakin and the Rodney Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Application of Municipal Funds.

Shire of Shepparton Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan of £2,500.—Detailed Statement and Report.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Dookie and Katamatite Tramway*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to declare the Rates of Duties of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Marine Act 1890'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to certain Public and Bank Holidays*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Part III. of the 'Companies Act 1890'*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

8. COMPANIES ACT 1890 (PART III.) AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to amend Part III. of the 'Companies Act 1890'*," be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

9. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

Clause 2, omit this clause.

Clause 3, omit this clause.

Insert the following new clauses :—

A. In the event of the fruit-growers of any fruit-growing district at any time failing to elect within such time as may be prescribed by the regulations all or any members of a local board of advice for such district it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to appoint all or any members of such local board, and any members so appointed shall be deemed and taken to have been elected by the fruit-growers of such district and shall hold office for such time as the regulations prescribe.

Power to appoint local board where fruit-growers fail to elect.

B. In clauses eight and nine of the *Vegetation Diseases Act 1896* before the word "eradicate" insert "all reasonable measures to."

Amendment of ss. 8 and 9 of No. 1432.

Mr. Taverner moved, That the said amendments be disagreed with.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have disagreed with the said amendments.

10. PORT MELBOURNE PUBLIC PARK AND GARDEN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Best, read a third time.

On the motion of Mr. Best, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—

In the Schedule, line 4, omit "one chain nine links" and insert "six chains one link."

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

11. **BIRCHIP LAND RESUMPTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Best, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

12. **BERRY SUPERANNUATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Trenwith moved, as an amendment, That all the words after “That” be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—“in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the money necessary to suitably acknowledge the past services of the Honorable Sir Graham Berry should be provided from the general revenue.”
Debate continued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 41.	
Mr. W. Anderson,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Gair,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Beazley,
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Moule.

Tellers.

Noes, 44.	
Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Burton,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McBride,	
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Thomson.

Tellers.

And so it passed in the negative.

And, after debate—

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 41.	
Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bromley,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hancock,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McBride,	
Sir John McIntyre,	
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Murray.

Tellers.

Noes, 45.	
Mr. W. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. White,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Austin,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Bailes.

Tellers.

And so it passed in the negative

And the House having continued to sit till after twelve of the clock—

WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1897.

Sir George Turner moved, That the following words and figures be inserted in place of the words omitted:—"in the opinion of this House the Government should take the necessary steps to purchase an annuity of £500 for Sir Graham Berry."

And, after debate—

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Best,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Fiuk,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Sir John McIntyre,	
Mr. McKenzie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Methven,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Moloney,	Mr. Hancock.

Noes, 35.

Mr. W. Anderson,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Beazley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That in the opinion of this House the Government should take the necessary steps to purchase an annuity of £500 for Sir Graham Berry—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Vegetation Diseases Act 1896,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendments with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Post Office Act 1890' and for other purposes,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 6.

16. PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.

Mr. Murray moved, That the words "Three pounds three shillings," in clause 3, page 2, lines 4 and 5, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Two pounds two shillings."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Keys,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Hancock.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Vale.
Mr. Dyer,	
Mr. Murphy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Styles,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Trenwith,	Mr. Wilkins.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House agreed to the following amendments in this Bill :—

Clause 7, page 3, at the end of the clause add the following new paragraph :—

(d) what classes or divisions the Public Service should be divided into and the maximum and minimum rates of pay in relation thereto.

Clause 8, line 20, after "officers" insert the following words :—

the rights of persons who have served five years under the *Defences and Discipline Act* to appointment to the Non-clerical Division of the Public Service, the transfer of officers from one Department to another Department.

Mr. Murray moved, That the words "and that they also inquire into the grievances of the servants of the Railway Department" be added to clause 7.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McLeod,	
Mr. Methven,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Hamilton.
Mr. O'Neill,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bailes,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Foster,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Keys,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. McCay.

