

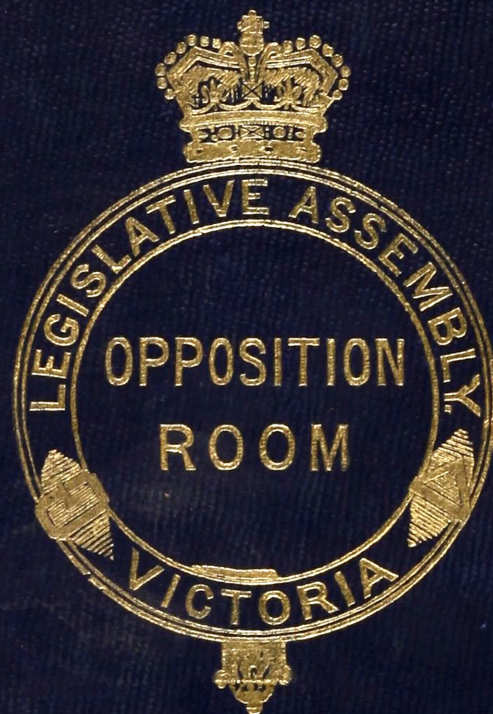
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- ACTING VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONER :** Bill to provide for the further appointment of an Acting Victorian Railways Commissioner—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 29 Jan., 1903, p. 107 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Feb., p. 110 ; Council's agreement notified, 17 Feb., p. 122. (*Assented to 20 February, 1903. Act No. 1817.*)
- ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the Administration and Probate Acts—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Bill initiated on resolution of Committee of the whole fixing new rates of duties on the estates of deceased persons ; read a first and 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 with a further amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., 1902, pp. 89–92.—Bill laid aside by the Council.
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- ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (LEGAL CHARGES) :** Bill relating to legal charges for obtaining Probate or Letters of Administration—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 4 Feb., 1903, p. 111 ; 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 ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 1 April, p. 180 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 190. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1827.*)
- APPROPRIATION :** Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and three, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means ; read a first and second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time with amendments ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 March, 1903, p. 140 ; Council's agreement notified, 10 March, p. 149. (*Assented to 7 April, 1903. Act No. 1844.*)
- BALLAARAT COURT HOUSE LAND :** Bill intituled "*An Act relating to certain Land granted as a Site for a Market Place in the City of Ballaarat*"—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 18 Dec., 1902, p. 92 ; passed without amendment, 19 Dec., p. 94. (*Assented to 5 February, 1903. Act No. 1814.*)
- BENALLA PUBLIC ROAD REVOCATION :** Bill to revoke the Proclamation as a public road of certain land in the town of Benalla and to vest such land in the Country Fire Brigades Board—(*Mr. Hall*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 122 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 April, p. 186 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 191. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1838.*)
- CHURCH OF ENGLAND :** Bill relating to the Church of England in Victoria—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 March, 1903, p. 149 ; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Deputy-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 passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 March, p. 152 ; Council's agreement notified, 17 March, p. 157. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1821.*)
- COLAC LAND RESERVE REVOCATION :** Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain Crown land in the County of Polwarth, Town of Colac—(*Mr. Taverner*).—Initiated and read a first time, 5 March, 1903, p. 141 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 April, p. 184 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 190. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1833.*)
- COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE :** Bill to authorize the sale of certain land reserved as a site for a public library and reading room at Colac and for other purposes—(*Mr. Taverner*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 17) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 22 Jan., 1903, p. 99 ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon ; Bill initiated and read a first time, 11 March, p. 151 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 April, p. 183 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 190. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1834.*)

- CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION : Bill to settle industrial disputes by means of conciliation and arbitration—(*Mr. Trenwith*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 1) : Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and seventy-seven thousand seven hundred and seventy-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired; Council's agreement notified, 22 Oct., 1902, p. 21. (*Assented to 24 October, 1902. Act No. 1790.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 2) : Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Seven hundred and seventy-one thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., 1902, p. 89; Council's agreement notified, 18 Dec., p. 92. (*Assented to 22 December, 1902. Act No. 1813.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 3) : Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and twenty-three thousand and seventy-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 Feb., 1903, p. 129; Council's agreement notified, 25 Feb., p. 133. (*Assented to 27 February, 1903. Act No. 1818.*)
- CONSTITUTION REFORM : Bill to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 7) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 28 Oct., 1902, p. 25. Bill initiated and read a first time, 12 Nov., p. 44; Message considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, and resolution for appropriation reported and agreed to, 13 Nov., p. 47; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 20 Nov., p. 55; debate continued, 25 Nov., p. 58; 26 Nov., p. 60; 27 Nov., p. 61; 28 Nov., p. 63; 2 Dec., p. 66; debate resumed—amendment proposed to omit all words after the word "That" with a view to insert in place thereof the words "this House is opposed to the Constitution Reform Bill as proposed by the Government, and declares that the Bill will not be acceptable unless the clauses providing for the restriction of the franchise are eliminated and both Houses are elected upon an universal suffrage basis and unless provision be made for the initiative and referendum. And this House further declares that no measure will be acceptable which embodies proposals that were not submitted to the electors at the last general election"; amendment, on division, not made; Bill read a second time, on division, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and committed; considered in Committee, 3-4 Dec., pp. 70-71; further considered in Committee, 4-5 Dec., p. 73; 9 Dec., p. 76; 10 Dec., p. 77; 11 Dec., p. 79; 12 Dec., p. 82; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 16-17 Dec., p. 83; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill, on division, read the third time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., pp. 85-6; Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 18 Feb., 1903, p. 123; amendments considered—some agreed to, others disagreed with, and two agreed to with amendments, 25 Feb., pp. 131-3. Message from the Council that they insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, agree to one of the amendments made by the Assembly on an amendment of the Council, and agree to another of such amendments with a further amendment, and insist on one of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly with an amendment, and desire concurrence; the Assembly insist on disagreeing with the amendments made and insisted on by the Council, and agree to the further amendment of the Council on the amendment of the Assembly on the Council's amendment in clause 5, 10 March, pp. 146-9. 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Free Conference desired on the subject-matter of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, and seven Members appointed to be Managers of the Conference. Message from the Council that they had appointed seven Members to confer with the like number of Members of the Assembly, and naming the place and fixing time of meeting of the Conference, whereupon the Managers for the Assembly proceeded to the place of meeting, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair; Mr. Deputy-Speaker subsequently resumed the Chair, and it was announced that the Conference had met, and, after discussion, adjourned to a future day, 12 March, p. 155; Mr. Deputy-Speaker having vacated the Chair during the sittings of the Conference, the proceedings of the Conference were continued, 17 March, p. 158; 18 March, p. 159; 19 March, p. 161; further continued, and the recommendations arrived at by the Managers for the Assembly and a majority of the Managers for the Council, after discussion, *in camera*, reported to the House, the Conference having adjourned to the following day in order to consider and deal with the complete draft of the amendments required to give effect to their recommendations, 24 March, pp. 163-4; Mr. Deputy-Speaker having vacated the Chair during the sittings of the Conference the proceedings were continued, 25 March, p. 165; further continued



and conclusion reported, 26 March, p. 167 ; amendments of the Council with the recommendations of the Conference thereon considered and the recommendations agreed to ; concurrence of the Council desired, 31 March—1 April, pp. 169-178 ; Council's concurrence notified, 2 April, p. 182. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 26) recommending certain amendments in the Bill ; amendments agreed to ; Message transmitted to the Council and their concurrence requested, 3 April, p. 183 ; Council's agreement notified, 3 April, p. 187. Bill reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, 7 April, p. 191.

**CORONERS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT :** Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Coroners Act 1890'*"—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 12 Nov., 1902, p. 43 ; 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 with a further amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendments desired, 1 April, 1903, p. 180 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 191. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1828.*)

**CROWN LANDS SELECTION AND PURCHASE :** Bill relating to the selection and purchase of Crown lands—(*Mr. Taverner*).—Initiated and read a first time, 5 March, 1903, p. 141 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 April, p. 184 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 190. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1831.*)

**DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT :** Bill to further amend the *Dairying Companies Act 1900*—(*Mr. Brown*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 122 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 April, p. 186 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 191. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1840.*)

**DEBENTURES DESTRUCTION :** Bill to authorize the destruction of discharged public debentures, bonds, and coupons—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 Nov., p. 35 ; Council's agreement notified, 18 Nov., p. 49. (*Assented to 25 November, 1902. Act No. 1801.*)

**DEFENCES AND DISCIPLINE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the *Defences and Discipline Act 1890*—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 Oct., 1902, p. 33 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Nov., p. 38 ; report by the Clerk of a correction made by him in the Bill, 11 Nov., p. 39 ; Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 18 Nov., p. 50. (*Assented to 25 November, 1902. Act No. 1802.*)

**EASTERN MALLEE WATER SUPPLY :** Bill to provide by pumping for the supply of water from Long Lake to part of the Eastern Mallee—(*Mr. E. H. Cameron*).—Initiated and read a first time, 21 Oct., 1902, p. 16 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 13 Nov., p. 47 ; read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Nov., p. 49 ; Council's agreement notified, 26 Nov., p. 60. (*Assented to 9 December, 1902. Act No. 1808.*)

**EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the *Education Act 1901*—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 5) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 15 Oct., 1902, p. 8 ; 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, 16 Oct., p. 14 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Oct., p. 17 ; Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified, 18 Dec., p. 92. Order for consideration of the Council's amendment discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.

**ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION :** Bill relating to the limitation of election expenses—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 121 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 5 March, p. 142. Order for further consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.

**FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS CONTINUANCE :** Bill to revive and continue the *Factories and Shops Act 1896* and the Acts amending the same—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12.

**FEES.**—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be charged under the Bill ; matter considered ; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended ; resolution fixing the amount of fees for registration of factories and work-rooms to be chargeable under the Bill reported and agreed to, 21 Oct., p. 16.

Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Oct., p. 16 ; Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified ; amendments considered—one agreed to, others disagreed with, and three agreed to with amendments, 11 Nov., pp. 40-42. Message from the Council notifying their agreement to some of the amendments of the Assembly on the Council's amendments, and their disagreement with one of such amendments, and insisting on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, 18 Nov., p. 51 ; amendments made and insisted on by the Council considered. Free Conference desired with the Council, and seven Members appointed to be Managers of the Conference, 19 Oct., p. 53. Message from the Council that they had appointed seven Members to confer with a like number of

- Members of the Assembly, and naming the place and fixing time of meeting of the Conference, whereupon the Managers for the Assembly proceeded to the place of meeting, and Mr. Speaker left the Chair; Mr. Speaker subsequently resumed the Chair, and it was announced that the Conference had met, and, after discussion, adjourned until next day, 25 Nov., p. 58; Mr. Speaker having resumed the Chair, vacated during the sitting of the Conference, the results of the Conference were reported, and that it had adjourned to the following Tuesday that detailed amendments might be drafted to carry out its recommendations, 26 Nov., p. 59; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, vacated during the sitting of the Conference; it was reported that the Conference had considered and agreed to the detailed amendments to carry out their recommendations, 2 Dec., p. 65; amendments insisted on by the Council, with the recommendations of the Conference thereon, considered and the recommendations agreed to; concurrence of the Council desired, 3 Dec., pp. 67-9; Council's concurrence notified, 16 Dec., p. 83. (*Assented to 5 December, 1902. Act No. 1804.*)
- GOLD BUYERS ACT 1901 REPEAL**: Bill to repeal the *Gold Buyers Act 1901*—(*Mr. Menzies*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 121. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS PREVENTION**: Bill to amend the Public Service and Railways Acts by preventing any new appointments for five years except by resolution of the Legislative Assembly—(*Mr. Andrews*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 122. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT**: Bill to further amend the *Health Act 1890*—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 19 Feb., 1903, p. 125. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- INCOME TAX**: Bill to declare the rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and three—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Resolution declaring the rates of duties of Income Tax for the year 1903 reported from Committee of Ways and Means and agreed to and Bill ordered thereupon; initiated and read a first time, 4 Feb., 1903, p. 112; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 11 Feb., p. 117; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 12 Feb., p. 119; further considered in Committee, 17 Feb., p. 122; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, and with an amended title, viz.:—“*A Bill to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and three and to continue and amend the Income Tax Acts,*” 18 Feb., p. 124; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 19 Feb., pp. 125-6; report from the Clerk of a correction made by him in the Bill, 24 Feb., p. 127. Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 26 Feb., p. 136. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 22) recommending an amendment in the Bill; amendment agreed to; Message transmitted to the Council and their concurrence requested, 3 March, p. 137; Council's agreement notified, 5 March, p. 143. (*Assented to 5 March, 1903. Act No. 1819.*)
- INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**: Bill relating to receipts of Income Tax during July and August One thousand nine hundred and three—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 March, 1903, p. 149; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 March, pp. 151-2; Council's agreement notified, 17 March, p. 157. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1823.*)
- INSOLVENCY**: Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to Insolvency*”—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 2 Dec., 1902, pp. 65-6; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 2 April, 1903, p. 182; further considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendment desired, 3 April, p. 184-5; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 191. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1836.*)
- JURORS EXEMPTION**: Bill to exempt Justices of the Peace from liability to serve as jurors—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 13. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT**: Bill to amend the Justices Acts—(*Mr. McGregor*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- JUSTICES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT**: Bill to further amend the *Justices Act 1890*—(*Mr. McGregor*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Feb., 1903, p. 136. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT**: Bill to amend the *Land Act 1901*—(*Mr. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1902, p. 58. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- LAW CLERKS ADMISSION**: Bill to provide for the admission of certain law clerks to practise as barristers and solicitors—(*Mr. Bailes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 122. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY**: Bill to provide for the admission to practise in Victoria of legal practitioners admitted to practise in the Courts of other States of the Commonwealth on terms of reciprocity—(*Mr. Fink*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 13. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.

- LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN :** Bill to legitimize children by registration under the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Acts—(*Mr. Maloney*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12; 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; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 March, 1903, p. 143; report from the Clerk of a correction made by him in the Bill, 10 March, p. 145; Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments agreed to, 3 April, pp. 186-7. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1835.*)
- LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT :** Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Licensing Act 1890'*"—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 29 Oct., 1902, p. 32. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- LOCAL RAILWAY RATES ABOLITION :** Bill to provide for the abolition of local rates on certain lines of railway—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 11 Nov., p. 42; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Nov., pp. 44-5; Council's agreement notified, 26 Nov., p. 60. (*Assented to 9 December, 1902. Act No. 1807.*)
- LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the *Lunacy Act 1890*—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Nov., 1902, p. 60. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT :** Bill relating to the Mallee Land Account—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 2) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 15 Oct., 1902, p. 8; 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, 16 Oct., p. 13; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 Oct., p. 28; Council's agreement notified, 11 Nov., p. 40. (*Assented to 12 November, 1902. Act No. 1792.*)
- MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT (BILL No. 2) :** Bill providing for the transfer to the Consolidated Revenue of the Mallee Land Account—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 4 Feb., 1903, p. 111; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 March, pp. 149-50; Council's agreement notified, 17 March, p. 157. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1822.*)
- MARRIAGE ACT 1900 AMENDMENT :** Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act 1900'*"—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 28 Oct., 1902, p. 27; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 12 Nov., p. 45; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendments desired, 18 Nov., p. 50; Council's agreement notified, 2 Dec., p. 66. (*Assented to 9 December, 1902. Act No. 1809.*)
- MEAT SUPERVISION ACT 1900 AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend section six of the *Meat Supervision Act 1900*—(*Mr. Cair*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 122. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS TRUST DEBENTURES :** Bill to provide for the restriction of transfer of debentures held by the Melbourne Tramways Trust—(*Sir Samuel Gillott*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 13; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Deputy-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 with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 April, 1903, p. 186; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 191. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1841.*)
- MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (ABOLITION OF FEES) :** Bill to abolish all fees paid for education at the Melbourne University—(*Mr. Smith*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 13. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- MEMBERS AND PUBLIC SERVICE RETRENCHMENT :** Bill to provide for the reduction until the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and three, of the reimbursement of expenses payable to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries or pay of certain public officers—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 22 Oct., p. 21; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 23-4 Oct., p. 23; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 Oct., pp. 26-7; Council's agreement notified, 11 Nov., p. 40. (*Assented to 12 November, 1902. Act No. 1793.*)
- METHODIST UNION :** Bill to confirm the Union in Victoria of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church, the Bible Christian Church, and The United Methodist Free Churches; to deal with the properties in Victoria of the said uniting churches, and to assimilate the Trusts thereof; to vest the said properties in the United Church under the name of The Methodist Church of Australasia; to give certain powers to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to amend *The Victorian Wesleyan Methodists' Act 1887*, and for other purposes—(*Mr. Kirton*).—Initiated and read a first time, 22 Oct., 1902, p. 21; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said that, in his opinion, the Bill was 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 passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Nov., p. 38; Council's agreement notified, 12 Nov., p. 44. (*Assented to 25 November, 1902. Act No. 1799.*)

- MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS ACT 1895 FURTHER AMENDMENT :** Bill to further amend the *Mildura Irrigation Trusts Act 1895* and for other purposes—(*Mr. E. H. Cameron*).—Initiated and read a first time, 4 March, 1903, p. 139 ; 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 ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 April, p. 182 ; Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified ; amendment agreed to, 3 April, p. 187. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1842.*)
- MINISTERS' AND OFFICERS' SALARIES RETRENCHMENT :** Bill to provide for the reduction until the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and three, of the salaries or pay of Responsible Ministers of the Crown and certain officers under *The Constitution Act* or Part IX. of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890*, or whose salaries or pay are provided for by Special Appropriations—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12 ; read a second time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly 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 with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 Oct., pp. 27-8 ; Council's agreement notified, 12 Nov., p. 44. Bill reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, 25 Nov., p. 75.
- MORTGAGE LIMITATION :** Bill to restrict security to the mortgaged property—(*Mr. Sangster*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 121. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT REDUCTION :** Bill to reduce for one year the municipal endowment—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Oct., p. 32 ; Council's agreement notified, 11 Nov., p. 39. (*Assented to 12 November, 1902. Act No. 1791.*)
- MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY :** Bill to indemnify the councillors of various municipalities for borrowing moneys by overdrafts on bankers for the purposes of their municipalities contrary to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1890* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Taverner*).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 Oct., 1902, p. 23 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 5 Nov., p. 35 ; read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 Nov., p. 42 ; Council's agreement notified, 2 Dec., p. 66. (*Assented to 9 December, 1902. Act No. 1811.*)
- PATENTS :** Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the law concerning Letters Patent for Inventions*"—(*Mr. Murray*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 3 Dec., 1902, p. 70 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time ; amendment proposed to omit "now" and after the word "time" insert the words "this day six months," and, on division, not made ; Bill read a second time, on division, and passed remaining stages without amendment, 11 March, 1903, pp. 152-3. Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending an amendment in the Bill received from the Council with a Message notifying their agreement thereto and requesting concurrence ; amendment agreed to, 17 March, p. 158. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1824.*)
- POLICE ASSURANCE :** Bill to amend Part III. of the *Police Regulation Act 1890* with regard to future appointees—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Oct., p. 16 ; Council's agreement notified, 12 Nov., p. 44. (*Assented to 25 November, 1902. Act No. 1798.*)
- POLICE OFFENCES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT :** Bill to further amend the *Police Offences Act 1890*—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1902, p. 58. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 27 Nov., p. 61.
- POUNDS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the *Pounds Act 1890*—(*Mr. Keogh*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Feb., 1903, p. 122. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- PROBATE DUTIES EVASION :** Bill to prevent the evasion of probate duties by entail settlement or otherwise—(*Mr. Maloney*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 122. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- PUBLIC BUILDINGS RENT :** Bill relating to charging public officers for rent of public buildings used by them for residence—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment, 29 Oct., p. 32 ; report considered—amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 Nov., p. 35 ; Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified ; amendment agreed to, 18 Nov., p. 50. (*Assented to 25 November, 1902. Act No. 1803.*)
- PUBLIC HOLIDAYS LAW AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the Act relating to public holidays by eliminating the general holiday for the Royal Agricultural Show Day when applied to places outside a radius of thirty miles from Melbourne—(*Mr. Shoppee*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Feb., 1903, p. 136 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 5 March, p. 143. Order for further consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- PUBLIC SERVICE ACTS AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the Public Service Acts—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 Oct., 1902, p. 23. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.

- PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION** : Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for public works and other purposes—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 28 Oct., 1902, p. 25 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Nov., p. 38 ; Council's agreement notified, 25 Nov., p. 57. (*Assented to 9 December, 1902. Act No. 1806.*)
- RAILWAY ACCIDENT FUND AND RAILWAYS STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT** : Bill relating to the Railway Accident Fund and to the Railways Stores Suspense Account—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 4 Feb., 1903, p. 111 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 March, p. 140 ; Council's agreement notified, 10 March, p. 149. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1820.*)
- RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING** : Bill to authorize the clearing of railway lands by fire at any time—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 28 Nov., 1902, p. 63. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION** : Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for railways—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 28 Oct., 1902, p. 25 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment, 5 Nov., p. 36 ; report considered—amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Nov., p. 38 ; Council's agreement notified, 18 Nov., p. 50. (*Assented to 9 December, 1902. Act No. 1805.*)
- RAILWAY PASSENGERS' ACTIONS** : Bill relating to actions against the Commissioner of Railways as a carrier of passengers—(*Mr. Gair*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 122. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT** : Bill to provide for the appointment of three Victorian Railways Commissioners instead of one Commissioner—(*Mr. Bent*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 23) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 10 March, 1903, p. 146 ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon ; Bill initiated and read a first time, 11 March, p. 151 ; read a second time, on division, and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 March, pp. 167-8 ; report from the Clerk of a correction made by him in the Bill, 31 March, p. 169. Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 7 April, p. 190. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1825.*)
- REGISTRATION OF BRANDS** : Bill to provide for the registration of the brands of cattle and the earmarks of sheep and for other purposes—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 122. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- SEED AND FODDER ADVANCES** : Bill to enable seed and fodder to be advanced on certain terms to cultivators of land—(*Mr. McKenzie*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 18) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon ; Bill initiated and read a first time, 23 Jan., 1903, p. 101 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 Jan., p. 105 ; Council's agreement notified, 5 Feb., p. 114. (*Assented to 6 February, 1903. Act No. 1816.*)
- SLUDGE** : Bill to prevent the pollution of rivers and other watercourses with sludge—(*Mr. Bowser*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- SPRING VALE NECROPOLIS** : Bill relating to the Necropolis, Spring Vale—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 28 Nov., 1902, p. 63 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 1 April, 1903, p. 180 ; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 April, p. 182. Report by the Clerk of a correction made by him in the Bill, 3 April, p. 183 ; Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified ; amendment agreed to with an amendment, 3 April, p. 188 ; Council's agreement to the amendment on their amendment notified, 7 April, p. 191. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1843.*)
- ST. ARNAUD LAND** : Bill to revoke the permanent reservation and grant of certain land at St. Arnaud—(*Mr. Taverner*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Feb., 1903, p. 115 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 April, p. 183 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 190. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1839.*)
- STATISTICS COLLECTION** : Bill to provide for the collection of statistics—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 6 Nov., 1902, p. 37 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 13 Nov., p. 48 ; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Nov., p. 50 ; Council's agreement notified, 2 Dec., p. 66. (*Assented to 9 December, 1902. Act No. 1810.*)
- STOLEN CATTLE (RECENT POSSESSION)** : Bill to amend the law relating to the recent possession of stolen cattle—(*Mr. J. Cameron*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Feb., 1903, p. 136. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.

- TIED HOUSES ABOLITION** : Bill to abolish tied houses—(*Mr. Bailes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- TOTALIZATOR** : Bill to legalize the totalizator—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 122. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.
- TRADING STAMPS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT** : Bill to amend the *Trading Stamps Act 1901*—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Oct., 1902, p. 8 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Oct., p. 14 ; Council's agreement notified, 11 Nov., p. 40. (*Assented to 12 November, 1902. Act No. 1794.*)
- TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT** : Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Transfer of Land Act 1890'*"—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 18 Dec., 1902, p. 92. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- TREASURY BONDS** : Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury bonds—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 3) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 15 Oct., 1902, p. 8 ; 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, 15 Oct., p. 13 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 Oct., p. 28. Council's agreement notified, 12 Nov., p. 44. (*Assented to 25 November, 1902. Act No. 1795.*)
- TREASURY BONDS (BILL NO. 2)** : Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury bonds (No. 2)—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 4) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 15 Oct., 1902, p. 8 ; 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, 16 Oct., p. 14 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 30 Oct., pp. 33-4 ; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 Nov., p. 35 ; Council's agreement notified, 18 Nov., p. 49. (*Assented to 25 November, 1902. Act No. 1800.*)
- TRUSTEE COMPANIES** : Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Trustee Companies*"—(*Mr. Gavan Duffy*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 3 April, 1903, p. 187.—Bill lapsed.
- TRUST FUNDS ACT 1897 FURTHER AMENDMENT** : Bill to further amend the *Trust Funds Act 1897*—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 Oct., p. 29 ; Council's agreement notified, 12 Nov., p. 44. (*Assented to 25 November, 1902. Act No. 1797.*)
- UNIVERSITY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT** : Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'University Act 1890'*"—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 2 Dec., 1902, p. 66 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 1 April, 1903, p. 180 ; correction of a clerical error in the Bill on a report from the Clerk of the Parliaments notified by the Council and the concurrence of the Assembly desired ; correction concurred in, 2 April, p. 181. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1826.*)
- UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLIES AND PROCESSIONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT** : Bill to amend Part I. of the *Unlawful Assemblies and Processions Act 1890*—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 2 April, 1903, p. 182 ; 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 ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 April, p. 184 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 190. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1829.*)
- VICTORIAN LOANS REDEMPTION FUND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT** : Bill to further amend the *Victorian Loans Redemption Fund Act 1898*—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 Oct., p. 28 ; Council's agreement notified, 12 Nov., p. 44. (*Assented to 25 November, 1902. Act No. 1796.*)
- VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION** : Bill to abolish voters' certificates and for other purposes—(*Mr. Boyd*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 12. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, 1903, p. 185.
- WATER ACTS AMENDMENT (CONDAR SWAMP LANDS)** : Bill to amend the Water Acts so far as relates to the Condar swamp lands—(*Mr. E. H. Cameron*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 April, 1903, p. 179 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 April, p. 184 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 190. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1832.*)
- WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION** : Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for water supply in country districts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Initiated and read a first time, 28 Oct., 1902, p. 25 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 12 Nov., p. 44 ; debate continued, 13 Nov., p. 47 ; 18 Nov., p. 50 ; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time with an amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 19 Nov., p. 54 ; Council's agreement notified, 3 Dec., p. 70. (*Assented to 9 December, 1902. Act No. 1812.*)

**WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT** : Bill to amend the *Wills Act 1890*—(*Mr. Gavan Duffy* for *Mr. W. A. Hamilton*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1902, p. 13 ; additional member added to the members appointed to bring in the Bill, 18 Feb., 1903, p. 124. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 3 April, p. 185.

**WOMEN'S DISABILITIES REMOVAL** : Bill to remove some anomalies in the law relating to women—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1903, p. 121 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 5 March, p. 142 ; further considered in Committee and reported and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 April, p. 186 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 191. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1837.*)

**YEA RACE-COURSE RESERVE SALE** : Bill to provide for the sale of the Yea Race-course and Public Recreation Reserve and for the purchase of other land in lieu thereof—(*Mr. Taverner*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 25) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon ; Bill initiated and read a first time, 1 April, 1903, p. 179 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 April, p. 184 ; Council's agreement notified, 7 April, p. 190. (*Assented to 6 April, 1903. Act No. 1830.*)

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LIST OF MEMBERS.

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## SESSION 1902-3.

## MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

## NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FIRST SESSION (14TH OCTOBER, 1902, TO 7TH APRIL, 1903).

Member.	District.	Electors.*				Votes Polled for Sitting Member.†
		Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voters' Certificates.	Total.	
Andrews, Charles Leonard, Esquire ...	Geelong ... ..	5,063	1,198	227	6,488	1,641
Anstey, Frank, Esquire ... ..	East Bourke Boroughs	8,187	1,839	598	10,624	3,465
Argyle, Reginald Ivon, Esquire ...	Kyneton ... ..	1,531	843	362	2,736	1,104
Ashworth, Thomas Ramsden, Esquire ...	Ovens ... ..	1,477	751	62	2,290	855
Austin, Austin Albert, Esquire ...	Grenville ... ..	3,330	984	249	4,563	1,548
Bailes, Alfred Shrapnell, Esquire ...	Sandhurst ... ..	4,695	1,490	475	6,660	1,641
Barr, Robert, Esquire ... ..	Fitzroy ... ..	4,584	2,236	531	7,351	2,129
Beazley, William David, Esquire <sup>1</sup> ...	Collingwood ... ..	4,168	1,115	186	5,469	2,385
Bennett, George Henry, Esquire <sup>2</sup> ...	Richmond ... ..	5,018	1,477	374	6,869	2,272
Bent, The Honorable Thomas <sup>3</sup> ...	Brighton ... ..	3,077	689	...	3,766	Unopposed
Billson, John William, Esquire ...	Fitzroy ... ..	4,584	2,236	531	7,351	2,251
Bowser, John, Esquire <sup>4</sup> ... ..	Wangaratta and Rutherglen	2,686	1,033	263	3,982	1,339
Boyd, James Arthur, Esquire ... ..	Melbourne ... ..	3,778	720	67	4,565	1,297
Bromley, Frederick Hadkinson, Esquire <sup>5</sup>	Carlton ... ..	2,994	649	266	3,909	1,270
Brown, Joseph Tilley, Esquire ... ..	Shepparton and Euroa	1,987	462	...	2,449	Unopposed
Cameron, Ewen, Esquire ... ..	Portland ... ..	1,659	458	34	2,151	620
Cameron, The Honorable Ewen Hugh <sup>6</sup>	Evelyn ... ..	3,384	660	...	4,044	Unopposed
Cameron, James, Esquire ... ..	Gippsland East ... ..	2,254	746	...	3,000	Unopposed
Chirnside, Captain John Percy ... ..	Grant ... ..	1,835	532	80	2,447	962
Craven, Albert William, Esquire ...	Benambra ... ..	1,893	513	...	2,406	Unopposed
Cullen, John, Esquire ... ..	Gunbower ... ..	1,903	725	...	2,628	Unopposed
Downward, Alfred, Esquire ... ..	Mornington ... ..	3,817	850	...	4,667	Unopposed
Duffus, James Francis, Esquire ...	Port Fairy ... ..	1,591	439	123	2,153	766
Duffy, The Honorable John Gavan ...	Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield	1,665	500	209	2,374	806
Duggan, The Honorable Daniel Joseph	Dunolly ... ..	1,474	463	146	2,083	778
Elmslie, George Alexander, Esquire ...	Albert Park ... ..	2,195	657	277	3,129	1,073
Field, Frederick James, Esquire ...	Maryborough ... ..	1,907	378	325	2,610	1,103
Fink, The Honorable Theodore ... ..	Jolimont and West Richmond	1,651	749	203	2,603	913
Fletcher, John, Esquire ... ..	Bogong ... ..	1,516	727	195	2,438	857
Forrest, Charles Lamond, Esquire ...	Polwarth ... ..	2,516	942	...	3,458	Unopposed
Gair, Mackay John Scobie, Esquire ...	Bourke East ... ..	2,288	535	...	2,823	Unopposed

## NOTES.

\* Including holders of "Voters' Certificates."

† Except where the Member's name is printed in *italic*, the particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1902; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 24 September, 1902, the "day of nomination," and in other cases, 1 October, 1902, the "day of polling." Where the Member's name is printed in *italic* the particulars relate to elections subsequent to the General Election, and the dates of these elections will be found in the following notes:—

<sup>1</sup> Mr. W. D. Beazley, Chairman of Committees, from 24 November, 1897.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. G. H. Bennett, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

<sup>3</sup> The Hon. T. Bent, Minister of Railways and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 10 June, 1902; Commissioner of Public Works (without salary) and Minister of Public Health (without salary), from 6 February, 1903.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. J. Bowser, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. F. H. Bromley, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

<sup>6</sup> The Hon. E. H. Cameron, Minister of Mines and Water Supply, from 10 June, 1902.

Member.	District.	Electors.*				Votes Polled: for Sitting Member.†
		Rate- payers.	Non-Rate- payers.	Voter's Certifi- cates.	Total.	
Gillies, The Honorable Duncan <sup>7</sup> ...	Toorak ... ..	3,712	1,041	...	4,753	Unopposed
Gillott, The Honorable Sir Samuel ...	Melbourne East ...	3,572	1,503	320	5,395	1,934
Graham, The Honorable George ...	Numurkah and Nathalia	1,906	317	11	2,234	986
Graves, The Honorable James Howlin <sup>8</sup>	Delatite ... ..	2,168	410	92	2,670	984
Grose, Walter Bolitho, Esquire ...	Creswick ... ..	1,339	372	146	1,857	916
Hall, William, Esquire <sup>9</sup> ... ..	Benalla and Yarrawonga	2,133	1,254	...	3,387	Unopposed
Hamilton, Charles, Esquire ... ..	Windermere ... ..	1,198	388	110	1,696	754
Hamilton, Walter Alfred, Esquire ...	Sandhurst ... ..	4,695	1,490	475	6,660	1,755
Harris, Albert, Esquire ... ..	Gippsland Central ...	2,444	750	...	3,194	Unopposed
Harris, Joseph, Esquire ... ..	South Yarra ... ..	2,096	624	269	2,989	1,173
Hennessy, David Valentine, Esquire ...	Carlton South ... ..	1,767	686	218	2,671	859
Hickford, Frederick Thomas, Esquire	East Bourke Boroughs	8,187	1,839	598	10,624	3,114
Hirsch, Maximilian, Esquire ... ..	Mandurang ... ..	1,505	568	117	2,190	767
Holden, George Frederick, Esquire ...	Warrenheip ... ..	1,498	584	100	2,182	864
Hunt, Thomas, Esquire <sup>10</sup> ... ..	Anglesey ... ..	2,620	467	147	3,234	911
Hutchinson, William, Esquire ... ..	Borong ... ..	2,054	656	333	3,043	1,168
Irvine, The Honorable William Hill <sup>11</sup>	Lowan ... ..	1,914	443	...	2,357	Unopposed
Keast, William Stephen, Esquire ... ..	Dandenong and Berwick	3,549	642	284	4,475	1,368
Keogh, Hubert Patrick, Esquire ... ..	Gippsland North ... ..	1,987	294	...	2,281	Unopposed
Kerr, David, Esquire ... ..	Grenville ... ..	3,330	984	249	4,563	1,742
Kirkwood, Hay, Esquire ... ..	Eaglehawk ... ..	1,742	283	391	2,416	1,058
Kirton, The Honorable Joseph William	Ballarat West ... ..	4,781	1,257	392	6,430	2,315
Lancaster, Samuel, Esquire ... ..	Rodney ... ..	4,207	1,357	656	6,220	2,321
Langdon, Thomas, Esquire ... ..	Korong ... ..	1,683	539	...	2,222	Unopposed
Lawson, Harry Sutherland Wightman, Esquire	Castlemaine ... ..	2,324	1,234	312	3,870	1,632
Levien, The Honorable Jonas Felix ...	Barwon ... ..	1,814	497	72	2,383	756
Livingston, Thomas, Esquire ... ..	Gippsland South ...	2,642	603	371	3,616	1,298
Mackey, John Emanuel, Esquire ... ..	Gippsland West ... ..	3,826	963	261	5,050	1,542
Mackinnon, Donald, Esquire ... ..	Prahran ... ..	2,309	532	322	3,163	1,298
Madden, Frank, Esquire ... ..	Eastern Suburbs ... ..	4,384	946	121	5,451	1,650
Maloney, William, Esquire ... ..	Melbourne West ... ..	1,713	728	...	2,441	Unopposed
Martin, George, Esquire ... ..	Geelong ... ..	5,063	1,198	227	6,488	1,826
McBride, Peter, Esquire ... ..	Kara Kara ... ..	1,700	415	...	2,115	Unopposed
McCutcheon, Robert George, Esquire	St. Kilda ... ..	2,963	998	465	4,426	1,770
McDonald, Alexander, Esquire ... ..	Footscray ... ..	3,449	896	498	4,843	1,699
McGregor, The Honorable Robert ...	Ballarat East ... ..	2,454	682	281	3,417	1,683
McKenzie, The Honorable Malcolm Kenneth <sup>12</sup>	Anglesey ... ..	2,607	1,086	...	3,693	Unopposed
McLeod, The Honorable Donald ... ..	Daylesford ... ..	1,451	432	...	1,883	Unopposed
Menzies, Hugh, Esquire ... ..	Stawell ... ..	1,609	534	214	2,357	932
Mitchell, George, Esquire ... ..	Talbot and Avoca ...	1,443	492	...	1,935	Unopposed
Morrissey, The Honorable John ... ..	Rodney ... ..	4,207	1,357	656	6,220	2,274
Murray, The Honorable John <sup>13</sup> ...	Warrnambool ... ..	1,585	726	...	2,311	Unopposed
Oman, David Swan, Esquire ... ..	Ripon and Hampden ...	2,195	841	252	3,288	1,164
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G.	Clunes and Allandale ...	1,315	227	112	1,654	790
Prendergast, George Michael, Esquire	Melbourne North ... ..	2,232	914	379	3,525	1,324
Ramsay, Alexander Gordon Culbert, Esquire	Williamstown ... ..	2,609	532	270	3,411	1,559

For notes (\*) and (†) see page xlix.

<sup>7</sup> The Hon. D. Gillies, Speaker, from 14 October, 1902.

<sup>8</sup> The Hon. J. H. Graves, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. W. Hall, deceased, 25 April, 1903, after termination of the Session 1902-3.

<sup>10</sup> Mr. T. Hunt, elected 6 March, 1903, *vice* the Hon. M. K. McKenzie, resigned.

<sup>11</sup> The Hon. W. H. Irvine, Attorney-General from 10 June, 1902, and Solicitor-General (without salary), from 6 February, 1903.

<sup>12</sup> The Hon. M. K. McKenzie, President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, from 10 June, 1902, to 28 January, 1903; resigned his seat, 12 February, 1903; succeeded by Mr. T. Hunt.

<sup>13</sup> The Hon. J. Murray, Chief Secretary, also Minister of Labour (without salary), from 10 June, 1902.

Member.	District.	Electors.*				Votes Polled for Sitting Member.†
		Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voters' Certificates.	Total.	
Sangster, George, Esquire ... ..	Port Melbourne ... ..	1,987	419	326	2,732	1,033
Shiels, The Honorable William <sup>14</sup> . ... ..	Normanby ... ..	1,644	468	...	2,112	Unopposed
Shoppee, Charles Collett, Esquire ... ..	Ballarat West ... ..	4,781	1,257	392	6,430	2,435
Smith, Thomas, Esquire ... ..	Emerald Hill ... ..	2,100	534	187	2,821	1,366
Stanley, Robert, Esquire ... ..	Horsham ... ..	1,505	439	...	1,944	Unopposed
Staughton, Captain Samuel Thomas, D.S.O. <sup>15</sup>	Bourke West ... ..	1,659	510	...	2,169	Unopposed
Sterry, David Chaplin, Esquire ... ..	Sandhurst South ... ..	2,012	350	109	2,471	736
Swinburne, George, Esquire ... ..	Hawthorn ... ..	3,237	712	323	4,272	2,018
Taverner, The Honorable John William <sup>16</sup>	Donald and Swan Hill	5,227	913	...	6,140	Unopposed
Thomson, John, Esquire <sup>17</sup> ... ..	Dundas ... ..	1,859	605	155	2,619	942
Toucher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Ararat ... ..	1,349	706	340	2,395	850
Trenwith, The Honorable William Arthur	Richmond ... ..	5,018	1,477	374	6,869	2,169
Tucker, John Benjamin, Esquire ... ..	Melbourne South ... ..	2,011	548	150	2,709	1,101
Wallace, William, Esquire ... ..	Maldon ... ..	1,574	309	123	2,006	832
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ... ..	Essendon and Flemington	5,489	983	442	6,914	2,322
Watt, The Honorable William Alexander	Melbourne East ... ..	3,572	1,503	320	5,395	1,796
Wilkins, Edgar, Esquire ... ..	Collingwood ... ..	4,168	1,115	186	5,469	2,518
Williams, Edward David, Esquire ... ..	Castlemaine ... ..	2,324	1,234	312	3,870	1,420
Wilson, Dr. John Gratton ... ..	Villiers and Heytesbury	1,993	655	60	2,708	829

For notes (\*) and (†) see page xlix.

<sup>14</sup> The Hon. W. Shiels, Treasurer, from 10 June, 1902.

<sup>15</sup> Captain S. T. Staughton, D.S.O., deceased, 20 May, 1903, after termination of the Session 1902-3.

<sup>16</sup> The Hon. J. W. Taverner, Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 10 June, 1902, to 6 February, 1903; Minister of Agriculture (without salary), from 10 June, 1902; President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, from 6 February, 1903.

<sup>17</sup> Mr. J. Thomson, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

## OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i> ... ..	The Honorable DUNCAN GILLIES.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i> ... ..	WILLIAM DAVID BEAZLEY, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk</i> ... ..	THOMAS GREENLEES WATSON, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i> ... ..	HIBBERT HENRY NEWTON, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk of Committees and Serjeant-at-Arms</i> ... ..	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

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VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

The Parliament of Victoria begun and held at the City of Melbourne on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of October, in the second year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh; and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and two.

1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, for the despatch of business, pursuant to Proclamation (hereinafter set forth) Thomas Greenlees Watson, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and Hibbert Henry Newton, Esquire, Clerk-Assistant, attending in the House, the following Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk :—

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

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir George Sydenham Clarke, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Fellow of the Royal Society, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &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 the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation fix Tuesday, the 14th day of October, 1902, 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 the hour of Twelve o'clock noon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and two, and in the second year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

G. S. CLARKE.

By His Excellency's Command,  
WM. H. IRVINE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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 Honour 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 State, 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.

(500 copies.)

Then the said Letters Patent were read as follows :—

*EDWARD, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India :*

WHEREAS by Proclamation made the sixth day of October instant by His Excellency Sir GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Fellow of the Royal Society, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, the said Sir GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE did fix Tuesday, the fourteenth 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 State, called "The Parliament of Victoria," for the despatch of business, at Twelve of the clock at noon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And forasmuch as for certain causes the said Sir GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE 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, K.C.M.G., B.A., LL.D., the Chief Justice of Our Supreme Court of Victoria, and His Honour EDWARD DUNDAS HOLROYD, M.A., a Justice of Our said Court, do give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto you the said Sir JOHN MADDEN and EDWARD DUNDAS HOLROYD, or either of you, full power in Our name to begin and hold the said Session of Our said Parliament, and to do everything which for and by Us, or the said Sir GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE, 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 EDWARD DUNDAS HOLROYD, 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 State to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved Sir GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Fellow of the Royal Society, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c., at Melbourne, this tenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and two, and in the second year of Our reign.

GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. H. IRVINE.

Entered on Record by me in the Register of Patents, Book 24, page 265, this tenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and two.

G. C. MORRISON.

And then His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir John Madden, said—

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

We have it in command from His Excellency the Governor to inform you 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, gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, 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. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS.—His Honour Sir John Madden, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (who was accompanied by His Honour Mr. Justice Holroyd), 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 as follows :—

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Fellow of the Royal Society, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

To The Honorable Sir JOHN MADDEN, K.C.M.G., B.A., LL.D., the Chief Justice of Our Supreme Court in Our said State 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 State, do by these presents command and authorize you to proceed to the State Parliament House, in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of October instant, at Twelve of the clock at noon, then and there to administer the said Oath to the several Members of the said Legislative Assembly.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, at Melbourne, in the said State, this tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and two, and in the second year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. H. IRVINE.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 24, page 265, this tenth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and two.

G. C. MORRISON.

4. WRITS.—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor three letters, enclosing 84 Writs issued under the hand of His Excellency, for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, and that 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 ... ..	George Alexander Elmslie.
Anglesey ... ..	Malcolm Kenneth McKenzie.
Ararat ... ..	Richard Frederick Toutcher, of 339 Collins-street, Melbourne, estate and financial agent.
Ballarat East ... ..	Robert McGregor.
Ballarat West ... ..	{ Charles Collett Shoppee, and Joseph William Kirton.
Barwon ... ..	Jonas Felix Leven, of Drysdale, agriculturist.
Benalla and Yarrawonga ... ..	William Hall, of Goorambat, farmer.
Benambra ... ..	Albert William Craven, surveyor, Moonee Ponds.
Bogong ... ..	John Fletcher, of Beechworth, in the State of Victoria, bookseller.
Borong ... ..	William Hutchinson, jeweller, of Warracknabeal.
Bourke East ... ..	Mackay John Scobie Gair, Grosvenor-street, Moonee Ponds, solicitor.
Bourke West ... ..	Samuel Thomas Staughton, of Eynesbury, Melton, Victoria, grazier.
Brighton ... ..	The Honorable Thomas Bent, of Bay-street, Brighton.
Carlton ... ..	Frederick Hadenkinson Bromley, Carlton.
Carlton South ... ..	David Valentine Hennessy.
Castlemaine ... ..	{ Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson, 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, journalist, of Creswick.
Dandenong and Berwick ... ..	William Stephen Keast.
Daylesford ... ..	Donald McLeod, of Daylesford, accountant.
Delatite ... ..	James Howlin Graves.
Donald and Swan Hill ... ..	John William Taverner, of Kerang, farmer.
Dundas ... ..	John Thomson, of Monivae, Hamilton, grazier.
Dunolly ... ..	Daniel Joseph Duggan.
Eaglehawk ... ..	Hay Kirkwood, legal manager, Eaglehawk.
East Bourke Boroughs ... ..	{ Frank Anstey, of 306 Cardigan-street, Carlton, storeman, and Frederick Thomas Hickford, of 111 Sydney-road, Brunswick, solicitor.
Eastern Suburbs ... ..	Frank Madden, of Carson-street, Studley Park, Kew, solicitor.
Emerald Hill ... ..	Thomas Smith, Bank-street, South Melbourne, shop-keeper.
Essendon and Flemington ... ..	Edward Coughlan Warde.
Evelyn ... ..	Ewen Hugh Cameron, of Kangaroo Grounds, farmer.
Fitzroy ... ..	{ John William Billson, of 7 Michael-street, North Fitzroy, secretary, and Robert Barr, of 48 Brunswick-street, North Fitzroy, accountant.
Footscray ... ..	Alexander McDonald, builder, Footscray.
Geelong ... ..	{ George Martin, and Charles Leonard Andrews.
Gippsland Central ... ..	Albert Harris, of Walhalla, merchant.
Gippsland East ... ..	James Cameron.
Gippsland North ... ..	Hubert Patrick Keogh.
Gippsland South ... ..	Thomas Livingston, of Middle Park, in the State of Victoria, director and farmer.
Gippsland West ... ..	John Emanuel Mackey.
Grant ... ..	John Percy Chirnside, grazier, Werribee.
Grenville ... ..	{ David Kerr, and Austin Albert Austin.
Gunbower ... ..	John Cullen, farmer and licensed victualler, of Kerang.
Hawthorn ... ..	George Swinburne, of Kinkora-road, Hawthorn, civil engineer.
Horsham ... ..	Robert Stanley, farmer, Pimpinio.
Jolimont and West Richmond ... ..	Theodore Fink, solicitor, 497 Collins-street, Melbourne.
Kara Kara ... ..	Peter McBride, of St. Arnaud, merchant.
Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Laneefield ... ..	John Gavan Duffy, of "Narrara," Alma-road, St. Kilda, barrister and solicitor.



Korong ...	...	...	Thomas Langdon, of Prahran, commission agent.
Kyneton ...	...	...	Reginald Ivon Argyle, farmer, of Kyneton.
Lowan ...	...	...	William Hill Irvine, of Melbourne, barrister-at-law.
Maldon ...	...	...	William Wallace, of Bendigo, auctioneer and grain buyer.
Mandurang ...	...	...	Maximilian Hirsch.
Maryborough ...	...	...	Frederick James Field, of Maryborough, in Victoria, accountant.
Melbourne ...	...	...	James Arthur Boyd.
Melbourne East ...	...	...	{ Samuel Gillott, and
Melbourne North ...	...	...	{ William Alexander Watt.
Melbourne South ...	...	...	George Michael Prendergast.
Melbourne West ...	...	...	John Benjamin Tucker, of Cecil-street, South Melbourne, secretary.
Mornington ...	...	...	William Maloney, physician and surgeon, of No. 101 Roden-street, West Melbourne.
Normanby ...	...	...	Alfred Downward, of Mornington, grazier.
Numurkah and Nathalia ...	...	...	William Shiels, of Fitzroy-street, St. Kilda, barrister-at-law.
Ovens ...	...	...	George Graham, farmer, Wunghnu.
Polwarth ...	...	...	Thomas Ramsden Ashworth, of 92 Canterbury-road, South Melbourne, auctioneer.
Port Fairy ...	...	...	Charles Lamond Forrest.
Portland ...	...	...	James Francis Duffus, of Koroit, hotelkeeper.
Port Melbourne ...	...	...	Ewen Cameron.
Prahran ...	...	...	George Sangster, of Nott-street, Port Melbourne, engine-driver.
Richmond ...	...	...	Donald Mackinnon, of 434 Toorak-road, South Yarra, barrister.
Ripon and Hampden ...	...	...	{ George H. Bennett, and
Rodney ...	...	...	{ William Arthur Trenwith.
Sandhurst ...	...	...	David Swan Oman, of Derrinallum, farmer.
Sandhurst South ...	...	...	{ Samuel Lancaster, of Lancaster, farmer, and
Shepparton and Euroa ...	...	...	{ John Morrissey, of Byrneside, farmer and grazier.
South Yarra ...	...	...	{ Walter Alfred Hamilton, and
St. Kilda ...	...	...	{ Alfred Shrapnell Bailes.
Stawell ...	...	...	David Chaplin Sterry, of Ironbark, Bendigo, gentleman.
Talbot and Avoca ...	...	...	Joseph Tilley Brown, auctioneer, of Collins-street, Melbourne.
Toorak ...	...	...	Joseph Harris.
Villiers and Heytesbury ...	...	...	Robert George McCutcheon, publisher, Chapel-street, St. Kilda.
Wangaratta and Rutherglen ...	...	...	Hugh Menzies, licensed victualler, Stawell.
Warrenheip ...	...	...	George Mitchell, of Talbot, storekeeper.
Warrnambool ...	...	...	Duncan Gillies.
Williamstown ...	...	...	John Gratton Wilson, physician, Koroit-street, Warrnambool.
Windermere ...	...	...	John Bowser, of Wangaratta, journalist.
			George Frederick Holden, of Wallace, produce merchant.
			John Murray, of Hawthorn, gentleman.
			Alexander Gordon Culbert Ramsay.
			Charles Hamilton, of Camp-street, Ballarat, solicitor.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—G. A. Elmslie, Esq., The Honorable M. K. McKenzie, R. F. Toutcher, Esq., The Honorable R. McGregor, C. C. Shoppee, Esq., The Honorable J. W. Kirton, The Honorable J. F. Levien, A. W. Craven, Esq., J. Fletcher, Esq., W. Hutchinson, Esq., M. J. S. Gair, Esq., Captain S. T. Staughton, D.S.O., The Honorable T. Bent, F. H. Bromley, Esq., D. V. Hennessy, Esq., H. S. W. Lawson, Esq., E. D. Williams, Esq., The Honorable Sir Alexander Peacock, K.C.M.G., W. D. Beazley, Esq., W. B. Gross, Esq., W. S. Keast, Esq., The Honorable D. McLeod, The Honorable J. H. Graves, The Honorable J. W. Taverner, J. Thomson, Esq., The Honorable D. J. Duggan, Hay Kirkwood, Esq., F. Anstey, Esq., F. T. Hickford, Esq., T. Smith, Esq., E. C. Warde, Esq., The Honorable E. H. Cameron, J. W. Billson, Esq., R. Barr, Esq., A. McDonald, Esq., G. Martin, Esq., C. L. Andrews, Esq., A. Harris, Esq., J. Cameron, Esq., T. Livingston, Esq., J. E. Mackey, Esq., Captain J. P. Chirnside, D. Kerr, Esq., A. A. Austin, Esq., J. Cullen, Esq., G. Swinburne, Esq., R. Stanley, Esq., The Honorable T. Fink, P. McBride, Esq., The Honorable J. Gavan Duffy, T. Langdon, Esq., R. I. Argyle, Esq., The Honorable W. H. Irvine, W. Wallace, Esq., Max Hirsch, Esq., J. A. Boyd, Esq., The Honorable Sir Samuel Gillott, The Honorable W. A. Watt, J. B. Tucker, Esq., A. Downward, Esq., The Honorable W. Shiels, The Honorable G. Graham, T. R. Ashworth, Esq., C. L. Forrest, Esq., J. F. Duffus, Esq., E. Cameron, Esq., G. Sangster, Esq., D. Mackinnon, Esq., G. H. Bennett, Esq., The Honorable W. A. Trenwith, D. S. Oman, Esq., S. Lancaster, Esq., W. A. Hamilton, Esq., A. S. Bailes, Esq., J. T. Brown, Esq., J. Harris, Esq., R. G. McCutcheon, Esq., H. Menzies, Esq., G. Mitchell, Esq., The Honorable D. Gillies, Dr. J. Gratton Wilson, G. F. Holden, Esq., The Honorable J. Murray, A. G. C. Ramsay, Esq., C. Hamilton, Esq., took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

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

6. **ELECTION OF SPEAKER.**—Mr. Irvine, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker The Honorable Duncan Gillies, and moved, That The Honorable Duncan Gillies do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Sir Alexander Peacock.

The House then calling The Honorable Duncan Gillies 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 The Honorable Duncan Gillies to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Irvine and Sir Alexander Peacock 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 Mr. Irvine and Sir Alexander Peacock congratulated Mr. Speaker.

7. **PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.**—Mr. Irvine stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker at the Government Offices to-morrow, at half-past one o'clock.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—A Message was delivered 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 the Government Offices, 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 congratulate you warmly on your election to the high office for which your long parliamentary experience and rich constitutional knowledge eminently fit you.

The post which you will occupy is one of great importance, great dignity, and much difficulty.

I am convinced that you will uphold the best traditions of the Victorian Assembly, and of that far older House of which it is the direct descendant.

I cordially wish you success and happiness in the honorable position to which you have been called.

G. S. CLARKE.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th October, 1902.

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

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Fellow of the Royal Society, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

To The Honorable DUNCAN GILLIES, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State 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 State Parliament House, in the Carlton Gardens, 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 State, at Melbourne, in the said State, this fourteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and two, and in the second year of His Majesty's reign.

GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. H. IRVINE.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 24,  
page 266, this fourteenth day of October, One thousand  
nine hundred and two.

G. C. MORRISON.

(500 copies.)

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—J. Bowser, Esq.; F. J. Field, Esq.; W. Hall, Esq.; H. P. Keogh, Esq.; F. Madden, Esq.; W. Maloney, Esq.; The Honorable J. Morrissey; G. M. Prendergast, Esq.; D. C. Sterry, Esq.; and E. Wilkins, Esq., took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

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

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 1.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 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 intituled "*An Act to amend the ' Land Tax Act 1890.'*"

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th October, 1902.

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. Shiels, and the same was read :—

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 2.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 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 relating to the Mallee Land Account.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th October, 1902.

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 Mr. Shiels, and the same was read :—

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 3.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 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 authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th October, 1902.

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

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

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 4.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 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 authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds (No. 2).

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th October, 1902.

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

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

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 5.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue and of fees for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Education Act 1901*.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 15th October, 1902.

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

11. TRADING STAMPS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the ' Trading Stamps Act 1901.'*"

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Irvine and Mr. Shiels do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Irvine then brought up the Bill, which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

12. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will not re-enact the Wages Boards sections of the lapsed Factories and Shops Acts, were presented :—

By Mr. Boyd—

From the President, Vice-President, and Executive Officers of the Victorian Employers' Federation.

By Mr. McCutcheon—

From the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures, under the common seal of the said Chamber.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

13. PAPERS.—Mr. Irvine presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Local Government Laws.—Report of Royal Commission for inquiring into and reporting on the numerous Amendments required in the Law relating to Local Government.

Management of the Railway Department—Final Report of the Royal Commission on ; together with the Appendices and Minutes of Evidence.

Mr. Taverner presented—

Printing for Agricultural Department.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 9th September, 1902, for a return showing the cost of the Journal of the Department of Agriculture, with the following particulars :—

Month of Issue.	Cost of Printing.		Cost of Plates.		Cost of Paper and Other Expenses.	Total Cost per Month.
	(1) Composition.	(2) Authors' Corrections.	(1) Coloured.	(2) Photo.		
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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 :—

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended the 30th June, 1902.

Land Act 1901—

Alterations in the Regulations.—Part I. and Part IV.—Order in Council.

Alterations in the Regulations.—Part II.—Order in Council.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the year ending 30th June, 1902.

14. 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 as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I have called you together at the earliest opportunity after the return of the writs for the General Election, in order that I may have your advice and assistance with regard to matters of importance and urgency.

The question of the finances of the State will demand your serious consideration. My Advisers are of opinion that the expenditure for the ordinary purposes of government should be confined within the narrowest limits consistent with efficiency, so that the largest share possible of the funds derived from taxation shall be available for assisting national industries and developing the agricultural and mining resources of the State. The processes necessary for permanently reducing ordinary government expenditure will necessarily occupy a considerable time, inasmuch as they involve a gradual restriction and simplification of many of the services rendered by the State. My Advisers have already taken steps for effecting economies wherever possible, and rely on your cordial co-operation in such further action as may be necessary to achieve the end in view.

In the meantime an urgent and immediate necessity has arisen to prevent the accounts of the present financial year closing with a serious deficit. For the purpose of preventing this, the Government have prepared Bills to effect considerable immediate retrenchment, and to raise further revenue by widening the basis of the Income Tax and Probate Duties.

While, however, exercising the greatest caution in the incurring of further liabilities, my Advisers will not hesitate to seek your authority for obtaining, by way of loan, on the most favorable terms possible, the necessary moneys for the construction of works of undoubted permanent advantage to the State.

The first measure to be submitted to you will be one to re-enact the Factories and Shops Acts continuing the operation of those Acts until the 31st of December, 1903, in order to enable Parliament to deal, on their merits, with the important questions involved in such industrial legislation.

A Bill dealing with the reform of the Constitution will be introduced at a very early date. That measure will provide, amongst other things, for a reduction in the number of Ministers, and of Members of both branches of the Legislature; for dispensing with the property qualification for Members of the Legislative Council, and extending the franchise for both Chambers; for the settlement of differences between the two Houses; and for an early dissolution of Parliament so that a new Legislature may be elected upon the altered basis.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates for the current financial year will be submitted to you in due course. They have been prepared with special regard to economy, while at the same time provision has been made to meet the necessary requirements of the State.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

My Ministers, recognising the need for prompt and energetic action to alleviate the distress caused—especially in the Mallee District—by the severe drought, have determined to proceed immediately with the construction of several important works for the conservation and distribution of water in the arid areas of the State. These, and others which are receiving the earnest consideration of the Government, will be brought before you at an early date.

It is intended also to proceed with other public works necessary for the development of the country.

I trust your deliberations will, under the blessing of Divine Providence, conduce to the prosperity and happiness of the people of Victoria.

G. S. CLARKE.

15. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Lancaster moved, That the following Address, in reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor 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.

Debate ensued.

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.

16. SUPPLY.—Mr. Shiels moved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

17. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Shiels 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 His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1902.

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:—

Water Acts—

- Arapiles Shire Council and the Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Application of Municipal Funds.
- Dimboola Shire Council and the Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Application of Municipal Funds.
- Leaghur and Meering Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
- Marquis Hill Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
- Rodney Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation (No. 21).
- Yatchaw Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.

3. DAYS of BUSINESS.—Mr. Irvine 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 each day; that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after half-past Ten o'clock.

Mr. Maloney moved, as an amendment, That the words "each day" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Tuesday and Wednesday, and that Ten o'clock be the hour of meeting on Thursday."

Debate ensued.

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

Ayes, 55.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Stanley,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. J. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. McBride.

Mr. Andrews,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Preudergast,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Malouey.]
Mr. Oman,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on main question continued.