And so it passed in the negative.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5, 7, and 8 be postponed until this day.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until this day:—

Public and Bank Holidays Bill—Amendments of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

Administration and Probate Acts Amendment Bill—Amendments of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

Vegetation Diseases Act 1896 Amendment Bill—Message from the Legislative Council—To be considered.

Post Office Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Amendments of the Legislative Council—To be considered.

Companies Act 1890 (Part III.) Amendment Bill—Second reading.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1897.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Outtrim, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Report of the Printing Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Victorian Naval and Military Forces.—Addition to and Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.
Land Act 1890.—Schedule of Swamp Leases.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Zox rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The question of the suspension of the regulation of the Governor in Council, made under the provisions of section 35 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1896*, and published in the *Government Gazette* on the 5th day of November, 1897, with a view of having a definition placed upon the term 'Tailors and Outfitters.'"
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Zox moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to vest the Trust Funds in Trustees and for other purposes*" without amendment.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.
W. A. ZEAL,
President.
- MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Main Street of Rutherglen to be reduced to a width not less than Fifty-six feet*" without amendment.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.
W. A. ZEAL,
President.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Vermin Destruction Act 1890*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendment with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.
W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendment be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

(700 copies.)

7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read :—

BRASSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-seven of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the purchase of an annuity for the Honorable Sir Graham Berry, K.C.M.G., late Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

8. BERRY ANNUITY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 8, having been read—On the motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the purchase of an annuity for the Honorable Sir Graham Berry, K.C.M.G., late Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Best do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

9. BERRY ANNUITY BILL.—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intitled "*A Bill to provide for the Purchase of an Annuity for the Honorable Sir Graham Berry, K.C.M.G., late Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Sir George Turner moved, That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intitled "*An Act to provide a Site for a Public Park and Garden at Port Melbourne*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intitled "*An Act to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of certain Land reserved as a site for a Mechanics' Institute and Public Hall at Birchip*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intitled "*An Act relating to the Colonial Ammunition Company Limited,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

12. COLONIAL AMMUNITION COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act relating to the Colonial Ammunition Company Limited*,” be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

13. TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS.—Mr. Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The total number of telegraph messengers.
2. The number performing messengers’ duty only.
3. The number performing partly non-clerical duties (such as line repairing or office routine work) and messengers’ duties.
4. The number performing partly clerical duties (such as operating or money order work) and messengers’ duties.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. PAPER.—Mr. Gavan Duffy presented—

Telegraph Messengers.—Return to the foregoing Order.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

15. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. Clause 3, line 20, omit “colony” and insert “colonies.”
2. “ same line, before “Tasmania” insert “New Zealand and.”
3. Clause 4, omit this clause.
4. Clause 5, lines 5–6, omit “in preference to a creditor applying in that capacity” and insert “where the estate does not amount in value to Three hundred pounds in preference to a creditor applying in that capacity whose debt does not amount to Fifty pounds or to a creditor who has not obtained the consent in writing of creditors to the amount of Fifty pounds.”
5. “ line 6, after “creditor” insert “whose debt does not amount to Fifty pounds.”
6. “ lines 6–7, omit “Registrar or.”
7. “ omit sub-clause (2).
8. Clause 7, lines 33–5, omit “and compliance herewith shall be deemed to be a condition of such creditor’s administration bond.”
9. “ line 36, omit “Curator” and insert “Master-in-Equity.”
10. Clause 9, line 8, after “that” insert “there has been negligence or maladministration of the estate or that.”
11. “ line 10, after “broken” insert “in any substantial particular.”
12. “ line 11, omit “same” and insert “administration bond.”
13. “ line 11, at end of line add “or to some person to be named in such Order.”
14. “ line 12, after “Curator” insert “or the person named in such Order.”
15. “ lines 17–18, omit “it thinks fit upon making such Order as aforesaid remove” and insert “satisfied that there has been negligence or maladministration make an Order removing.”
16. “ line 19, after “Curator” insert “or some person to be named in such Order.”
17. Clause 10, line 22, after “in” insert “either of.”
18. “ line 23, omit “colony” and insert “colonies.”
19. “ same line, before “Tasmania” insert “New Zealand or.”
20. After clause 11 insert the following new clause :—

BB. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section three of the *Administration and Probate Act 1892*, where a widow takes out administration to her husband’s estate the penalty of the bond required under sections fifteen and sixteen of the Principal Act shall be equal to the amount under which the property of the deceased is sworn, less the amount to which such widow is primarily entitled as her share of the estate.