Question—That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after half-past Ten o'clock—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PUBLIC BUILDINGS RENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to charging Public Officers for Rent of Public Buildings used by them for Residence*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. MEMBERS AND PUBLIC SERVICE RETRENCHMENT BILL.—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Reduction until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three of the Reimbursement of Expenses payable to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Salaries or Pay of certain Public Officers*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. MINISTERS' AND OFFICERS' SALARIES RETRENCHMENT BILL.—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Reduction until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three of the Salaries or Pay of Responsible Ministers of the Crown and certain Officers under 'The Constitution Act' or Part IX. of 'The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890' or whose Salaries or Pay are provided for by Special Appropriations*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT REDUCTION BILL.—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to reduce for One Year the Municipal Endowment*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. DEBENTURES DESTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Destruction of Discharged Public Debentures Bonds and Coupons*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. VICTORIAN LOANS REDEMPTION FUND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Victorian Loans Redemption Fund Act 1898'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. TRUST FUNDS ACT 1897 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Trust Funds Act 1897'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS CONTINUANCE BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revive and continue the 'Factories and Shops Act 1896' and the Acts amending the same*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. POLICE ASSURANCE BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Part III. of the 'Police Regulation Act 1890' with regard to future Appointees*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
13. LOCAL RAILWAY RATES ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Abolition of Local Rates on certain Lines of Railway*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
14. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL.—Mr. Maloney obtained leave, with Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Sangster, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to legitimize Children by Registration under the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
15. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Bailes obtained leave, with Mr. Ramsay, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to abolish Tied Houses*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
16. SLUDGE BILL.—Mr. Bowser obtained leave, with Mr. Brown, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to prevent the Pollution of Rivers and other Water-courses with Sludge*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
17. CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.—Mr. Trenwith obtained leave, with Mr. McGregor, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to settle Industrial Disputes by means of Conciliation and Arbitration*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
18. VOTERS' CERTIFICATES ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Boyd obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to abolish Voters' Certificates and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
19. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McGregor obtained leave, with Mr. Beazley, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Justices Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.



20. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROcity BILL.**—Mr. Fink obtained leave, with Mr. Hickford, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Admission to practise in Victoria of Legal Practitioners admitted to practise in the Courts of other States of the Commonwealth on Terms of Reciprocity*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
21. **MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS TRUST DEBENTURES BILL.**—Sir Samuel Gillott obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Restriction of Transfer of Debentures held by the Melbourne Tramways Trust*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
22. **WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Gavan Duffy, for Mr. W. A. Hamilton, obtained leave to bring in, with Mr. Smith, a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Wills Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
23. **MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (ABOLITION OF FEES) BILL.**—Mr. Smith obtained leave, with Mr. Maloney, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to abolish all Fees paid for Education at the Melbourne University*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
24. **JURORS EXEMPTION BILL.**—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Sir Samuel Gillott, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to exempt Justices of the Peace from Liability to serve as Jurors*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
25. **FORTNIGHTLY PAYMENT OF STATE SERVANTS.**—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Smith 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 next.
26. **ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.**—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the Honorable Member for Benambra, Mr. Albert William Craven, act as Chairman of Committees for this day.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
27. **LAND TAX 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. 1, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day—  
Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Land Tax Act 1890.'*"  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
28. **MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT 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. Shiels, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day—  
Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Mallee Land Account.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Shiels and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Mallee Land Account*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
29. **TREASURY BONDS 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 Mr. Shiels, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day—  
Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Shiels and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

30. **TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2).**—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 Mr. Shiels, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day—
- Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
- Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds (No. 2).
- And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
- Ordered—That Mr. Shiels and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
- Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds (No. 2)*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
31. **EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 5, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Shiels, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day—
- Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
- Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue and of Fees for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Education Act 1901*.
- And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
- Ordered—That Mr. Shiels and Mr. Kirton do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
- Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Education Act 1901'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
32. **TRADING STAMPS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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. Murray, read a third time.
- Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
33. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 7 and 8 be postponed until Tuesday next.
34. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

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TUESDAY, 21st OCTOBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. 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 in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament, agreed to on the 15th October instant, 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 our Most Gracious Sovereign, for the expression of loyalty contained in the Address just presented to me. I earnestly hope that your deliberations upon the all-important measures to be brought under your consideration during this Session may lead to results which will confer permanent benefits upon this community.

G. S. CLARKE.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 21st October, 1902

3. 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—

James Arthur Boyd, Esquire,  
Frederick Hadkinson Bromley, Esquire,  
David Kerr, Esquire,  
The Honorable Jonas Felix Levien,  
Donald Mackinnon, Esquire,  
Frank Madden, Esquire, and  
The Honorable William Alexander Watt,

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

Given under my hand this twenty-first day of October, One thousand nine hundred and two.

D. GILLIES,  
Speaker.

4. PETITION.—Mr. Boyd presented a Petition from certain employés in the fellmongering works of Messrs. J. Dale and Co., Newton-street, Richmond, praying that the House may see fit to exempt them from the Wages Boards sections of the Factories and Shops Acts.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Education Act 1890.—Regulation Numbered X. of the Regulations rescinded.—Order in Council.

6. POLICE STATIONS RENTED BY GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Shoppee moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of police stations rented by the Government, the locality, rent, and capital value of each, and also the gross amount paid in rent for the same.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. RAILWAY TRADING AND PRESS CONCESSIONS.—Mr. Grose moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The number of yearly passes issued to traders doing £2,000 worth of business with the Railway Department.
2. The number of passes at half rate issued to people doing £1,000 worth of business.
3. The value of coupons for railway travelling issued to people doing up to £500 and £250 in business respectively.
4. The total of the rebates granted during the past twelve months.
5. The value of the tickets issued at half fare to the press.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. EASTERN MALLEE WATER SUPPLY BILL.—Mr. E. H. Cameron obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide by pumping for the Supply of Water from Long Lake to Part of the Eastern Mallee*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 3.

10. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Argyle moved, pursuant to notice, That the Honorable Member for Collingwood, Mr. William David Beazley, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS CONTINUANCE BILL—FEES.—Mr. Murray 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 Factories and Shops Acts Continuance Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day—

Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That the following registration fees be chargeable under the Factories and Shops Acts Continuance Bill, viz.:—

Every factory or work-room in which more than six and not more than ten persons are employed, or in which, though more than six are not employed, steam, water, gas, oil, or electric power is used, per annum	... .. 10s. 0d.
Every other factory or work-room, per annum	... .. 2s. 6d.

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

12. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS CONTINUANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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. Murray, 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. 2 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

14. POLICE ASSURANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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. Murray, read a third time.

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

15. EDUCATION ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Kirton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
 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. Kirton, read a third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 14 to 16 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Shiels, and the same was read :—

1902.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1902-3.

G. S. CLARKE,

*Governor.**Message No. 6.*

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the months of October and November in the Year 1902-3, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 22nd October, 1902.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimate, to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Shiels 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 Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.  
Mr. Beazley acquainted the House 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.

4. SUPPLY.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £677,771 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1902-3, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council	200
2. Legislative Assembly	1,400
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	140.
4. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	595
5. The Library	360
6. State Reading Room	160
7. Refreshment Rooms	250
9. Administrative and Scientific	5,905
10. Government Statist	2,030
11. Police	46,000

(500 copies.)

Division No.	£
12. Penal Establishments and Gaols ... ..	12,255
13. Hospitals for the Insane ... ..	22,250
14. Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools ... ..	12,025
15. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery ... ..	3,065
16. Government Shorthand Writer ... ..	325
17. Auditor-General ... ..	1,780
17A. Public Service Commissioner ... ..	200
18. Aborigines ... ..	940
21. Miscellaneous ... ..	15,160
22. Education ... ..	5,662
23. Do. ... ..	97,364
24. Melbourne University ... ..	750
25. Technical Schools ... ..	3,720
26. Miscellaneous ... ..	400
27. Supreme Court ... ..	580
28. Law Officers of the Crown ... ..	2,425
29. Crown Solicitor ... ..	889
30. Prothonotary ... ..	346
31. Master in Equity and Lunacy ... ..	746
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles ... ..	4,903
33. Patents ... ..	740
34. Sheriff ... ..	2,426
36. County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions ... ..	4,147
37. Police Magistrates and Wardens ... ..	2,434
38. Clerks of Courts ... ..	3,120
39. Coroners ... ..	2,020
41. Treasury ... ..	4,060
42. Income Tax ... ..	1,924
43. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons ... ..	252
44. Government Printer ... ..	7,610
45. Advertising ... ..	1,000
47. Transport, &c. ... ..	500
51. Miscellaneous ... ..	340
53. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands ... ..	11,185
54. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves ... ..	640
55. Botanical and Domain Gardens ... ..	1,320
56. Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Act ... ..	225
57. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals ... ..	2,588
58. Acquisition of Land for closer settlement ... ..	95
59. State Forests and Nurseries ... ..	3,162
60. Village Settlements and Labour Colonies ... ..	400
61. Miscellaneous ... ..	285
62. Public Works ... ..	3,630
63. Ports and Harbors ... ..	5,481
64. Miscellaneous ... ..	330
65. Works and Buildings ... ..	10,850
67. Mines and Water Supply ... ..	6,044
68. Maintenance of Testing Plants ... ..	600
69. Waterworks in Country Districts ... ..	500
70. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works ... ..	3,500
71. Miscellaneous ... ..	2,500
72. Agriculture and Industries ... ..	1,207
73. Diseases in Stock ... ..	1,092
74. Vegetation Diseases ... ..	656
76. Grants ... ..	90
77. Miscellaneous ... ..	13,575
78. Public Health ... ..	3,408
79. Victorian Railways ... ..	330,000
80. Miscellaneous ... ..	1,010
	£677,771

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

5. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Mr. Shiels 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; and the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Beazley acquainted the House 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.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1902–3 the sum of £677,771 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Shiels and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and seventy-seven thousand seven hundred and seventy-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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. Shiels, 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 acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and seventy-seven thousand seven hundred and seventy-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three*” without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 22nd October, 1902.

9. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Aborigines.—Thirty-eighth Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.

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 :—

Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1902.

Land Act 1901, Section 107.—Schedule No. 17.—Country Lands to be offered for Sale by Public Auction during the year 1902.

10. METHODIST UNION BILL.—Mr. Kirton obtained leave to bring in, with Mr. McLeod, a Bill intituled “*A Bill to confirm the Union in Victoria of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church, the Bible Christian Church, and The United Methodist Free Churches; to deal with the Properties in Victoria of the said Uniting Churches, and to assimilate the Trusts thereof; to vest the said Properties in the United Church under the name of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to give certain powers to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to amend ‘The Victorian Wesleyan Methodists’ Act 1887, and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

11. MEMBERS AND PUBLIC SERVICE RETRENCHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 14 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
Speaker.



VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

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 THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC SERVICE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Public Service Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
3. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL.—Mr. Taverner, pursuant to *amended* notice, obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to indemnify the Councillors of various Municipalities for Borrowing Moneys by Overdrafts on Bankers for the purposes of their Municipalities contrary to the provisions of the 'Local Government Act 1890' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. MEMBERS AND PUBLIC SERVICE RETRENCHMENT 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.

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

FRIDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1902.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley 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 on Tuesday next.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
Speaker.

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read :—

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 7.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purpose of the Bill to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1902.

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

3. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
4. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
5. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Water Supply in Country Districts and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Census of Victoria, 1901.—Part I.—Inhabitants and Houses.—Population enumerated on the 31st March, 1901.

(500 copies.)

7. MEMBERS AND PUBLIC SERVICE RETRENCHMENT 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. Shiels, read a third time.

Mr. Billson moved, That the following words be added to clause 4 :—“or the rate fixed by any industrial union or society.”

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Bailes,
Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 55.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. McBride.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Andrews moved, That the word “One,” in line 2 of the first column of the Schedule, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word “Two.”

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Oman,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. A. Harris,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Hennessy.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Maloney moved, That the following words be inserted after the word "upwards" in the last line of the Schedule :—"to Eleven hundred pounds; and for every One hundred pounds increase beyond Eleven hundred pounds the rate of reduction shall be an additional One pound per centum."

Debate ensued.

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

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Maloney.

Noes, 47.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levington,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Hall,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Kirton,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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 to amend the 'Marriage Act 1900,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 22nd October, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

9. MARRIAGE ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Marriage Act 1900,'*" 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. MINISTERS' AND OFFICERS' SALARIES RETRENCHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.

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. Shiels, read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Ramsay moved, That the following words be added to clause 7 :—"Provided that all pensioners who reside and draw their pensions outside the State of Victoria shall be subject to the Schedule to this Act.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

## Ayes, 24.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sterry,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes.

## Noes, 54.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillett,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Irvine,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Hennessy,
	Mr. McBride.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until to-morrow :—
12. **MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
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. Shiels, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. **TREASURY BONDS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
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. Shiels, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. **VICTORIAN LOANS REDEMPTION FUND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
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. Shiels, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

15. TRUST FUNDS ACT 1897 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
 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. Shiels, read a third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 to 17 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

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WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1902.

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 :—  
Land Act 1901—Section 399.—Resumption of Land for Public Purposes.—Drainage of Lake Gillear.—Certificate of the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works, with plan attached, approved by the Governor in Council, with reference to the resumption of land in the County of Heytesbury, for the purpose of effecting the drainage of Lake Gillear.

3. 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 State of Victoria numbered 4A, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable James Howlin Graves,  
George Henry Bennett, Esquire,  
John Bowser, Esquire,  
Frederick Hadkinson Bromley, Esquire, and  
John Thomson, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this twenty-eighth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and two.

D. GILLIES,  
Speaker.

4. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Irvine 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. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Fink, Mr. Madden, and Mr. Shiels ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bent, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Gair, Sir Samuel Gillott, Mr. Graves, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Mackinnon, Sir Alexander Peacock, and Mr. Trenwith ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; five to be the quorum.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Irvine 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. Craven, Mr. Graham, Mr. Taverner, and Mr. Trenwith ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Downward, Mr. Grose, Mr. A. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. McGregor, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Sterry ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time ; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. **REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Irvine 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. Bennett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gair, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. McBride ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. **COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.**—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Beazley, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Fink, Mr. Max Hirsch, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Williams ; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.**—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways :—Mr. Craven, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grose, Mr. McBride, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Warde.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. **MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT REDUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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. Shiels, read a third time.

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

12. **PUBLIC BUILDINGS RENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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 to-morrow.

13. **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 the 'Licensing Act 1890,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 29th October, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

14. **LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Licensing 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 to-morrow.

15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 12 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
Speaker



VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PILOTS AND PILOTAGE DUES.—Mr. Max Hirsch moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of pilots in each division (sea pilots and river pilots) who have participated in the pilotage dues collected during 1901, and the amount received by each of them.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next, at seven o'clock.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. DEFENCES AND DISCIPLINE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Defences and Discipline Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 & 19 Vict., cap. 55, during the year 1901-2.  
Dentists Act 1898.—Dental Board of Victoria.—Regulation.  
Municipalities—Unification or Federation of—Royal Commission on.—Copy of Order in Council increasing Expenditure.
6. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Mr. Shiels moved, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
8. TREASURY BONDS BILL (NO. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Irvine moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
And, after debate—  
Motion for the adjournment of the debate, by leave, withdrawn.  
Debate continued.  
Mr. Maloney moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
And, after debate—  
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Irvine,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Forrest.
Mr. Livingston,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate further continued.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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 Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 15 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Wednesday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty minutes past eleven o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.

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 WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC BUILDINGS RENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Irvine 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 Mr. Irvine, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
3. TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2).—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. Shiels, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. DEBENTURES DESTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
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. Shiels, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY 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 and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley 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 on Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until Tuesday next.

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7. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
 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 to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 to 16 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

THURSDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

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

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

G. S. CLARKE,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 8.*

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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and seventy-seven thousand seven hundred and seventy-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 24th October, 1902.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Shiels presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—  
Charitable Institutions.—Report of Inspector for the year ended 30th June, 1902.  
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 :—

Education Act 1890.—Clause 7 of Regulation No. XXIII. of the Regulations rescinded.—  
Order in Council.

Explosives Acts—

Additions to List of Explosives authorized for Importation into and Manufacture in Victoria. Class 3—Nitro-compound. Class 4—Chlorate Mixture.—Orders in Council.

Alteration of Regulations.—Order in Council.

Land Act 1901.—Alterations in the Regulations.—Order in Council.

Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1902.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAWS.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Royal Commission appointed on the 9th April, 1900, to inquire into and report on the numerous amendments required in the Law relating to Local Government having incurred certain liabilities beyond the amount of the maximum expenditure already authorized, the House authorizes the payment to such Commission of a further sum of £38 14s. 1d. in discharge of the liabilities so incurred.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. STATISTICS COLLECTION BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Collection of Statistics* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

(500 copies.)

6. **METHODIST UNION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said that, in his opinion, the Bill was a Private Bill.  
Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Kirton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
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. Kirton, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. **RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Bent 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 Mr. Bent, read a third time.  
On the motion of Mr. Bent, the House agreed to the following amendments in this Bill :—  
Clause 2, line 11, omit “seventy-eight” and insert “seventy.”  
Schedule, page 3, “Total for Works on Existing Lines,” column 4, omit “8,000”; column 5, omit “237,500” and insert “229,500”; column 1, omit “41” to “48” inclusive and insert “40” to “47” inclusive.  
„ page 4, column 1, omit “49” to “51” inclusive and insert “48” to “50” inclusive; “Total Existing Lines,” column 4, omit “8,000”; column 5, omit “237,500” and insert “229,500”; “Grand Total,” column 4, omit “125,800” and insert “117,800”; column 5, omit “578,500” and insert “570,500.”  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION 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.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
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. Taverner 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.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until Tuesday next.
10. **DEFENCES AND DISCIPLINE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
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. Irvine, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 10 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12.

TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DEFENCES AND DISCIPLINE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTION.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill, viz.:—  
In the Title the figures "1900" have been omitted and the figures "1890" inserted.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented—  
Pilots and Pilotage Dues.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 30th October, 1902, for a return showing the number of pilots in each division (sea pilots and river pilots) who have participated in the pilotage dues collected during 1901, and the amount received by each of them.  
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:—  
Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the quarter ending 30th September, 1902.
4. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE—MEMBER DISCHARGED.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That Mr. Brown be discharged from attendance on the Refreshment Rooms Committee.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE—MEMBER APPOINTED.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That Captain Chirside be a member of the Refreshment Rooms Committee.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Duggan 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 advisability of immediately throwing open certain areas of Crown lands in Gippsland and elsewhere in the State for settlement."  
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. Duggan moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.
7. 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 reduce for One Year the Municipal Endowment*" without amendment.  
Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 11th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Mallee Land Account*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 11th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Reduction until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three of the Reimbursement of Expenses payable to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Salaries or Pay of certain Public Officers*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 11th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Trading Stamps Act 1901'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 11th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

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 revive and continue the 'Factories and Shops Act 1896' and the Acts amending the same,*" 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, 11th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

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

1. Clause 3, line 11, after "same" insert "save and except that the words 'either House' in the second and third last lines of subdivision (1) of section fifteen of the *Factories and Shops Act 1900* shall be omitted and the words 'both Houses' substituted therefor."
2. „ line 14, omit "thirty-first" and insert "thirtieth."
3. „ line 14, omit "December" and insert "September."
4. Clause 4, line 1, before "Every" insert "Subject to the conditions and exceptions hereinafter contained."
5. After clause 4 insert the following new clauses:—
  - A. No determination of any Special Board made after the sixteenth day of July One thousand nine hundred and two shall apply or remain in force or hereafter be published in the *Government Gazette*.
  - B. No determination of any Special Board in respect of the trade or business of a fellmonger heretofore made and published in the *Government Gazette* shall hereafter apply or remain in force.
  - C. Except so far as any determination of any Special Board has prior to the commencement of this Act been applied to any shire or portion of a shire no determination of any Special Board shall apply to any shire or portion of a shire.
6. Clause 5, at end of clause add "or with any liability for breach of contract or agreement necessarily occasioned by reason of or consequent on the passing of this Act."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendment 1—

Mr. Irvine moved, That this amendment be amended by omitting all the words after "that" with a view to insert in place thereof the words "no new wages boards shall be constituted during the continuance of this Act."

And, after debate—

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

Mr. Irvine moved, That the words "no new wages boards shall be constituted during the continuance of this Act" be inserted in place of the words omitted.

Mr. Watt moved, as a further amendment, That the word "constituted" be omitted from the words proposed to be inserted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "authorized."

Question—That the word "constituted" stand part of the proposed amendment—put.



The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hirsch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. McGregor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the words “no new wages boards shall be constituted during the continuance of this Act,” proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted from the Council’s amendment, be so inserted—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hall,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Keast,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Bromley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Maloney.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Council’s amendment as amended be agreed to—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, after further debate—

Amendments 2 and 3 disagreed with.

Amendment 4 postponed until after the consideration of amendment to insert new clauses A, B, and C.

Amendment to insert new clauses A and B disagreed with.

Amendment to insert new clause C agreed to.

Amendment 4 agreed to with the following amendment:—Omit the words “conditions and.”

Amendment 6 agreed to with the following amendment:—After “agreement” insert “between employer and employé.”

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, have disagreed with others, and have agreed to three of the said amendments with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until to-morrow.

10. **MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY 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—

Mr. Taverner 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. **LOCAL RAILWAY RATES ABOLITION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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.

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 10 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ERRORS IN DIVISION LIST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that in the second division that took place in the House last night the Tellers for the "Ayes" had inadvertently recorded the name of the Honorable Member for Portland, Mr. E. Cameron, instead of that of the Honorable Member for Gippsland East, Mr. J. Cameron; they had also recorded the name of the Honorable Member for East Bourke Boroughs, Mr. Hickford, instead of that of the Honorable Member for Carlton South, Mr. Hennessy; and they had recorded the name of the Honorable Member for Ballarat West, Mr. Shoppee, instead of that of the Honorable Member for Normanby, Mr. Shiels. Mr. Speaker then directed the Clerk to correct the Division List accordingly.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Water Act 1890—
  - Rodney Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—District decreased.—Order in Council.
  - Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Authority to borrow.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Maloney 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 desirability of approving of the action of Madame Melba (not as a Victorian, but as an Australian) in desiring to assist the drought-stricken farmers of Australia." 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. Maloney moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.
5. 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 further amend the 'Coroners Act 1890,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 12th November, 1902.
6. CORONERS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Coroners 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 to-morrow.

7. 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 provide for the Reduction until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three of the Salaries or Pay of Responsible Ministers of the Crown and certain Officers under 'The Constitution Act' or Part IX. of 'The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890' or whose Salaries or Pay are provided for by Special Appropriations*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 11th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 11th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Victorian Loans Redemption Fund Act 1898'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 11th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Trust Funds Act 1897'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 11th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Part III. of the 'Police Regulation Act 1890' with regard to future Appointees*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 11th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to confirm the Union in Victoria of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church, the Bible Christian Church, and The United Methodist Free Churches; to deal with the Properties in Victoria of the said Uniting Churches, and to assimilate the Trusts thereof; to vest the said Properties in the United Church under the name of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to give certain powers to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to amend 'The Victorian Wesleyan Methodists' Act 1887,' and for other purposes*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 12th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

8. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. E. H. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Mr. Trenwith 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 to-morrow.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
11. LOCAL RAILWAY RATES ABOLITION 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; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

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. Bent, read a third time.

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

Clause 4, line 18, before "abolition" insert "complete or partial."

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

12. MARRIAGE ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

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

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—  
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1901—  
Part II.—Interchange.  
Part III.—Production.
3. RAILWAY OFFICIALS' BONUSES.—Mr. C. Hamilton moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—  
1. All sums which have been paid in bonuses to railway officials during the past three years.  
2. To what officials, and for what purposes, the bonuses in question have been paid.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Mackey 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 advisability of this House considering certain facts relative to the coal question before the final acceptance of tenders for the supply of coal to the Railway Department."  
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. Mackey moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.
5. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION 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. Madden moved, That the debate be now adjourned.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
6. EASTERN MALLEE WATER SUPPLY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. E. H. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley 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 on Tuesday next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 7, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Irvine, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day—  
Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

(500 copies.)

9. STATISTICS COLLECTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.  
 Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 9 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,<sup>3</sup>  
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 15.

TUESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read:—

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

Message No. 9.

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 to reduce for One Year the Municipal Endowment.”

“An Act relating to the Mallee Land Account.”

“An Act to provide for the Reduction until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three of the Reimbursement of Expenses payable to Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Salaries or Pay of certain Public Officers.”

“An Act to amend the ‘Trading Stamps Act 1901.’”

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 12th November, 1902.

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

Water Act 1890.—Hamilton Waterworks Trust.—Additional Loan of £900.

4. EASTERN MALLEE WATER SUPPLY 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—

Mr. E. H. Cameron 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.

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 authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds (No. 2)” without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 12th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “An Act to authorize the D traction of Discharged Public Debentures Bonds and Coupons” without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 12th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.



MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 12th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 12th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
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 relating to charging Public Officers for Rent of Public Buildings used by them for Residence;*" 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, 12th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

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

Clause 5, line 6, after "shall" insert "(unless suspended or held over by consent of the parties thereto prior to such commencement)."

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

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

7. STATISTICS COLLECTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Murray 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. Murray, read a third time.

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

Clause 6, line 19, after "If" insert "except under the direction and by the authority of the Government Statist."

„ line 19, omit "wilfully."

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

8. MARRIAGE ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Irvine 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. Irvine, read a third time.

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

Clause 1, line 6, omit "which Act" and insert "The *Marriage Act 1890*."

Clause 3, line 23, omit all the words after "no" to end of clause and insert "contract or agreement whereby any barrister and solicitor or any person other than the complainant would but for this Act be entitled either directly or indirectly to retain for his own use the whole or any part of any sum which pursuant to the *Marriage Act 1900* may be ordered by justices to be paid by any defendant for the confinement expenses of any woman shall have any force or effect in so far as it purports so to entitle any such person. If any barrister and solicitor or person as aforesaid directly or indirectly retains for his own use the whole or any part of any sum ordered to be paid by any defendant as aforesaid he shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds."

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.

9. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION 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. Morrissey 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.

10. 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 revive and continue the 'Factories and Shops Act 1896' and the Acts amending the same,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on amendments of the Legislative Council, have disagreed with one of such amendments, and insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 18th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

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

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

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 16.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

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 :—  
Companies Act 1890.—Summary of Statements for the year 1901 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS CONTINUANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill and insisted on by the Council having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Clause 3, line 14, omit "thirty-first" and insert "thirtieth." ...	}	Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.
,, line 14, omit "December" and insert "September."		
Clause 4, line 1, before "Every" insert "Subject to the conditions and exceptions hereinafter contained."	}	Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.
After clause 4 insert the following new clauses :—		
A. No determination of any Special Board made after the sixteenth day of July One thousand nine hundred and two shall apply or remain in force or hereafter be published in the <i>Government Gazette</i> .	}	Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.
B. No determination of any Special Board in respect of the trade or business of a fellmonger heretofore made and published in the <i>Government Gazette</i> shall hereafter apply or remain in force.		

Mr. Irvine moved, That a Free Conference be desired with the Legislative Council on the subject-matter of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to revive and continue the 'Factories and Shops Act 1896' and the Acts amending the same,*" and that the following Members be appointed Managers of the Conference, viz.:—Mr. Irvine, Mr. Shiels, Mr. Murray, Mr. Watt, Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Trenwith, and Mr. Bromley.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council desiring the said Conference.

4. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION 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 and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
 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. E. H. Cameron, read a third time.  
 On the motion of Mr. E. H. Cameron, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—  
 Schedule, page 4, Fifth Part, in the total to the second column omit the figures “ 27,500 ” and insert the figures “ 36,666.”  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—  
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1901.—Part IV.—Finance, &c.  
Mr. Murray presented—  
Police Stations Rented by Government.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 21st October, 1902, for a return showing the number of police stations rented by the Government, the locality, rent, and capital value of each, and also the gross amount paid in rent for the same.  
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 :—  
Land Act 1901.—Additions to the Regulations.—Order in Council.
3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Mr. Shiels moved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Watt 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.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 to 5 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

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

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Bent presented—

Railway Trading and Press Concessions.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 21st October, 1902, for a return showing—

1. The number of yearly passes issued to traders doing £2,000 worth of business with the Railway Department.
2. The number of passes at half-rate issued to people doing £1,000 worth of business.
3. The value of coupons for railway travelling issued to people doing up to £500 and £250 in business respectively.
4. The total of the rebates granted during the past twelve months.
5. The value of the tickets issued at half-fare to the press.

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 :—

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—Statement showing the Names of all Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Council.

3. SURPLUS RAILWAY LANDS.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Duggan, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. Area of surplus railway lands.
2. Where such lands are situate.
3. Present capital value of such lands.
4. Present rental value of such lands.
5. The amount paid by the Railway Department in each case for such lands.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. 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 sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 25th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

5. **DAYS OF BUSINESS.**—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That, during the remainder of the Session, the House shall meet on Friday, in addition to the present days of sitting; that half-past ten o'clock shall be the hour of meeting on that day; that Government Business shall have precedence of all other business; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after six o'clock.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. **LAND ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Land Act 1901’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. **POLICE OFFENCES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Police Offences Act 1890’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **CONSTITUTION REFORM 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. Gavan Duffy 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.
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 appointed seven Members to confer with a like number of Members of the Legislative Assembly on the Bill intituled “*An Act to revive and continue the ‘Factories and Shops Act 1896’ and the Acts amending the same,*” and name the Conference Room as the place, and fix a quarter to eight o'clock this day as the time, of meeting of the said Conference..  
Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 25th November, 1902.  
H. J. WRIXON,  
President.
- The Clerk read the names of the Honorable Members appointed as Managers for the Legislative Assembly, who thereupon proceeded to the place named for the meeting of the Conference.  
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at eight minutes past ten o'clock.  
Mr. Irvine announced that the Conference had met, and, after discussion, had adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past three o'clock.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at three o'clock.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS CONTINUANCE BILL.**—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at thirty-five minutes past seven o'clock, when Mr. Shiels said—I have the honour to report, on behalf of the Managers for the Legislative Assembly at the Free Conference appointed to be held between the two Houses on the subject-matter of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in the Factories and Shops Acts Continuance Bill, that the Managers for the Legislative Assembly met the Managers for the Legislative Council and, after discussion, the Conference has arrived at an agreement upon all the points of difference between the two Houses. The whole of the proposed amendments embodying the results of the Conference will be printed and circulated. Your Managers desire now to report that the following amendments are recommended :—
  1. That in clause 3, line 14, the words "thirty-first day of October" shall be substituted for the words "thirty-first day of December."
  2. That in boards of ten, on seven, exclusive of the chairman, signing the determination, the determination shall hold good.
  3. That in boards of six, on four consisting of two on each side, exclusive of the chairman, signing the determination, the determination shall hold good.
  4. That the determination of the Brewers' Board shall remain as passed, and not be affected in any way.
  5. That the Carriage Board shall be void.
  6. That the determination of the Tinsmiths' Board shall hold good; provided that persons employed in making jam tins or tins for the preservation of fruit or vegetables or other products of a like kind shall be exempted from such determination.
  7. That in connexion with the Fellmongering business after the passing of the Act a new board may be created, and that board is to be constituted and governed in the same way as the other boards referred to and disposed of this evening, namely, by a seven-tenths majority.

The Conference has adjourned until four o'clock on Tuesday next, in order that the detailed amendments may be drafted to carry out the foregoing recommendations.
3. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Shiels moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising on Friday, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past three o'clock.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. **MINING LEASES, BALLARAT DIVISION.**—Mr. Shoppee moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing all mining leases, with areas, in the Ballarat Division, together with the following particulars :—
  1. Date of issue.
  2. To whom issued.
  3. By whom now occupied.
  4. Leases in which labour covenants are being complied with.
  5. Cases in which labour covenants are not complied with, and the reasons.
  6. In leases in which labour covenants are being complied with, how many (a) contract, (b) wages men, (c) tributers, are engaged.
  7. In all cases where effective work has been suspended, the date of such suspension.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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## 5. PAPER.—Mr. Bent presented—

Railway Officials' Bonuses.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 13th November, 1902, for a return showing—

1. All sums which have been paid in bonuses to railway officials during the past three years.
2. To what officials, and for what purposes, the bonuses in question have been paid.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. LUNACY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Lunacy Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

## 7. CONSTITUTION REFORM 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. Ashworth 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.

## 8. 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 provide for the abolition of Local Rates on certain lines of railway*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 25th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide by pumping for the Supply of Water from Long Lake to Part of the Eastern Mallee*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 26th November, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

## 9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. CONSTITUTION REFORM 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.  
Dr. Gratton Wilson 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.
3. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—  
*Police Offences Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—Second reading.*  
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive and Nos. 6 to 8 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 21.

FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADULTS IN EACH ELECTORATE.—Mr. Mackey moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing, according to the latest census—
  1. The number of adult males in each electorate.
  2. The number of adult females in each electorate.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. RAILWAY LANDS CLEARING BILL.—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the Clearing of Railway Lands by Fire at any time*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. SPRING VALE NECROPOLIS BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Bent, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Necropolis, Spring Vale*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. CONSTITUTION REFORM 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. Field 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.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
*Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS CONTINUANCE BILL—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at twenty-two minutes past five o'clock, when Mr. Irvine said—"I have to inform the House that the detailed amendments to carry out the recommendations of the Free Conference, which were reported to the House on Wednesday last, have been considered and agreed to by the Conference this day."  
Ordered—That the amendments referred to the Free Conference, with the recommendations of the Conference thereon, be taken into consideration to-morrow.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read:—

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

Message No. 10.

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 to authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds."
- "An Act to further amend the 'Victorian Loans Redemption Fund Act 1898.'"
- "An Act to further amend the 'Trust Funds Act 1897.'"
- "An Act to amend Part III. of the 'Police Regulation Act 1890' with regard to future Appointees."
- "An Act to confirm the Union in Victoria of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Primitive Methodist Church, the Bible Christian Church, and The United Methodist Free Churches; to deal with the Properties in Victoria of the said Uniting Churches, and to assimilate the Trusts thereof; to vest the said Properties in the United Church under the name of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to give certain powers to the Victoria and Tasmania Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia; to amend 'The Victorian Wesleyan Methodists' Act 1887,' and for other purposes."
- "An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds (No. 2)."
- "An Act to authorize the Destruction of Discharged Public Debentures Bonds and Coupons."
- "An Act to further amend the 'Defences and Discipline Act 1890.'"
- "An Act relating to charging Public Officers for Rent of Public Buildings used by them for Residence."

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 25th November, 1902.

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 amend the Law relating to Insolvency," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 2nd December, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

5. **INSOLVENCY BILL.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to Insolvency,*” 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 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 the ‘University Act 1890,’*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 2nd December, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

7. **UNIVERSITY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘University 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 to-morrow.

8. **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 provide for the Collection of Statistics*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 2nd December, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to indemnify the Councillors of various Municipalities for Borrowing Moneys by Overdrafts on Bankers for the purposes of their Municipalities contrary to the provisions of the ‘Local Government Act 1890’ and for other purposes*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 2nd December, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

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 to amend the ‘Marriage Act 1900.’*”

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 2nd December, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

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

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 during the period from 13th November, 1901, to 27th November, 1902.

10. **CONSTITUTION REFORM 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. Graves 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, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

D. GILLIES,  
Speaker.

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS CONTINUANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments of the Legislative Council in this Bill, insisted on by the Council, with the recommendations of the Free Conference thereon, having been read, the said amendments, with the recommendations of the Free Conference thereon, were read and are as follow:—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.	Recommendations of the Free Conference.
1. Clause 3, line 11, after "same" insert "save and except that the words 'either House' in the second and third last lines of subdivision (1) of section fifteen of the <i>Factories and Shops Act</i> 1900 shall be omitted and the words 'both Houses' substituted therefor."	Agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendment, viz.: —Omit all words after "that" and insert in place thereof the words "no new wages boards shall be constituted during the continuance of this Act." Amendment of Assembly agreed to by the Council.	1. The Council's amendment and the amendment of the Assembly thereon not now to be made.
2. Clause 3, line 14, omit "thirty-first" and insert "thirtieth."	Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.	2. Disagreement of Assembly to be insisted on.
3. Clause 3, line 14, omit "December" and insert "September."	Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.	3. Assembly not to insist on disagreement, but "October" to be inserted in place of "December" omitted, and the following words to be added to the clause:—"except as to the several trades or businesses hereinafter specifically provided for and save and except that no new wages boards shall be constituted and no determination of any Special Board already constituted shall be made except as hereinafter provided during the continuance of this Act."
4. Clause 4, line 1, before "Every" insert "Subject to the conditions and exceptions hereinafter contained."	Agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendment, viz.: —Omit the words "conditions and." Amendment of Assembly disagreed with by the Council.	4. Assembly not to insist on their amendment to omit the words "conditions and" but the following words to be added to the Council's amendment after the word "contained":—"and to the provisions and restrictions hereinafter mentioned."

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Amendments made by the  
Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Recommendations of the  
Free Conference.

5. After clause 4 insert the following new clauses:—

A. No determination of any Special Board made after the sixteenth day of July One thousand nine hundred and two shall apply or remain in force or hereafter be published in the *Government Gazette*.

Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.

B. No determination of any Special Board in respect of the trade or business of a fellmonger heretofore made and published in the *Government Gazette* shall hereafter apply or remain in force.

Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.

5. Assembly to insist on disagreeing with Council's amendment to insert new clauses A and B, but the following new clauses to be inserted after clause 4 of the Bill:—

D. No determination of any Special Board in respect of any trade or business except that of the process trade or business of a brewer or of a bottler of fermented liquors made after the sixteenth day of July One thousand nine hundred and two and previous to the passing of this Act shall be published in the *Government Gazette* or if already so published shall hereafter apply or be or remain in force anything contained in the said *Factories and Shops Act 1896* and any enactment amending the same notwithstanding.

E. The Special Boards heretofore appointed in respect of the process trade or business of a maker of carriages carts and other vehicles (other than perambulators) and also of persons employed in making any parts of carriages carts and other vehicles (other than perambulators) shall not be revived or continued, and no determination made by such Special Boards or either of them shall hereafter apply or be in force.

F. The Special Board heretofore appointed in respect of the process trade or business of fellmongers or wool scourers or tanners of sheepskins shall not be hereby revived or continued, and no determination made by such boards or either of them shall hereafter apply or be in force. The Governor in Council may if he think fit during the continuance of this Act appoint a Special Board in respect of such process trade or business consisting of ten members and a chairman for the purposes mentioned in section fifteen of the *Factories and Shops Act 1896* as amended by the Act No. 1654. One-half of such ten members shall be representatives of employers and one-half of employes and shall be elected respectively by themselves, and each firm or company or co-operation carrying on such business shall be considered as one employer for the purpose of voting for and electing such representatives of employers. Any determination of such Special Board shall only be made by a majority being at least seven of such ten representatives who shall sign the

Amendments made by the  
Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Recommendations of the  
Free Conference.

5. After clause 4 insert the following new clauses:—

A. No determination of any Special Board made after the sixteenth day of July One thousand nine hundred and two shall apply or remain in force or hereafter be published in the *Government Gazette*.

Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.

B. No determination of any Special Board in respect of the trade or business of a fellmonger heretofore made and published in the *Government Gazette* shall hereafter apply or remain in force.

Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.

same before it shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, the chairman to have no vote in making such determination. And subject as above the several provisions of the said Factories and Shops Acts shall apply to such Special Board.

G. The determinations heretofore made by the Special Board appointed in respect of the trade or business of a tin-smith or any determinations hereafter to be made shall not apply or be in force so far as any such determination refers to the wages to be paid to persons employed in making tins or receptacles for preserving or containing jam fruit or vegetables or produce of any kind intended for food for human consumption.

H. Determinations by the Special Boards prior to the coming into operation of this Act respectively appointed for the following trades or businesses that is to say the aerated water trade the brass-workers trade the iron-moulders trade the leather goods trade and the oven-makers trade shall hereafter be made only by a majority being at least seven when the representatives of the employers and employes amount to ten and by a majority being at least four of whom two shall be representatives of the employers and two of the employes when such representatives amount to six and shall only be published in the *Government Gazette* on being signed by the members of the board making the same. The chairman in all such cases to have no vote in making such determination. And subject as above the several provisions of the said Factories and Shops Acts shall apply to all such Special Boards.

And the following new clause to be inserted after clause 5 of the Bill:—

J. In paragraph (a) of sub-section (5) of section fifteen of the *Factories and Shops Act 1900* for the word "two" there shall be substituted the word "three."

And the following consequential amendment to be made:—At the end of the title add the words "in respect of certain trades and businesses and to make special provision in respect of certain other trades and businesses."

And, after debate, the recommendations of the Free Conference on the said amendments were agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the recommendations of the Free Conference, and desiring the concurrence of the Legislative Council therewith.