(2) Sub-section (1) of this section shall have no force or effect in any case unless the widow applying for administration shall have given notice to creditors to send in their claims against the estate by advertisement in a newspaper published in Melbourne once at least for two consecutive weeks and in a newspaper circulating in the locality where the husband resided.

21. Clause 12, line 5, after “sums” insert “of Five pounds or upwards.”
22. Clause 13, line 17, after “sums” insert “of Five pounds or upwards.”
23. After clause 13 insert the following new clauses :—

A. It shall not be necessary for any list furnished pursuant to either of the two last preceding sections to have included therein any sum standing to the credit of or placed on deposit by any person who is living at the time of the furnishing of such list to the Curator if the person signing such list makes and attaches thereto a statutory declaration to the effect that such list contains and includes all sums required by either of the said sections, as the case may be, to be contained and included therein, except sums standing to the credit of or deposited by (as the case may be) persons who to the best of the declarant’s knowledge and belief are alive at the date of so furnishing such list.

E. This Act shall remain in force until the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 and 2 agreed to.
Amendments 3 to 8 inclusive disagreed with.
Amendments 9 to 14 agreed to.
Amendment 15 disagreed with.
Amendments 16 to 19 inclusive agreed to.
Amendment 20 disagreed with.
Amendments 21 and 22 agreed to.
Amendment 23—

Amendment to insert new clause A agreed to.

Amendment to insert new clause E disagreed with.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the said amendments and have disagreed with others of the said amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

16. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. Clause 2, line 11, omit "last" and insert "first."
2. " line 12, omit "August" and insert "September."
3. Clause 4, line 13, after "regards" insert "all."
4. " line 14, after "payable" insert "on such day at a bank."
5. " same line, after "locality" insert "and not presented for payment before the said hours."
6. " same line, after "day" insert "shall."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate, the said amendments were agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.

17. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Clause 2, omit this clause.

Clause 3, omit this clause.

Insert the following new clauses:—

A. In the event of the fruit-growers of any fruit-growing district at any time failing to elect within such time as may be prescribed by the regulations all or any members of a local board of advice for such district it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to appoint all or any members of such local board, and any members so appointed shall be deemed and taken to have been elected by the fruit-growers of such district and shall hold office for such time as the regulations prescribe.

B. In clauses eight and nine of the *Vegetation Diseases Act 1896* before the word "eradicate" insert "all reasonable measures to."

Disagreed with by Assembly and insisted on by Council.

Disagreement with amendments to omit clauses 2 and 3 not insisted on.

Disagreement with amendment to insert new clause A not insisted on.

Disagreement with amendment to insert new clause B insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly insist on disagreeing with the amendment to insert new clause B, and do not insist on disagreeing with the other amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council.

18. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for giving precedence to Government Business on Wednesday be suspended for this evening, so as to enable Government Business to be proceeded with after half-past eight o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

19. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. Clause 6, omit paragraph (a).
2. " line 38, after "published" insert "in the colony."
3. " page 3, lines 9–12, omit "the letterpress of the same being printed in Victoria from type set up by hand or machine in Victoria or from stereotype plates made therefrom."
4. Clause 10, omit this clause.
5. Clause 11, line 25, omit "letter" and insert "post card."
6. " line 27, at end of line add "or on the outside of any letter or letter card."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendment 1—

Omission of paragraph (a) disagreed with, with the following amendment :—Omit "therefrom" (the last word of the paragraph) and insert "therein."

Amendment 2 disagreed with.

Amendment 3—

Omission disagreed with, with the following amendment:—Omit “therefrom” and insert “therein.”