4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 the law concerning Letters Patent for Inventions,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd December, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

5. PATENTS BILL.—Mr. Murray moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to amend the law concerning Letters Patent for Inventions,*" 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 THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for Water Supply in Country Districts and for other purposes*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd December, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

7. CONSTITUTION REFORM 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. Bromley moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "this House is opposed to the Constitution Reform Bill as proposed by the Government, and declares that the Bill will not be acceptable unless the clauses providing for the restriction of the franchise are eliminated, and both Houses are elected upon an universal suffrage basis, and unless provision be made for the initiative and referendum. And this House further declares that no measure will be acceptable which embodies proposals that were not submitted to the electors at the last general election."

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

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1902.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 79.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hall,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Bromley,	
Mr. Elmslie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 81.		Noes, 8.	
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Billson,	
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Bromley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Prendergast.
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,		
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,		
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackinnon,		
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Madden,		
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,		
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,		
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,		
Capt. Chirside,	Mr. McDonald,		
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McGregor,		
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Mr. Fink,	Mr. Oman,		
Mr. Fletcher,	Sir Alexander Peacock,		
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Ramsay,		
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,		
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Smith,		
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Stanley,		
Mr. Grose,	Capt. Staughton,		
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sterry,		
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,		
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,		
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,		
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,		
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Wallace,		
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Watt,		
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Wilkins,		
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Williams,		
Mr. Hutchinson,	Dr. Wilson.		
Mr. Irvine,			
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Bailes,		
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Thomson.		
Mr. Kirkwood,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 12 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 24.

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 THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1902.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves 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.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 25.

TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same were read :—

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

Message No. 11.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at the Government Offices, reserved the undermentioned Bill, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, viz. :—

*“ An Act to provide for the Reduction until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three of the Salaries or Pay of Responsible Ministers of the Crown and certain Officers under ‘ The Constitution Act ’ or Part IX. of ‘ The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890 ’ or whose Salaries or Pay are provided for by Special Appropriations.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 25th November, 1902.

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

Message No. 12.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at State Government House, Melbourne, 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 revive and continue the ‘ Factories and Shops Act 1896 ’ and the Acts amending the same in respect of certain trades and businesses and to make special provision in respect of certain other trades and businesses.”*

State Government House,  
Melbourne, 5th December, 1902.

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

Message No. 13.

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 to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways.”  
 “ An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes.”  
 “ An Act to provide for the Collection of Statistics.”  
 “ An Act to indemnify the Councillors of various Municipalities for Borrowing Moneys by Overdrafts on Bankers for the purposes of their Municipalities contrary to the provisions of the ‘ Local Government Act 1890 ’ and for other purposes.”  
 “ An Act to provide by pumping for the Supply of Water from Long Lake to Part of the Eastern Mallee.”  
 “ An Act to amend the ‘ Marriage Act 1900.’ ”  
 “ An Act to provide for the abolition of Local Rates on certain lines of railway.”  
 “ An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for Water Supply in Country Districts and for other purposes.”

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 9th December, 1902.

4. LAND IN THE FUMINA DISTRICT.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Fumina by means of a road, tramway, or railway with one of the existing lines of railway. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Irvine presented—

Land in the Fumina District.—Return to the foregoing Order.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

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

Explosives Act 1890—

Manufacture, &c., of Rackarock prohibited.—Order in Council.

Prohibition of the Manufacture, &c., of Rackarock revoked.—Order in Council.

Water Acts—

Bacchus Marsh Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 10 (Draft Form).

Bairnsdale Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation No. 16.

Cohuna Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Extra Rate for 1902.—Regulation No. 26.

Koondrook and Myall Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.

North Boort Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.

Wandella Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.

6. PETITION.—The following Petition, in favour of the opening of the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery on Sundays, was presented :—

By Mr. Bromley—

From the Trustees of the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria, under the common seal of the said Trustees.

On the motion of Mr. Bromley, 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.

7. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley 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.

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

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
Deputy-Speaker.

## VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.

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WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that the House will reject the proposal to give separate representation to Public Officers and Railway Officers as provided for in the Constitution Reform Bill, was presented :—  
By Mr. Grose—  
From certain residents of Rocky Lead.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. E. H. Cameron presented—  
Mining Leases, Ballarat Division.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 26th November, 1902, for a return showing all mining leases, with areas, in the Ballarat Division, together with the following particulars :—
  1. Date of issue.
  2. To whom issued.
  3. By whom now occupied.
  4. Leases in which labour covenants are being complied with.
  5. Cases in which labour covenants are not complied with, and the reasons.
  6. In leases in which labour covenants are being complied with, how many (a) contract, (b) wages men, (c) tributers, are engaged.
  7. In all cases where effective work has been suspended, the date of such suspension.
 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 :—  
Water Acts—  
Swan Hill Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Authority for Overdraft.  
Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Draft Form of Rating Regulation repealed.
5. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bennett 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.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 27.

THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Dentists Act 1898.—Dental Board of Victoria.—Regulation prescribing Form of Diploma.  
Public Service Acts.—Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Chapter VI.
4. **SUPPLY.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Mr. Irvine moved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. **CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bowser 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.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 12 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 28.

FRIDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. ADJOURNMENT TO THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE, SPRING-STREET.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at four o'clock, at the Parliament House situate in Spring-street.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Graves,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hennessy,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Graham,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Boyd.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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4. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bowser 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.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at four minutes past four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next, at the Parliament House situate in Spring-street.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 29.

TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met, at the Parliament House, Spring-street, pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented—
  - Adults in each Electorate.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 28th November, 1902, for a return showing, according to the latest census—
    1. The number of adult males in each electorate.
    2. The number of adult females in each electorate.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1902.

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

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration this day.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in agreeing to the recommendations of the Free Conference on the Bill intituled "*An Act to revive and continue the 'Factories and Shops Act 1896' and the Act's amending the same.*"

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd December, 1902.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

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

And then the House, at thirty-eight minutes past twelve o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 30.

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 WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

River Murray.—Interstate Royal Commission on the River Murray, representing the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia.—Report of the Commissioners, with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, and Plans.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past three o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Irvine 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. Deputy-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. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 75.		Noes, 13.
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Anstey,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Billson,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lawson,	Mr. W. A. Hamilton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Madden,	
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,	
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,	
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McCutcheon,	
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McKenzie,	
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,	
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Menzies,	
Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Morrissey,	
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,	
Mr. Gair,	Sir Alexander Peacock,	
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Ramsay,	
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,	
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Stanley,	
Mr. Grose,	Capt. Staughton,	
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sterry,	
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,	
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,	
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Watt,	
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Williams,	
Mr. Holden,	Dr. Wilson.	
Mr. Hutchinson,		
Mr. Irvine,		
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Bailes,	
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Thomson.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

6. 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.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 273B.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That Standing Order 273B be suspended, so as to allow the question being put by Mr. Deputy-Speaker "That I do now leave the Chair," on the Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply this day.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Mr. Bailes moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government, in the interests of the mining industry, should appoint a Director of Mining, and that the Honorable the Minister of Mines should, at the earliest possible date, bring in an Amending Mines Bill to repeal or amend the unworkable sections of the *Mines Act* 1897 relating to tributing."  
Debate ensued.  
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.  
Question—That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.  
Mr. Irvine moved, That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 12, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 31.

THURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.

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

Electric Light and Power Act 1896.—Report respecting Applications and Proceedings under, for the year 1901.

Water Acts—

Campaspe Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.

Euroa Waterworks Trust.—Application for an Additional Loan of £7,000.

Loddon United Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan of £100.

South Kerang Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.

Swan Hill Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.

Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Divisions.—Order in Council.

Yarrowonga Urban Waterworks Trust.—Additional Loan of £300.

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

1902.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1902-3.

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

Message No. 14.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 1902-3, in lieu of the Estimate of Expenditure for the first five months of the Year 1902-3, transmitted on 10th June, 1902, 5th August, 1902, and 21st October, 1902, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 18th December, 1902.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day. Mr. Bennett acquainted the House 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.
6. SUPPLY.—Mr. Bennett reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £771,591 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1902-3, viz.:—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council	200
2. Legislative Assembly	1,300
3. Parliamentary, Standing Committee on Railways	140

(500 copies.)

Division No.	£
4. Victorian Parliamentary Debates ... ..	450
5. The Library ... ..	460
6. State Reading Room ... ..	130
7. Refreshment Rooms ... ..	200
9. Administrative and Scientific ... ..	6,240
10. Government Statist ... ..	2,510
11. Police ... ..	45,750
12. Penal Establishments and Gaols ... ..	9,720
13. Hospitals for the Insane ... ..	23,375
14. Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools ... ..	12,020
15. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery ... ..	3,065
16. Government Shorthand Writer ... ..	298
17. Auditor-General ... ..	1,760
17A. Public Service Commissioner ... ..	215
18. Aborigines ... ..	1,000
20. Grants ... ..	765
21. Miscellaneous ... ..	10,220
22. Education ... ..	5,662
23. Do. ... ..	98,704
24. Melbourne University ... ..	750
25. Technical Schools ... ..	4,000
26. Miscellaneous ... ..	480
27. Supreme Court ... ..	596
28. Law Officers of the Crown ... ..	2,515
29. Crown Solicitor ... ..	812
30. Prothonotary ... ..	337
31. Master in Equity and Lunacy ... ..	689
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles ... ..	4,772
33. Patents ... ..	412
34. Sheriff ... ..	1,169
35. Miscellaneous ... ..	250
36. County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions ... ..	3,487
37. Police Magistrates and Wardens ... ..	2,540
38. Clerks of Courts ... ..	3,100
39. Coroners ... ..	520
40. Miscellaneous ... ..	300
41. Treasury ... ..	4,039
42. Income Tax ... ..	1,709
43. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons ... ..	256
44. Government Printer ... ..	6,354
46. Grant to Charitable Institutions ... ..	20,000
47. Transport, &c. ... ..	500
48. Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure ... ..	500
49. Carriage of Grain ... ..	30,000
50. Carriage of Coal ... ..	6,000
51. Miscellaneous ... ..	2,200
53. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands ... ..	12,875
54. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves ... ..	700
55. Botanical and Domain Gardens ... ..	1,350
56. Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Act ... ..	170
57. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals ... ..	2,700
58. Acquisition of Land for closer settlement ... ..	100
59. State Forests and Nurseries ... ..	3,200
60. Village Settlements and Labour Colonies ... ..	600
61. Miscellaneous ... ..	250
62. Public Works ... ..	4,169
63. Ports and Harbors ... ..	5,880
64. Miscellaneous ... ..	330
65. Works and Buildings ... ..	22,140
67. Mines and Water Supply ... ..	6,135
68. Maintenance of Testing Plants ... ..	600
69. Waterworks in Country Districts ... ..	400
70. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works ... ..	2,800
71. Miscellaneous ... ..	2,000
72. Agriculture and Industries ... ..	1,111
73. Diseases in Stock ... ..	656
74. Vegetation Diseases ... ..	718
76. Grants ... ..	8
77. Miscellaneous ... ..	5,840
78. Public Health ... ..	3,378
79. Victorian Railways ... ..	370,000
80. Miscellaneous ... ..	1,010
	£771,591

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

7. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.  
Mr. Bennett acquainted the House 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.
8. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Bennett reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1902–3 the sum of £771,591 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Shiels and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
9. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Seven hundred and seventy-one thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.  
Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bennett reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
Mr. Deputy-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. Shiels, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES.**—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain Administration and Probate Duties.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
And, on the further motion of Mr. Irvine, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, Mr. Bennett reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That in lieu of the duties now charged under the Administration and Probate Acts, there shall be charged the following duties, namely :—

## PART 1.

On the estates real and personal of deceased persons (except as in Part 2) :—

Where the total value of such estates after deducting all debts—	Duty shall be payable at the rate per cent. of—
Exceeds £100 and does not exceed £200 ...	One pound
Exceeds £200 and does not exceed £300 ...	One pound ten shillings
Exceeds £300 and does not exceed £400 ...	Two pounds
Exceeds £400 and does not exceed £500 ...	Two pounds ten shillings
Exceeds £500 and does not exceed £600 ...	Three pounds
Exceeds £600 and does not exceed £800 ...	Three pounds six shillings and eightpence
Exceeds £800 and does not exceed £1,000 ...	Three pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence
Exceeds £1,000 and does not exceed £1,500 ...	Four pounds
Exceeds £1,500 and does not exceed £2,000 ...	Four pounds five shillings
Exceeds £2,000 and does not exceed £2,500 ...	Four pounds ten shillings
Exceeds £2,500 and does not exceed £3,000 ...	Four pounds fifteen shillings
Exceeds £3,000 and does not exceed £3,500 ...	Five pounds
Exceeds £3,500 and does not exceed £4,000 ...	Five pounds five shillings
Exceeds £4,000 and does not exceed £4,500 ...	Five pounds ten shillings
Exceeds £4,500 and does not exceed £5,000 ...	Five pounds fifteen shillings
Exceeds £5,000 and does not exceed £6,000 ...	Six pounds
Exceeds £6,000 and does not exceed £7,000 ...	Six pounds four shillings
Exceeds £7,000 and does not exceed £8,000 ...	Six pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £8,000 and does not exceed £9,000 ...	Six pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £9,000 and does not exceed £10,000...	Six pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £10,000 and does not exceed £11,000	Seven pounds four shillings
Exceeds £11,000 and does not exceed £12,000	Seven pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £12,000 and does not exceed £13,000	Seven pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £13,000 and does not exceed £14,000	Seven pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £14,000 and does not exceed £15,000	Eight pounds four shillings

On the estates real and personal of deceased persons (except as in Part 2)—*continued*:—

Where the total value of such estates after deducting all debts—	Duty shall be payable at the rate per cent. of—
Exceeds £15,000 and does not exceed £16,000	Eight pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £16,000 and does not exceed £17,000	Eight pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £17,000 and does not exceed £18,000	Eight pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £18,000 and does not exceed £19,000	Nine pounds
Exceeds £19,000 and does not exceed £20,000	Nine pounds ten shillings
Exceeds £20,000                   ...                   ...	Ten pounds

## PART 2.

On all estates real and personal of deceased persons—  
on the shares of widows and children—

i. Where the total value of the estate after deducting all debts or where the portion of such estate—	Duty shall be payable at the rate per cent. of—
Exceeds £100 and does not exceed £500 ...	One pound
Exceeds £500 and does not exceed £1,000 ...	Two pounds
Exceeds £1,000 and does not exceed £2,000 ...	Three pounds
Exceeds £2,000 and does not exceed £3,000 ...	Three pounds six shillings and eightpence
Exceeds £3,000 and does not exceed £4,000 ...	Three pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence
Exceeds £4,000 and does not exceed £5,000 ...	Four pounds
Exceeds £5,000 and does not exceed £6,000 ...	Four pounds five shillings
Exceeds £6,000 and does not exceed £7,000 ...	Four pounds ten shillings
Exceeds £7,000 and does not exceed £8,000 ...	Four pounds fifteen shillings
Exceeds £8,000 and does not exceed £10,000...	Five pounds
Exceeds £10,000 and does not exceed £12,000	Five pounds four shillings
Exceeds £12,000 and does not exceed £14,000	Five pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £14,000 and does not exceed £16,000	Five pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £16,000 and does not exceed £18,000	Five pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £18,000 and does not exceed £20,000	Six pounds
Exceeds £20,000 and does not exceed £24,000	Six pounds four shillings
Exceeds £24,000 and does not exceed £28,000	Six pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £28,000 and does not exceed £32,000	Six pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £32,000 and does not exceed £36,000	Six pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £36,000 and does not exceed £40,000	Seven pounds
Exceeds £40,000 and does not exceed £44,000	Seven pounds four shillings
Exceeds £44,000 and does not exceed £48,000	Seven pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £48,000 and does not exceed £52,000	Seven pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £52,000 and does not exceed £56,000	Seven pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £56,000 and does not exceed £60,000	Eight pounds
Exceeds £60,000 and does not exceed £64,000	Eight pounds four shillings
Exceeds £64,000 and does not exceed £68,000	Eight pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £68,000 and does not exceed £72,000	Eight pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £72,000 and does not exceed £76,000	Eight pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £76,000 and does not exceed £80,000	Nine pounds
Exceeds £80,000 and does not exceed £85,000	Nine pounds four shillings
Exceeds £85,000 and does not exceed £90,000	Nine pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £90,000 and does not exceed £95,000	Nine pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £95,000 and does not exceed £100,000	Nine pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £100,000                   ...                   ...	Ten pounds

## On all settlements of property both real and personal—

i. Where the person taking the property is a widow widower or descendant or ancestor of the settlor and the value of the property—	Duty shall be payable at the rate per cent. of—
Exceeds £100 and does not exceed £500 ...	One pound
Exceeds £500 and does not exceed £1,000 ...	Two pounds
Exceeds £1,000 and does not exceed £2,000 ...	Three pounds
Exceeds £2,000 and does not exceed £3,000 ...	Three pounds six shillings and eightpence
Exceeds £3,000 and does not exceed £4,000 ...	Three pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence
Exceeds £4,000 and does not exceed £5,000 ...	Four pounds
Exceeds £5,000 and does not exceed £6,000 ...	Four pounds five shillings
Exceeds £6,000 and does not exceed £7,000 ...	Four pounds ten shillings
Exceeds £7,000 and does not exceed £8,000 ...	Four pounds fifteen shillings
Exceeds £8,000 and does not exceed £10,000	Five pounds
Exceeds £10,000 and does not exceed £12,000	Five pounds four shillings
Exceeds £12,000 and does not exceed £14,000	Five pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £14,000 and does not exceed £16,000	Five pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £16,000 and does not exceed £18,000	Five pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £18,000 and does not exceed £20,000	Six pounds



On all settlements of property both real and personal—*continued* :—

i. Where the person taking the property is a widow widower or descendant or ancestor of the settlor and the value of the property—	Duty shall be payable at the rate per cent. of—
Exceeds £20,000 and does not exceed £24,000	Six pounds four shillings
Exceeds £24,000 and does not exceed £28,000	Six pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £28,000 and does not exceed £32,000	Six pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £32,000 and does not exceed £36,000	Six pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £36,000 and does not exceed £40,000	Seven pounds
Exceeds £40,000 and does not exceed £44,000	Seven pounds four shillings
Exceeds £44,000 and does not exceed £48,000	Seven pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £48,000 and does not exceed £52,000	Seven pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £52,000 and does not exceed £56,000	Seven pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £56,000 and does not exceed £60,000	Eight pounds
Exceeds £60,000 and does not exceed £64,000	Eight pounds four shillings
Exceeds £64,000 and does not exceed £68,000	Eight pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £68,000 and does not exceed £72,000	Eight pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £72,000 and does not exceed £76,000	Eight pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £76,000 and does not exceed £80,000	Nine pounds
Exceeds £80,000 and does not exceed £85,000	Nine pounds four shillings
Exceeds £85,000 and does not exceed £90,000	Nine pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £90,000 and does not exceed £95,000	Nine pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £95,000 and does not exceed £100,000	Nine pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £100,000	Ten pounds

Provided that where the person taking is the child or the widow of the deceased the duty shall be charged at one-half the foregoing rates if the value of the whole of the estate of the deceased in and out of Victoria is under £2,000.

ii. Where the person taking the property is a brother or sister or descendant of a brother or sister or by any person in any other degree of collateral consanguinity to the settlor and the value of the property—	Duty shall be payable at the rate per cent. of—
Exceeds £100 and does not exceed £200	One pound
Exceeds £200 and does not exceed £300	One pound ten shillings
Exceeds £300 and does not exceed £400	Two pounds
Exceeds £400 and does not exceed £500	Two pounds ten shillings
Exceeds £500 and does not exceed £600	Three pounds
Exceeds £600 and does not exceed £800	Three pounds six shillings and eightpence
Exceeds £800 and does not exceed £1,000	Three pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence
Exceeds £1,000 and does not exceed £1,500	Four pounds
Exceeds £1,500 and does not exceed £2,000	Four pounds five shillings
Exceeds £2,000 and does not exceed £2,500	Four pounds ten shillings
Exceeds £2,500 and does not exceed £3,000	Four pounds fifteen shillings
Exceeds £3,000 and does not exceed £3,500	Five pounds
Exceeds £3,500 and does not exceed £4,000	Five pounds five shillings
Exceeds £4,000 and does not exceed £4,500	Five pounds ten shillings
Exceeds £4,500 and does not exceed £5,000	Five pounds fifteen shillings
Exceeds £5,000 and does not exceed £6,000	Six pounds
Exceeds £6,000 and does not exceed £7,000	Six pounds four shillings
Exceeds £7,000 and does not exceed £8,000	Six pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £8,000 and does not exceed £9,000	Six pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £9,000 and does not exceed £10,000	Six pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £10,000 and does not exceed £11,000	Seven pounds four shillings
Exceeds £11,000 and does not exceed £12,000	Seven pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £12,000 and does not exceed £13,000	Seven pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £13,000 and does not exceed £14,000	Seven pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £14,000 and does not exceed £15,000	Eight pounds four shillings
Exceeds £15,000 and does not exceed £16,000	Eight pounds eight shillings
Exceeds £16,000 and does not exceed £17,000	Eight pounds twelve shillings
Exceeds £17,000 and does not exceed £18,000	Eight pounds sixteen shillings
Exceeds £18,000 and does not exceed £19,000	Nine pounds
Exceeds £19,000 and does not exceed £20,000	Nine pounds ten shillings
Exceeds £20,000	Ten pounds

iii. Duty at the rate of Ten pounds per cent. on the value of the property taken by a stranger in blood to the settlor or donor.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Irvine and Mr. Shiels do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

11. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine then brought up a Bill intitled “*A Bill to amend the Administration and Probate Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bennett reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

Mr. Deputy-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. Irvine, read a third time.