Amendments 4, 5, and 6 agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the said amendments, have disagreed with one of the said amendments, and have disagreed with others, but have made certain consequential amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

20. COLONIAL AMMUNITION COMPANY LIMITED BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bromley,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Tutecher,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Sangster.

Nocs, 22.

Mr. Austin,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McKonzie,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Madden,	Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Maloney.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—

Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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

21. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to meet on days on which the House does not sit.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

22. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to Defunct Companies*,” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,

Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

23. DEFUNCT COMPANIES BILL.—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act relating to Defunct Companies*,” be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, read a third time. Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

24. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment was read and is as follows:—

Amendment made by the Legislative Council.

Clause 3, omit this clause.

How dealt with.
} Disagreed with by Assembly
} and insisted on by Council.

Mr. Best moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with the said amendment.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with the said amendment.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive be postponed until this day.

26. CAPE PATTERSON AND KILCUNDA JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Beazley moved, pursuant to amended notice, That all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills, except those relating to the payment of fees, be dispensed with, with the view of introducing a Bill to amend and continue an Act to authorize the construction of the Cape Patterson and Kileunda Junction Railway and for other purposes.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Beazley moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and continue an Act intitled “An Act to authorize the construction of the Cape Patterson and Kileunda Junction Railway and for other purposes.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Beazley and Mr. Bennett do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Beazley then brought up a Bill intitled “A Bill to amend and continue an Act intitled ‘An Act to authorize the construction of the Cape Patterson and Kileunda Junction Railway and for other purposes;’” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Mr. Beazley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Beazley moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Beazley, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

And the House having continued to sit till after twelve of the clock—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Trenwith reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Beazley, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Beazley moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Beazley, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

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

Petition of Christopher Sparling—To be considered.

28. BUNGAREE JUNCTION TO RACE-COURSE RESERVE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Best,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Beazley,	Sir B. O’Loghlen, Bart.,	Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. O’Neill,	Mr. Dyer,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Forrest,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Stapleton,	Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Trenwith,	Mr. Hamilton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,	Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Wilkins.	Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Maloney,		Mr. McLean,	Mr. Salmon.
Mr. McColl,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Austin,		
Mr. Moloney,	Mr. Duggan.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Murphy moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Murphy, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Murphy, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

29. RAILWAY DEPARTMENT—SERVICES TO OTHER PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount for services rendered credited to the Railway Department and debited to the other Public Departments (showing each Department separately) for the twelve months ending 30th September, 1897.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

30. TRAMWAYS EMPLOYÉS.—Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to amended notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the hours and alleged grievances of the Melbourne Tramways employés, such Committee to consist of Mr. Hancock, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. John A. Isaacs, Mr. Madden, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Zox, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Bromley moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

31. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intitled “*An Act to provide for the purchase of an Annuity for the Honorable Sir Graham Berry, K.C.M.G., late Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

32. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intitled “*An Act to provide for the appointment of a Board to reclassify the Public Service and for other purposes,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

And the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

Clause 3, lines 12-15, omit “Arthur Wolfe Chomley, Esquire, Judge of County Courts, John Henry Taylor, Esquire, Secretary of Friendly Society, and William Davidson, Esquire, Inspector-General of Public Works;” and insert “three gentlemen to be appointed by the Governor in Council.”

Clause 4, line 9, before “In” insert “The Governor in Council may remove any member of the Board and.”

Clause 5, line 16, omit “said Arthur Wolfe Chomley shall be” and insert “Governor in Council may appoint.”

Sir George Turner moved, That this House disagree with the said amendments.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have disagreed with the said amendments.

33. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intitled “*An Act to amend the ‘Post Office Act 1890’ and for other purposes,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

And the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

1. Clause 6, omit paragraph (a).

2. “ line 38, after “published” insert “in the colony.”

3. “ page 3, lines 9-12, omit “the letter press of the same being printed in Victoria from type set up by hand or machine in Victoria or from stereo-type plates made therefrom.”

How dealt with.

{ Paragraph (a) re-inserted by Assembly, with an amendment.

{ Disagreed with by Assembly.

{ Words omitted re-inserted by Assembly, with an amendment.

} Legislative Council's amendments insisted on by Council.

Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with the said amendments insisted on by the Legislative Council.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with the said amendments insisted on by the Legislative Council.

34. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Vegetation Diseases Act 1896,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council still insist on their amendment with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

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Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Mr. Taverner moved, That the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Vegetation Diseases Act 1896'*" be now laid aside.

Debate ensued.

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

35. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Administration and Probate Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, and do not insist on their amendment to insert new clause E.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

And the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with
Clause 4, omit this clause.	
Clause 5, lines 5-6, omit "in preference to a creditor applying in that capacity" and insert "where the estate does not amount in value to Three hundred pounds in preference to a creditor applying in that capacity whose debt does not amount to Fifty pounds or to a creditor who has not obtained the consent in writing of creditors to the amount of Fifty pounds."	
" line 6, after "creditor" insert "whose debt does not amount to Fifty pounds."	
" lines 6-7, omit "Registrar or."	
" omit sub-clause (2).	
Clause 7, lines 33-5, omit "and compliance herewith shall be deemed to be a condition of such creditor's administration bond."	
Clause 9, lines 17-18, omit "it thinks fit upon making such Order as aforesaid remove" and insert "satisfied that there has been negligence or maladministration make an Order removing."	Disagreed with by Assembly and insisted on by Council.
After clause 11 insert the following new clause:—	
BB. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section three of the <i>Administration and Probate Act 1892</i> , where a widow takes out administration to her husband's estate the penalty of the bond required under sections fifteen and sixteen of the <i>Principal Act</i> shall be equal to the amount under which the property of the deceased is sworn, less the amount to which such widow is primarily entitled as her share of the estate.	
(2) Sub-section (1) of this section shall have no force or effect in any case unless the widow applying for administration shall have given notice to creditors to send in their claims against the estate by advertisement in a newspaper published in Melbourne once at least for two consecutive weeks and in a newspaper circulating in the locality where the husband resided.	

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this House do insist on disagreeing with the said amendments insisted on by the Legislative Council.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly insist on disagreeing with the said amendments.

36. **TRAMWAYS EMPLOYÉS.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the hours and alleged grievances of the Melbourne Tramways employés, such Committee to consist of Mr. Hancock, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. John A. Isaacs, Mr. Madden, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Zox, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum—having been read—
Debate resumed.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

37. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend and continue an Act intituled ‘An Act to authorize the construction of the Cape Patterson and Kilcunda Junction Railway and for other purposes’*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

38. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Thursday next :—

Companies Act 1890 (Part III.) Amendment Bill—Second reading.
Indecent Publications Prohibition Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

39. **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The following Orders of the Day were read and discharged :—
Supply—To be considered in Committee.

Hospitals and Charities Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

40. **WATER CONSERVATION IN NORTHERN AREAS.**—Mr. Langdon moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House steps should at once be taken in the selection of eligible sites for and the construction of large and extensive storage reservoirs on the higher levels or upper portions of the rivers and water-courses north of the Dividing Range, in order that a large quantity of the rainfall and flood waters that now run to waste may be conserved for the immediate benefit of the settlers in the northern areas.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

41. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act for the purpose of constructing a Railway Siding from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

42. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to provide for the appointment of a Board to reclassify the Public Service and for other purposes,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council do not insist on two of their amendments and insist on one of their amendments, with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

Amendment made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Clause 4, line 9, before “In” insert “The Governor in } Disagreed with by Assembly
Council may remove any member of the Board and.” } and insisted on by Council.

Sir George Turner moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with the said amendment.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with the said amendment.

43. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Administration and Probate Acts,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council still insist on their amendments with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1897.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Administration and Probate Acts*" be now laid aside.

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

44. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Defunct Companies.*"

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1897.

45. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

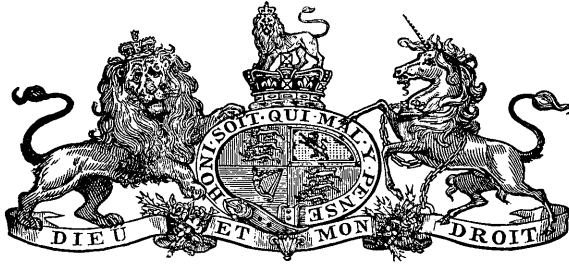
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eight minutes past four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Thursday next.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Thomas, Baron Brassey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by *The Constitution Act* it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he might think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by Proclamation or otherwise, whenever he should deem it expedient: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria": Now therefore I, the Governor of Victoria, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the said Council and Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria," until Tuesday, the 1st day of March, 1898.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, this twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixty-first year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

By His Excellency's Command,
GEORGE TURNER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Thomas, Baron Brassey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

I, THE Governor of Victoria, do hereby declare that I have this day assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the Bills passed by the Parliament of Victoria, the titles whereof are hereinafter set forth, that is to say:—

- "An Act relating to certain Public Contracts."
- "An Act to validate the purchase of the Great Morwell Coal Company's Line of Railway."
- "An Act to apply a certain provision of the *Local Government Act 1890* to the City of Melbourne and Town of Geelong."
- "An Act to declare the Rates of Duties of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight."
- "An Act to enable the Main Street of Rutherglen to be reduced to a width not less than fifty-six feet."
- "An Act relating to the Doekle and Katamatite Tramway."
- "An Act to provide for the Extension of the Dunolly Cemetery."
- "An Act relating to certain Public and Bank Holidays."
- "An Act to provide for the Purchase of an Annuity for the Honorable Sir Graham Berry, K.C.M.G., late Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."
- "An Act to vest the Trust Funds in Trustees and for other purposes."
- "An Act to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of certain Land reserved as a site for a Mechanics' Institute and Public Hall at Birchip."
- "An Act to provide a Site for a Public Park and Garden at Port Melbourne."
- "An Act to provide for the appointment of a Board to reclassify the Public Service and for other purposes."
- "An Act relating to the Colonial Ammunition Company Limited."
- "An Act to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*."
- "An Act to amend and continue an Act intitled 'An Act to authorize the construction of the Cape Patterson and Kilcunda Junction Railway and for other purposes.'"
- "An Act for the purpose of constructing a Railway Siding from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve."
- "An Act relating to Defunct Companies."
- "An Act to amend the *Post Office Act 1890* and for other purposes."

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, this twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and in the sixty-first year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

By His Excellency's Command,
GEORGE TURNER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SECOND SESSION 1897.



1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed 27th October, 1897.)

Mr. Beazley,*
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Burton,
Mr. Cameron,

* Resigned 30th November, 1897.

Mr. A. Harris,
Mr. Methven,†
Mr. Moule,
Mr. R. Murray Smith, C.M.G.

† Appointed 1st December, 1897.



2.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 16th November, 1897.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Graves,
Mr. Higgins,
Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Staughton,

Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Sir George Turner,
Mr. Vale,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Zox.



3.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 16th November, 1897.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Deakin,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,

Mr. Madden,
Mr. Shiels.



4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 16th November, 1897.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Moule,

Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Taverner.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 16th November, 1897.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. W. Anderson,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Craven,
Mr. Dyer,
Mr. Gray,

Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Langdon,
Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Rawson.

6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 16th November, 1897.)

Mr. J. Anderson,
Mr. Austin,
Mr. Bennett,

Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Wilkins.

7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 16th November, 1897.)

Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Carter,
Mr. Deakin,
Sir John McIntyre,

Mr. R. Murray Smith, C.M.G.,
Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Wheeler.

8.—“GOVERNMENT GAZETTE” MINING NOTICE INQUIRY.

(Appointed 16th November, 1897.)

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. McCay,

Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Salmon,*
Mr. Moule.†

* Discharged from attendance 17th November, 1897.

† Appointed 17th November, 1897.

9.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT).

(Appointed 23rd November, 1897.)

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Craven,
Mr. A. Harris,

Mr. Styles,
Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. White.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1897.

No. 1.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 18TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

No. 1.—*Post Office Act 1890 Amendment Bill.*—Clause 23.

The Second Schedule to this Act shall be substituted for and shall be deemed to be and may be cited as the Second Schedule to the *Post Office Act 1890.*—(Mr. Gavan Duffy.)

Amendment proposed—That the words “until the thirtieth day of June One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine” be added to the clause.—(Mr. Higgins.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

- Mr. Burton,
- Mr. Hamilton,
- Mr. Higgins,
- Mr. Kirton,
- Mr. Maloney,
- Mr. Moule,
- Mr. Sangster,
- Mr. Stapleton,
- Mr. J. B. Tucker,
- Mr. White,
- Mr. Zox.

Tellers.

- Mr. Cook,
- Mr. Deakin.

Noes, 50.

- Mr. J. Anderson,
- Mr. Bennett,
- Mr. Best,
- Mr. Bromley,
- Mr. Cameron,
- Mr. Gavan Duffy,
- Mr. Duggan,
- Mr. Dyer,
- Mr. Forrest,
- Mr. Foster,
- Mr. Gillies,
- Mr. Graham,
- Mr. Graves,
- Mr. Gray,
- Mr. Hancock,
- Mr. J. Harris,
- Mr. Irvine,
- Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,
- Mr. John A. Isaacs,
- Mr. Kennedy,
- Mr. Keys,
- Mr. Madden,
- Mr. J. W. Mason,
- Mr. McBride,
- Mr. McCay,
- Mr. McColl,
- Sir John McIntyre,
- Mr. McKenzie,
- Mr. McLean,
- Mr. McLeod,
- Mr. Morrissey,
- Mr. O'Neill,
- Mr. Peacock,
- Mr. Shiels,
- Mr. R. Murray Smith,
- Mr. T. Smith,
- Mr. Staughton,
- Mr. Taverner,
- Mr. Toutcher,
- Mr. Trenwith,
- Mr. A. L. Tucker,
- Sir George Turner,
- Mr. Turner,
- Mr. Vale,
- Mr. Watt,
- Mr. Wilkins,
- Mr. E. D. Williams,
- Mr. H. R. Williams.

Tellers.

- Mr. Bailes,
- Mr. Beazley.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—*Fraudulent Railway Tickets Bill.*—Clause 5.

(1) Whosoever without being duly authorized in that behalf by the Victorian Railways Commissioner (the proof of which authority shall lie on the party accused) sells or offers for sale or transfers or attempts to sell or transfer any ticket pass or symbol issued by authority in order in any such case to enable any other person to use the same for the purpose of travelling therewith by railway or train on a line or lines of railway vested in or under the control of the said Commissioner shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding One hundred pounds or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding three months.

Penalty for unlawfully selling or transferring railway tickets.

(3) Whosoever without reasonable excuse (the proof of which shall lie on the party accused) directly or indirectly purchases or receives from any person not duly authorized as aforesaid any such ticket pass or symbol or uses or attempts to use for the purpose of travelling therewith on a line or lines of railway vested in or under the control of the said Commissioner any such ticket pass or symbol so purchased or received shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds."

And also be liable to a penalty.

(4) This section shall not be deemed to prohibit any person from purchasing a ticket pass or symbol from the said Commissioner or any of his officers or employes for or for the use of some person other than such purchaser or to prohibit the person for whom or for whose use such ticket pass or symbol was so purchased from using the same.—(*Mr. H. R. Williams.*)

Non-application.

Motion made and question put—That sub-section (3), as amended, stand part of the clause. Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Foster,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. Morrissey,	
Mr. Peacock,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Cook.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Beazley,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. J. B. Tucker.
Mr. Hancock,	
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. McBride,	

Tellers.

Mr. Maloney,
Mr. McCay.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1897.

No. 2.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 2ND DECEMBER, 1897.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

No. 1.—*Dangerous Buildings Removal Bill.*—New clause B.

In the event of any workman suffering personal injury disablement or death while engaged on any such work compensation shall be paid by the employer at the following rate:—In the event of injury disabling or incapacitating such workman he shall be entitled to recover the full amount of his weekly wages until his full recovery not exceeding in all the amount of three years' wages at the rate at which such workman was employed. In the event of death the employer shall be liable to pay to the representatives of the workman the amount of three years' wages. All or any of the above sums may be recovered in the County Court.—(Mr. Trenwith.)

Motion made and question put—That new clause B be added to the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cook,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Wilkins.

Noes, 38.

Mr. W. Anderson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Gillies,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McArthur,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Madden.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1897.

No. 2.—*Drainage Bill*.—Clause 9.

(1) If in the opinion of the council any land within the Drainage Area is not as to the drainage of surface and storm water drained by some efficient drain communicating with some public water-course or drain within the Drainage Area the council may construct through any lands lying between the first-mentioned land and any such water-course or drain an efficient drain suited for draining from the first-mentioned land and from the intermediate lands such surface and storm water as aforesaid.

Council may construct drains to carry off surface and storm water. See N.Z. Act 57 Vict. No. 46 s. 22.

(2) All expenditure incurred by the council in respect of or connected with any such drain or any part thereof shall be repaid to them by the owner or owners of land which in the opinion of the council is benefited thereby and the council may apportion such expenditure among any two or more owners of separate lands so benefited in proportion to the amount of benefit derived and in such case the expenditure shall be repaid to the council by such separate owners respectively in the aforesaid "proportions."

Expenditure may be apportioned by council.

(3) Until repayment every sum due to the council under the provisions of this section shall be and remain a charge upon the land in respect of which it is due and may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction from the owner of the land for the time being.—(*Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs.*)

Amount due to be a charge and recoverable.

Amendment proposed—That the words "Provided that if any owner shall feel aggrieved by any such apportionment and shall make complaint thereof to any police magistrate it shall be lawful for such police magistrate to summon the council making such apportionment to appear before a police magistrate at a time and place to be named in the summons, and upon the appearance of the parties or in the absence of any of them upon proof of due service of the summons it shall be lawful for such last-mentioned police magistrate to hear and determine the question of such apportionment and for that purpose to examine such parties or any of them and their witnesses upon oath; and the costs of every such inquiry shall be in the discretion of such police magistrate and he shall settle the amount thereof" be inserted after the word "proportions," in line 12.—(*Mr. Madden.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. W. Anderson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Carter,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. White.
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Toutcher.

Noes, 47.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Burton,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hancock,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Sangster.
Mr. McGregor,	

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1897.

No. 3.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 16TH DECEMBER, 1897.

THURSDAY (MORNING), 16TH DECEMBER, 1897.

No. 1.—*Cape Patterson and Kilcunda Junction Railway Bill.*—New clause G.

(1) The promoter shall pay or cause to be paid to each workman and labourer employed in or about the construction of the line a wage or price at a rate of or equal to at least six "shillings" per day of eight hours.

(2) All persons employed in or about the working of the line shall be paid by the promoter a wage or salary not less than that which for the time being is payable by the Victorian Railways Commissioner to persons performing similar work in or about the working of the Victorian railways.

(3) Every workman or labourer employed at any work in or about any mine upon the said mineral leaseholds of the promoter shall be paid the same rate of wage or price as that for the time being required to be paid to any workman or labourer performing like work in any coal mine from which Victorian coal is supplied under contract to, or for the use of, the Department of the Victorian Railways.

(4) The full amount of all such wages, prices, salaries, or rates, as aforesaid, shall be paid in money to every workman, labourer, or person entitled thereto, as the same becomes due, and, notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, every such workman, labourer, or person, if not so paid as aforesaid, may recover such wage, price, salary, or rate, as the case may be, from the promoter in any court of competent jurisdiction.—(*Sir George Turner.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "and eightpence" be inserted after the word "shillings," in line 2.—(*Mr. Hancock.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. J. Anderson,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Methven,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Moloney,	
Mr. Murphy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Maloney.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Dyer,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. McColl.
Sir John McIntyre,	

And so it passed in the negative.