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

Clause 16, page 5, line 25, omit "Probates" and insert "Probate."

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

12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Seven hundred and seventy-one thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 18th December, 1902.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 the 'Transfer of Land Act 1890,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 16th December, 1902.

14. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Transfer of Land 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 to-morrow.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 Land granted as a Site for a Market Place in the City of Ballaarat,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 18th December, 1902.

16. BALLAARAT COURT HOUSE LAND BILL.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act relating to certain Land granted as a Site for a Market Place in the City of Ballaarat,*" 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.

17. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 'Education Act 1901,'*" 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.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 18th December, 1902.

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

18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow:—

*Supply—To be further considered in Committee.*

Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 11 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
Deputy-Speaker.

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 32.

FRIDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1902.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 12 inclusive be postponed until after No. 13.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 273B.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That Standing Order 273B be suspended, so as to allow the question being put by Mr. Deputy-Speaker "That I do now leave the Chair," on the Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply this day.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Prendergast moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "the various exceptional circumstances surrounding the acceptance of Mr. T. N. Flight's tender for the Waranga Basin work are such as to demand inquiry by a Committee of this House."  
And, after debate—  
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Hall,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Anstey,
Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.

Mr. Irvine moved, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 20th January next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 10 inclusive be postponed until after No. 11.
7. **BALLAARAT COURT HOUSE LAND BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
 Mr. Deputy-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. Irvine, 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.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 20th January next.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 10 inclusive and Nos. 12 and 14, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, 20th January next.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at forty-five minutes past three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 20th January next.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 33.

TUESDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read :—

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

Message No. 15.

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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Seven hundred and seventy-one thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1902.

4. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will reject clause 17 of the Administration and Probate Acts Amendment Bill, were presented:—

By Mr. Boyd—

From Wm. J. Fookes, styling himself President, Montague Cohen, styling himself Vice-President, and Arthur Robinson, styling himself Honorary Secretary, on behalf of the Law Institute of Victoria.

By Mr. W. A. Hamilton—

From certain members of the Bendigo Law Association.

On the motion of Mr. Boyd, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the first Petition to be read.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Sir Alexander Peacock presented a Petition from T. M. Burke, styling himself President, and Fred. C. Wainwright, styling himself Secretary, on behalf of the Victorian Board of Directors of the Australian Natives' Association, under the common seal of the said Board, praying that the House will reject the Patents Bill.

On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock, 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.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Irvine presented—

Factories and Shops Acts Continuance Bill.—Free Conference with the Legislative Council.—Report of the Proceedings of the Free Conference between the two Houses on the subject-matter of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in the Factories and Shops Acts Continuance Bill, as transcribed from the shorthand notes of the Government Shorthand Writer.

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

Report of the Council of Judges, under Section 33 of the *Supreme Court Act 1890*.

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

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1901—

Part V.—Vital Statistics, &c.

Part VI.—Law, Crime, &c.

(500 copies.)

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

Land Acts and Wattles Act 1890—Report of Proceedings taken under the Provisions of, during the year ending 31st December, 1901.

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 :—

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st July, 1901, to 31st December, 1901.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1902.

Census of Victoria, 1901.—

Part II.—Ages.

Part III.—Birthplaces and Allegiance.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet, together with Schedule of Contracts, for year ended 30th June, 1902.

Water Act 1890.—Dimboola Shire Council and the Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Application of Municipal Funds.

6. RAILWAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN WESTERN DISTRICTS AND MILDURA VIA HOPETOUN.—Mr. Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the Western Districts of Victoria with Mildura and the Darling River by means of a railway from Hopetoun to a suitable point on the through line to Mildura, now in course of construction, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves 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.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Shiels moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,

*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*

W. D. BEAZLEY,

*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 34.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read :—

G. S. CLARKE,

*Governor.**Message No. 16.*

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a copy of a despatch which he has received from His Excellency the Governor-General, notifying that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Victoria in the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 20th January, 1903.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Governor-General,  
14th January, 1903.

SIR,

Under the provisions of section 21 of The Constitution Act—and in the absence from the Commonwealth of the President of the Senate—I have the honour to inform you that by the much-regretted death of the late Senator Sir Frederick Thomas Sargood, a vacancy “has happened” in the representation of Victoria in the Senate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

TENNYSON,

*Governor-General.*

His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria.

Ordered—That His Excellency the Governor's Message be now taken into consideration.

4. VACANCY IN THE SENATE.—Mr. Irvine moved, That this House meet the Legislative Council, in the Queen's Hall, forthwith, for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Sir Frederick Thomas Sargood.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly the House proceeded to the Queen's Hall to meet the Legislative Council :—And having returned—

Mr. Irvine said—I have the honour to report that this House met the Legislative Council in the Queen's Hall, this day, for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Sir Frederick Thomas Sargood, and that the Honorable Robert Reid, a Member of the Legislative Council, was duly chosen to hold the vacant place.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 35.

THURSDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. McKenzie, and the same was read :—

G. S. CLARKE,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 17.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 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 authorize the sale of certain land reserved as a site for a Public Library and Reading Room at Colac and for other purposes.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 21st January, 1903.

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

4. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Friendly Societies—Twenty-fourth Annual Report on.—Report of the Actuary for Friendly Societies for the year 1901, to which are appended the Valuations, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.
5. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves 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.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 36.

FRIDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine informed the House that he had ascertained from the *Minutes of the Proceedings* of the Legislative Council of Thursday, the 22nd day of January instant, that the Administration and Probate Acts Amendment Bill had been "laid aside."

Mr. Irvine moved, That the resolution relating to the Administration and Probate Duties which, upon the 18th December last, was reported from the Committee of the whole House, and which was agreed to by the Legislative Assembly, be now read.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And the said resolution was read by the Clerk as printed in the *Votes and Proceedings*, pp. 89–91.

Mr. Irvine moved, That he have leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill to carry out the said resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Irvine then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Administration and Probate Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 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 enable Seed and Fodder to be advanced on certain terms to Cultivators of Land.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 23rd January, 1903.

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

5. SEED AND FODDER ADVANCES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 18, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day—

Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to enable Seed and Fodder to be advanced on certain terms to Cultivators of Land.

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

Ordered—That Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. McKenzie then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable Seed and Fodder to be advanced on certain terms to Cultivators of Land*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that the House will reject clause 17 of the Administration and Probate Acts Amendment Bill, was presented :—

By Mr. Swinburne—

From C. W. Nethersole, styling himself Chairman, and James Lock, styling himself Honorary Secretary, on behalf of the Victorian United Law Clerks' Society.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That chairs be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable Robert Philp, Premier, and the Honorable John Leahy, Minister for Railways, Queensland.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley 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, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 37.

TUESDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Grose moved, by leave, That the Printing Committee have power to confer with the Printing Committee of the Legislative Council.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. **PETITIONS.**—The following Petition, praying that the House will reject clause 17 of the Administration and Probate Acts Amendment Bill, was presented :—  
By Mr. Andrews—  
From certain members of the Geelong Law Association.  
Mr. Bennett presented a Petition from Andrew Hardie, styling himself Moderator, for and on behalf of the Public Questions Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, praying that the House will refuse the request of the Trustees of the Public Library, National Museums, and Picture Gallery for parliamentary authority to open those institutions on Sundays.  
Mr. Warde presented a Petition from John Robertson, M.A., of Moonee Ponds, praying that the House will investigate the laws of coinage and legal tender.  
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. **MINING BOARDS.**—Mr. Boyd moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the following information in connexion with Mining Boards :—
  1. Number of members on each Board.
  2. Occupation of each member.
  3. Fee paid to each member.
  4. Salary paid to secretary of each Board.
  5. Rent paid annually by each Board.
  6. Total travelling expenses.
  7. Printing expenses.
  8. Election expenses in each division for the past five years (each year separate).
  9. Any other expenses in connexion with the maintenance of these Boards.
  10. Details of duties the Boards are called upon to perform in reference to leases and exemptions under labour covenants.
  11. What fees have been received by the Boards for reporting to the Minister of Mines under the Mining Development Acts, or for reports on applications or suspensions of labour covenants.
  12. The number of persons who voted at each election of members of Mining Boards at the last five elections.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Prendergast 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 the administration of his Department, and particularly in reference to the obtaining of grazing licences.”  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—  
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.

7. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—  
Water Act 1890.—Shepparton Urban Waterworks Trust.—Additional Loan of £7,000.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow.
9. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bennett 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.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 16 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 38.

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WEDNESDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Land Act 1901.—Alterations in the Regulations.—Order in Council.
4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WITH REFERENCE TO GRAZING LICENCES.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters of administration of the Lands Department in reference to grazing licences in which the Honorable Member for Anglesey, when Minister of Lands, had any personal interest, either direct or indirect, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bowser, Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Duggan, Mr. J. Harris, and Mr. Madden, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; five to be the quorum.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow; and Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4.
6. SEED AND FODDER ADVANCES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bowser reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
Mr. Deputy-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. Irvine, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply—Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bowser 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.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 3, and Nos. 5 to 16 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Shiels moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

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## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 39.

THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WITH REFERENCE TO GRAZING LICENCES.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, by leave, That the Select Committee on Administration of the Lands Department with Reference to Grazing Licences have leave to move from place to place and to sit during the sittings of the House.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PETITION.—Mr. Watt presented a Petition from Llewelyn D. Bevan, D.D., styling himself Chairman, and H. L. Kettle, styling himself Secretary, in the name and on behalf of certain inhabitants of Melbourne, in public meeting assembled, praying that the House will make an amendment in the Education Act in the direction of giving voluntary religious instruction in State schools.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. ACTING VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONER BILL.—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the further Appointment of an Acting Victorian Railways Commissioner*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.  
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed, and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
8. PAPER.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker presented—  
Finance, 1901-2.—The Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1902; accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General and by the documents specified in the Fifty-first Section of the Audit Act.  
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 40.

TUESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.**—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable E. W. O'Sullivan, Minister of Public Works, New South Wales.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. **PETITIONS.**—The following Petitions, praying that the House will make an amendment in the Education Act in the direction of giving voluntary religious instruction in State schools, were presented:—

By Mr. Barr—

From S. G. McLaren, styling himself President, M. L. Hutchinson and Wm. Anderson, styling themselves Elders, on behalf of the Elders' Association of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

By Mr. Boyd—

From Edw. Harris, styling himself President, and Jas. Rickard, styling himself Honorary Secretary, for the Council of Churches representing the Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist, and Lutheran Churches of Victoria.

By Sir Samuel Gillott—

From G. O. Vance, Administrator of the Diocese of Melbourne, and the Bishops of the Dioceses of Ballarat, Bendigo, Wangaratta, and Gippsland.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

5. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
  - Companies Act 1896.—Rules under Division VII.—Return by Prothonotary of Business of the Supreme Court.
  - Water Acts—
    - Bacchus Marsh Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 10.
    - Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation.
6. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Irvine 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. Deputy-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. Irvine, read a third time.



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

- Clause 11, line 35, omit "been made with intent to evade" and insert "made the property to which the same relates chargeable with."  
 " at end of clause add "as though part of the estate of the donor."  
 Clause 12, page 4, line 3, after "deemed" insert "to the extent of such beneficial interest."  
 Clause 13, line 8, before "power" insert "general."  
 Clause 14, line 16, omit the last word "section."  
 Clause 17, line 19, omit "amending."  
 " line 29, omit "amending."

Mr. Toutcher moved, That the words "Exceeds £100 and does not exceed £500 One pound," in the First Schedule, Part II., page 7, be omitted.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.		Noes, 29.	
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keast,	Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,	Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,	Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Fink,	Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shiels,	Mr. Maloney,	
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Taverner,	Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. McGregor.
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wallace,		
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Watt,		
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Dr. Wilson.		
Mr. Hickford,			
Mr. Hirsch,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Craven,		
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

7. ACTING VICTORIAN RAILWAYS COMMISSIONER BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy-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. Bent, read a third time.

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 16 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
Deputy-Speaker.

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 41.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **PETITIONS.**—The following Petitions, praying that the House will make an amendment in the Education Act in the direction of giving voluntary religious instruction in State schools, were presented :—
 

By Mr. Mackinnon—  
From John C. Johnstone, M.A., styling himself Moderator of Presbyterian Church ;  
W. H. Fitchett, B.A., LL.D., styling himself President of the Methodist Church of  
Australasia ; S. Pearce Carey, M.A., styling himself President of the Baptist Union  
of Victoria ; and Llewelyn D. Bevan, D.D., styling himself Acting Chairman of the  
Congregational Union of Victoria.

By Mr. Ramsay—  
From Robt. Gillespie, styling himself President, and Henry H. Kemp, styling himself  
Honorary Secretary, for the Fellowship Union of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 

Public Service Acts.—Regulations under the Public Service Acts, and Appendix, 1st January,  
1903.
5. **RAILWAY ACCIDENT FUND AND RAILWAYS STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT BILL.**—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Railway Accident Fund and to the Railways Stores Suspense Account*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. **MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill providing for the transfer to the Consolidated Revenue of the Mallee Land Account*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (LEGAL CHARGES) BILL.**—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Legal Charges for obtaining Probate or Letters of Administration*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. **ST. KILDA AND BRIGHTON BEACH ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.**—Mr. Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of constructing an electric tramway from the St. Kilda railway station to or towards Brighton Beach be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Deputy-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 the Administration and Probate Acts*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 4th February, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

10. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Graves acquainted the House 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. **WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.**—Mr. Graves reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That the rates of duties of income tax which shall, subject and pursuant to the Income Tax Acts, be charged, levied, collected, and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and three, 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 Five hundred pounds, Fourpence;

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Fivepence;

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Sixpence;

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds and up to Two thousand pounds, Sevenpence;

and for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Two thousand pounds, Eightpence.

(b) On all income derived by any person from the produce of property—

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Eightpence;

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Tenpence;

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Twelvepence;

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds and up to Two thousand pounds, Fourteenpence;

and for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Two thousand pounds, Sixteenpence.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Shiels and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. **INCOME TAX BILL.**—Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and three*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

13. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Graves also acquainted the House 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. 3 to 14 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

15. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.

Notice being taken that a quorum of Members was not present, Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members not being present, Mr. Deputy-Speaker, at forty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock, adjourned the House, without Question being first put, until to-morrow.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 42.

THURSDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
- 2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
- 3. ARREARS OF LAND RENTS.—Mr. Anstey moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
  - 1. The names of all persons indebted to the Lands Department for arrears of land rents, the individual amounts owing, and the length of time such arrears have been accumulating, as at date 31st December, 1902.
  - 2. The names of all persons who have had their arrears of rents remitted during the last two years, and the amount of such remissions.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

- 4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
- 5. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1902-3.—Mr. Graves reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow :—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1902-3 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

DIVISION NO.	£	£
1. Legislative Council	...	377
2. Legislative Assembly	...	3,164
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	...	226
4. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	...	1,077
5. The Library	...	391
6. State Reading-room	...	263
7. Refreshment-rooms	...	191
9. Administrative and Scientific	...	12,648
10. Government Statist	...	6,961
11. Police	...	103,762
12. Penal Establishments and Gaols	...	16,750
13. Hospitals for the Insane	...	63,094
14. Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	...	30,186
15. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria	...	7,246
16. Government Shorthand Writer	...	818
17. Audit Office	...	4,181
17A. Public Service Commissioner	...	1,034
18. Aborigines	...	1,720
20. Grants	...	3,520
21. Miscellaneous	...	12,738

270,347

Less sums voted in excess on Division No. 19, Exhibition, on the 10th June, 1902, and the 6th August, 1902 ... 330

270,017

And, after debate, the said resolutions were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

- 6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Bennett reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions. Ordered—That the Report be received on Tuesday next. Mr. Bennett also acquainted the House 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.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 enable Seed and Fodder to be advanced on certain terms to Cultivators of Land*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 5th February, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 15 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 43.

TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.

3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same were read :—

G. S. CLARKE,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 19.*

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 certain Land granted as a Site for a Market Place in the City of Ballaarat.”*  
*“ An Act to amend the Administration and Probate Acts.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 5th February, 1903.

G. S. CLARKE,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 20.*

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 enable Seed and Fodder to be advanced on certain terms to Cultivators of Land.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 6th February, 1903.

4. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—MEMBER DISCHARGED.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That Mr. Taverner be discharged from attendance on the Parliament Buildings Committee.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—MEMBER APPOINTED.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That Mr. Bent be a member of the Parliament Buildings Committee.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Water Acts.—Twelve Mile Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.

7. ST. ARNAUD LAND BILL.—Mr. Taverner obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled *“ A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Grant of certain Land at St. Arnaud ”*; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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8. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.  
 Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.  
 Mr. Bromley also acquainted the House 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.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 44.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WITH REFERENCE TO GRAZING LICENCES.—Mr. Madden, on behalf of Mr. Gavan Duffy, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee upon the Administration of the Lands Department with Reference to Grazing Licences; together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Appendices, and Minutes of Evidence.  
Mr. Bennett moved, That the findings of the Committee as contained in the Report be read.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
The findings were read by the Clerk.  
Report ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. PETITION.—Mr. E. H. Cameron (for Mr. McKenzie) presented a Petition from Edward Harris, styling himself President, James Balfour, styling himself Vice-President, Jas. Rickard, styling himself Secretary, and Alex. Stewart, M.A., styling himself Convener, of the Lord's Day Observance Committee, on behalf of the Council of Churches of Victoria, praying that the House will refuse the request of the Trustees of the Public Library, National Museums, and Picture Gallery for parliamentary authority to open those institutions on Sundays.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the quarter ending 31st December, 1902.
6. INCOME TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—  
Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Sir Alexander 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 to-morrow.
7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bowser reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.  
Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.  
Mr. Bowser also acquainted the House 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.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 20 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

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*Deputy-Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 45.

THURSDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. RESIGNATION OF SEAT.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced that he had; that day, received the following letter, which he read :—

“Seaforth,” Clendon-road,  
Toorak, 12th February, 1903.

*To the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.*

SIR,

In view of the findings of the Select Committee appointed by your Honorable House to inquire into certain charges of mal-administration of the Lands Department preferred against me in the Legislative Assembly on 27th January of this year, I now beg to resign my seat for the Electoral District of Anglesey, in order that my actions may be reviewed by the electors of that constituency.

I am, Sir,  
Yours obediently,  
M. K. MCKENZIE.

4. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Question—put and negatived.  
Mr. Shiels moved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. INCOME TAX 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—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves 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.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Shiels moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 20 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past eleven o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 46.

TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **DRAINAGE OF LAKE GILLEAR.**—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced that he had received the certificate of the Clerk that the following Paper had lain on the Table of the House for a period of thirty days, pursuant to the provisions of section 399 of the *Land Act 1901*, viz. :—  
*Land Act 1901—Section 399.—Resumption of Land for Public Purposes.—Drainage of Lake Gillear.—Certificate of the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works, with plan attached, approved by the Governor in Council, with reference to the resumption of land in the County of Heytesbury, for the purpose of effecting the drainage of Lake Gillear.*  
 Mr. Irvine moved, That this Paper be returned to the Department of Public Works.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
*Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st January, 1902, to 30th June, 1902.*  
*Seed Advances Act 1903.—Regulations.—Order in Council.*
5. **PETITION.**—The following Petition, praying that the House will exempt from taxation the income from interest on the investments of Mutual Life Assurance Societies, was presented :—  
 By Mr. Boyd—  
 From certain residents in the State of Victoria.  
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion, General Business, Nos. 1 to 14 inclusive.
7. **GOLD BUYERS ACT 1901 REPEAL BILL.**—Mr. Menzies obtained leave, with Mr. Field, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to repeal the ‘Gold Buyers Act 1901’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **MORTGAGE LIMITATION BILL.**—Mr. Sangster obtained leave, with Mr. Maloney and Mr. Tucker, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to restrict Security to the Mortgaged Property*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. **WOMEN’S DISABILITIES REMOVAL BILL.**—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. Boyd, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to remove some Anomalies in the Law relating to Women*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION BILL.**—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. McCutcheon, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Limitation of Election Expenses*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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11. RAILWAY PASSENGERS' ACTIONS BILL.—Mr. Gair obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Actions against the Commissioner of Railways as a Carrier of Passengers*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS PREVENTION BILL.—Mr. Andrews obtained leave, with Mr. W. A. Hamilton and Mr. Toutcher, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Public Service and Railways Acts by preventing any New Appointments for Five Years except by resolution of the Legislative Assembly*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. PROBATE DUTIES EVASION BILL.—Mr. Maloney obtained leave, with Mr. Bromley and Mr. Elmslie, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to prevent the Evasion of Probate Duties by Entail Settlement or otherwise*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
14. BENALLA PUBLIC ROAD REVOCATION BILL.—Mr. Hall obtained leave, with Mr. Graves, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Livingston, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Proclamation as a Public Road of certain Land in the Town of Benalla and to vest such Land in the Country Fire Brigades Board*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
15. TOTALIZATOR BILL.—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. Elmslie and Mr. Maloney, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to legalize the Totalizator*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
16. LAW CLERKS ADMISSION BILL.—Mr. Bailes obtained leave, with Mr. Bennett, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Admission of certain Law Clerks to practise as Barristers and Solicitors*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
17. MEAT SUPERVISION ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Gair obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section Six of the 'Meat Supervision Act 1900'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
18. POUNDS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Keogh obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Pounds Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
19. DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Brown obtained leave, with Mr. Graham and Mr. McBride, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Dairying Companies Act 1900'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
20. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. Keogh, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Registration of the Brands of Cattle and the Earmarks of Sheep and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
21. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 provide for the further Appointment of an Acting Victorian Railways Commissioner*" without amendment.  
 H. J. WRIXON,  
 President.  
 Legislative Council,  
 Melbourne, 17th February, 1903.
22. INCOME TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves 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.
23. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
24. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
 Deputy-Speaker.

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 47.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 Reform of the Constitution of Victoria*," 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, 17th February, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

4. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will exempt from taxation the income from interest on the investments of Mutual Life Assurance Societies, were presented :—
  - By Mr. Duggan—  
From certain residents in the State of Victoria.
  - By Mr. Hutchinson—  
From certain residents in the State of Victoria.
  - By Mr. Mitchell—  
From certain residents in the State of Victoria.
  - By Mr. Shiels—  
From certain residents in the State of Victoria.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 & 19 Vict., cap. 55, during the year 1901-2, in substitution of Statement presented on 30th October, 1902.
  - Water Acts—
    - Marquis Hill Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Authority for Overdraft.
    - Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 19 (Draft Form).

6. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WITH REFERENCE TO GRAZING LICENCES.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the consideration of the Report from the Select Committee upon the Administration of the Lands Department with Reference to Grazing Licences be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. **INCOME TAX BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley 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 declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and three and to continue and amend the Income Tax Acts.”*

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

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive, and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 14 and Nos. 16 to 27 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow, and Order of the Day, General Business, No. 15, until Tuesday next.

9. **WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. W. A. Hamilton moved, by leave, That Mr. Bailes be added to the Members appointed to bring in the Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 48.

THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will exempt from taxation the income from interest on the investments of Mutual Life Assurance Societies, were presented :—
  - By Mr. Argyle—  
From certain residents in the State of Victoria.
  - By Mr. Boyd—  
From certain residents in the State of Victoria.
  - By Mr. Graves—  
From certain residents in the State of Victoria.
  - By Mr. Thomson—  
From certain residents in the State of Victoria.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to further amend the ‘Health Act 1890’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Land Act 1901.—Alterations in the Regulations.—Order in Council.
7. INCOME TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—
  - Mr. Shiels 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. Deputy-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. Shiels, read a third time.
  - On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the House, after debate, agreed to the following amendments in this Bill :—
    - Clause 6, lines 21 and 22, omit “ actual net capital owned by such taxpayer and employed or used in such trade ” and insert “ surplus of assets of such taxpayer employed or used in such trade over and above the liabilities thereof.”
    - ” sub-section (2), line 26, omit “ the actual net capital ” and insert “ such surplus so.”
    - ” add the following new sub-section :—
      - (3) Every such determination of the Commissioner shall be subject to objections to be made and dealt with pursuant to the provisions of the Principal Act, and unless otherwise requested by the taxpayer the evidence touching any such objection shall be heard by the County Court with closed doors and with the public and press excluded.
  - Mr. Shiels moved, That the following new sub-section be added to clause 11 :—
    - (4) The rate of duty of income tax which shall under this section be chargeable shall notwithstanding anything contained in this Act be Twelvepence for every pound sterling of the taxable amount of income.
  - Debate ensued.
  - Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Swinburne moved, That sub-sections (1) and (2) of clause 11 be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—That sub-sections (1) and (2) of clause 11 stand part of the Bill—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Lancaster,	
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McLeod,	

*Tellers.*

Mr. Bailes,  
Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Mitchell,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kerr,	

*Tellers.*

Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Duggan.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Clause 11, sub-section (3), lines 26–8, omit “(not being a mutual life assurance company whose head or principal office or principal place of business is in Australia).”  
,, lines 29 and 30, omit “twenty-five” and insert “thirty.”

On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House, after debate, agreed to the following further amendment in this Bill :—

Clause 11, add the following new sub-section :—

(3A) So far as regards companies carrying on fire fidelity guarantee or marine assurance or insurance business the premiums derived from any such business shall not be included in the premiums received by any of such companies within the meaning of the last sub-section of this section.

On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the House, after debate, agreed to the following further amendment in this Bill :—

Clause 11, add the following new sub-section :—

(3B) The rate of duty of income tax which shall under this section be chargeable shall notwithstanding anything contained in this Act be Twelvepence for every pound sterling of the taxable amount of income.

Mr. Mackey moved, That the words “Section eighteen” be omitted from the last line of the Schedule.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

Mr. Graves also acquainted the House 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 20 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 49.

TUESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.**—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable Sir Joseph George Ward, K.C.M.G., Minister of Railways and Colonial Secretary of New Zealand.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read :—  
G. S. CLARKE,  
*Governor.* *Message No. 21.*  
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 provide for the further Appointment of an Acting Victorian Railways Commissioner.*”  
Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 20th February, 1903.
5. **INCOME TAX BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTION.**—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill, viz. :—  
In clause 11, sub-section (2), line 23, the word “last” has been omitted and the word “first” inserted.
6. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Cyanide Patents Purchase Act 1900.—Regulations.
7. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.  
Mr. Bromley also acquainted the House 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.

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8. SUPPLY.—Mr. Bromley reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That a sum not exceeding £13,575 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1902–3, viz. :—

Division No.	Sums required for one month ending 28th February, 1903.	
	Out of Amounts Voted by the Assembly.	To be Voted.
	£	£
1. Legislative Council	100	
2. Legislative Assembly	700	
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	60	
4. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	225	
5. The Library	130	
6. State Reading Room	40	
7. Refreshment Rooms	50	
9. Administrative and Scientific	3,025	
10. Government Statist	940	
11. Police	23,000	
12. Penal Establishments and Gaols	4,540	
13. Hospitals for the Insane	11,100	
14. Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	6,015	
15. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery	1,735	
16. Government Shorthand Writer	150	
17. Auditor-General	790	
17A. Public Service Commissioner	115	
18. Aborigines	605	
20. Grants	50	
21. Miscellaneous	3,050	
67. Mines and Water Supply		3,200
68. Maintenance of Testing Plants		300
69. Waterworks in Country Districts		200
70. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works		1,600
71. Miscellaneous		2,000
72. Agriculture and Industries		725
73. Diseases in Stock		378
74. Vegetation Diseases		325
75. Maffra Beet Sugar Factory		20
76. Grants		255
77. Miscellaneous		4,572
	£56,420	£13,575
Total		£69,995

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

Mr. Shiels moved, That out of amounts already voted by the Committee of Supply, but not yet reported to the House, a sum not exceeding £253,078 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1902–3, viz. :—

Division No.	£
22. Education	2,831
23. Do.	48,702
24. Melbourne University	375
25. Technical Schools	2,000
26. Miscellaneous	200
27. Supreme Court	296
28. Law Officers of the Crown	1,026
29. Crown Solicitor	440
30. Prothonotary	165
31. Master in Equity and Lunacy	335
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	2,292
33. Patents	247
34. Sheriff	850
35. Miscellaneous	500
36. County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions	1,453
37. Police Magistrates and Wardens	1,270
38. Clerks of Courts	1,570
39. Coroners	410
40. Miscellaneous	500
41. Treasury	2,020

Division No.	£
42. Income Tax	831
43. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	128
44. Government Printer	1,519
47. Transport, &c.	250
48. Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	400
51. Miscellaneous	100
53. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands	5,500
54. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	160
55. Botanical and Domain Gardens	670
56. Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Act	95
57. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	1,370
58. Acquisition of Land for closer settlement	50
59. State Forests and Nurseries	1,465
60. Village Settlements and Labour Colonies	200
61. Miscellaneous	250
62. Public Works	2,290
63. Ports and Harbors	2,190
64. Miscellaneous	100
65. Works and Buildings	3,300
78. Public Health	1,690
79. Victorian Railways	162,500
80. Miscellaneous	538
	£253,078

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Bromley also acquainted the House 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.

10. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Bromley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1902–3 the sum of £323,073 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Shiels and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and twenty-three thousand and seventy-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Deputy-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. Shiels, read a third time.

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

12. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WITH REFERENCE TO GRAZING LICENCES.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Select Committee upon the Administration of the Lands Department with Reference to Grazing Licences having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee, and expresses its entire concurrence with the conclusions arrived at therein.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Bromley moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the question, viz., "and, further, that Mr. McKenzie's conduct deserves the censure of this House."

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Prendergast,	
Mr. Ramsay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Maloney.

Noes, 66.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shiels,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Grabam,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. McBride.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee, and expresses its entire concurrence with the conclusions arrived at therein—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.  
 Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.  
 Mr. Bromley also acquainted the House 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. 4 to 22 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 50.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after No. 4.
4. CONSTITUTION REFORM 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 1, line 5, omit "1902" and insert "1903."
  2. Clause 2, line 15, omit "provinces and."
  3. " page 2, lines 1-3, omit "and on such last-mentioned day the Legislative Council shall without further or other authority than this Act be dissolved and expire and the members thereof shall vacate their seats therein."
  4. Clause 4, lines 12-17, omit—
 

"General election' where referring to the Council means an election at which all the members of the Council have to be elected, and

"Periodical election' where referring to the Council means an election at which half of the members of the Council have to be elected."
  5. " line 20, after "every" insert "male."
  6. " line 25, after "every" insert "male."
  7. " line 27, after "every" insert "male."
  8. Clause 5, line 41, omit "six" and insert "five."
  9. Clause 9, line 15, omit "sit in" and insert "with the consent of."
  10. " line 16, after "member" insert "sit in such House."
  11. Clause 10, line 25, omit "twenty-eight" and insert "forty-three."
  12. " line 26, omit "twenty-seven" and insert "forty-two."
  13. " line 26, omit "representatives of and."
  14. After clause 10 insert the following new clause :—
 

I. Notwithstanding anything contained in *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* the Council shall by resolution to be passed during the next Session of Parliament after the passing of this Act determine as to the reduction of members from forty-eight to forty-three, and the several Provinces in which such reduction shall be made and the members thereof who shall retire and the time when they shall retire.

In the event of the Governor failing to pass such resolution within the time aforesaid the Governor in Council may make such determination.
  15. Clause 11, omit this clause.
  16. Clause 12, omit this clause.
  17. Clause 13, omit this clause.
  18. Clause 14, omit this clause.
  19. Clause 15, omit this clause.
  20. Clause 16, omit this clause.

21. Clause 17, omit this clause.
22. Clause 18, omit this clause.
23. Clause 19, lines 34-7, omit "and if he shall for one year previously to such election have been legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold in possession for his own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the annual value of."
24. " lines 37-9, omit "pounds above all charges and encumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment."
25. " lines 40-3, omit "words 'Provided that the name of such male person is included in any general or supplementary roll or roll of ratepaying electors for the Legislative Council in force for any division of any province'" and insert "word 'Fifty.'"
26. Clause 20, omit this clause and insert the following new clause:—  
 E. In section forty-four of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* for the words "Twenty-five" there shall be substituted the word "Twenty."
27. Clause 25, omit this clause.
28. After clause 26 insert the following new clause:—  
 A.A. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in The Constitution Act Amendment Acts or in any other Act—  
 (a) any public officer or railways officer who is enrolled on the electors' roll of all public officers and railways officers and having the qualification prescribed in section thirty-five of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* shall be capable of being elected pursuant to this Act to represent public officers and railways officers in the Council, and  
 (b) any public officer who is enrolled on the electors' roll of public officers shall be capable of being elected pursuant to this Act to represent public officers in the Assembly, and  
 (c) any railways officer who is enrolled on the electors' roll of railways officers shall be capable of being elected pursuant to this Act to represent railways officers in the Assembly.
- (2) Where a public officer or railways officer is so elected a member of the Council or Assembly, such officer shall be entitled to sit and vote therein and to all the rights and privileges of a member of the Council or Assembly (as the case may be) and shall thereupon without further or other authority than this Act become relieved from acting in the duties of his office in the public service or railways service and shall be deemed to have been granted leave of absence without pay during the tenure of his membership of the Council or Assembly.
- (3) Any officer elected as aforesaid shall forthwith on ceasing to be a member under this section be entitled to resume his position in the public service or railways service and shall have the like status and pay as he had at the time of his election.
29. Clause 30, after sub-clause (1) insert—  
 (a) Bills which appropriate revenue or moneys for the ordinary annual services of the Government shall deal only with such appropriation.  
 (b) Laws imposing taxation shall deal only with the imposition of taxation, and any provision therein dealing with any other matter shall be of no effect. Laws imposing taxation shall deal with one subject of taxation only.
30. " line 40, omit "once."
31. Clause 31, omit this clause.
32. Clause 32, omit this clause.
33. Clause 33, omit this clause.
34. Clause 34, omit this clause.
35. Insert the following new clause:—  
 B.B. In section 22 of *The Constitution Act* after the word "district" there shall be inserted the words "or to represent public officers and railways officers or public officers or railways officers."
36. Clause 35, omit this clause and the headline.
37. Clause 39, line 34, omit "provinces and."
38. " line 35, omit "the Council and."
39. " line 37, omit "simultaneously" and "respectively."
40. " line 38, omit "the Council and."
41. " line 40, omit "the Council and."
42. " line 42, omit "simultaneously."
43. " line 43, omit "respectively."
44. In the Schedule, under the heading "Extent of Repeal"—  
 Omit "thirty, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty."  
 Omit "two hundred and twenty-one, Third Schedule, Fourth Schedule. In the Fourteenth Schedule the last column headed 'Yearly Value of Rateable Property.'  
 Omit "(3) Net annual value where Ten pounds and over in the case of owners."  
 Omit "Thirty-third Schedule."

And, after debate, the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendment 1 agreed to.

Amendments 2 to 7 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendment 8—

Amendment agreed to with the following amendment:—Insert “two” in place of “six” omitted, and with the following consequential amendment:—At end of the clause omit “Assembly” and insert “Council.”

Amendments 9 and 10 agreed to.

Amendments 11 to 27 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendment 28, new clause AA—

Mr. Watt moved, That this amendment be amended by inserting “as amended by this Act” after “1890” in paragraph (a) of sub-section (1).

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

Mr. Prendergast moved, That this amendment be further amended by omitting the words “without pay” in sub-section (2).

And, after debate, amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment 28 as amended agreed to.

And, after further debate—

Amendments 29 to 34 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendment 35 agreed to.

Amendments 36 to 44 inclusive 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, have disagreed with others, and have agreed to two of the said amendments with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and twenty-three thousand and seventy-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 25th February, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 and Nos. 5 to 21 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 51.

THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
4. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1902-3.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply having been read—the said resolutions were read and are as follow:—

*Resolved*—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1902-3 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

## II.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

DIVISION No.	£	£
22. Education ... ..	7,927	
23. Education ... ..	189,935	
24. Melbourne University ... ..	1,187	
25. Technical Schools ... ..	1,963	
26. Miscellaneous ... ..	767	
		201,779

## III.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

27. Supreme Court ... ..	831	
28. Law Officers of the Crown ... ..	3,905	
29. Crown Solicitor ... ..	1,753	
30. Prothonotary ... ..	681	
31. Master in Equity and Lunacy ... ..	1,480	
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles ... ..	9,615	
33. Patents ... ..	1,599	
34. Sheriff ... ..	3,063	
35. Miscellaneous ... ..	271	
		23,198

## IV.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

36. County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions ... ..	4,386	
37. Police Magistrates and Wardens ... ..	4,286	
38. Clerks of Courts ... ..	5,749	
39. Coroners ... ..	1,244	
40. Miscellaneous ... ..	600	
		16,265

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## VII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DIVISION No.	£	£
62. Public Works ... ..	7,826	
63. Ports and Harbors, Immigration, and Fisheries ... ..	14,539	
64. Miscellaneous ... ..	542	
65. Works and Buildings ... ..	31,400	
66. Road Works and Bridges ... ..	762	
	—	55,069

## VIII.—MINISTER OF MINES AND WATER SUPPLY.

67. Mines and Water Supply ... ..	11,250	
68. Maintenance of Testing Plants ... ..	350	
69. Waterworks in Country Districts ... ..	320	
70. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works ... ..	5,540	
71. Miscellaneous ... ..	4,710	
	—	22,170

And, after debate, the said resolutions were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That the consideration of the remaining resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply be postponed until Tuesday next.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion, General Business, Nos. 9, 10, and 12.
6. **JUSTICES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. McGregor obtained leave, with Mr. Mitchell, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Justices Act 1890’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
7. **STOLEN CATTLE (RECENT POSSESSION) BILL.**—Mr. J. Cameron obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey and Mr. Keogh, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Recent Possession of Stolen Cattle*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Shoppee obtained leave, with Mr. Kirkwood, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Act relating to Public Holidays by eliminating the general holiday for the Royal Agricultural Show Day when applied to places outside a radius of thirty miles from Melbourne*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bowser reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.  
Ordered—That the Report be received on Tuesday next.
10. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Deputy-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 declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and three and to continue and amend the Income Tax Acts*” without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 26th February, 1903.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 20 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine 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 Tuesday next.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
Deputy-Speaker.



VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 52.

TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Irvine presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
  - Factories and Shops Acts.—Report of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate and report on the Operations of the Factories and Shops Law of Victoria.
 Mr. Bent presented—
  - Surplus Railway Lands.—Part Return to an Order of the House, dated 25th November, 1902, for a return showing—
    1. Area of surplus railway lands.
    2. Where such lands are situate.
    3. Present capital value of such lands.
    4. Present rental value of such lands.
    5. The amount paid by the Railway Department in each case for such lands.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **ISSUE OF WRIT.**—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced that, on the 21st February last, Mr. Speaker had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Anglesey, in the place of Malcolm Kenneth McKenzie, resigned.
5. **COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—MEMBER APPOINTED.**—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That Mr. Swinburne be appointed a member of the Committee of Public Accounts.  
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. Irvine, and the same was read :—

G. S. CLARKE,

Governor.

Message No. 22.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly for their consideration the following amendment which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and three and to continue and amend the Income Tax Acts*" :—

In clause 9, sub-clause (1), line 2, after the word "except" insert "as provided in paragraph (g) of sub-section (1) of section seven of the Principal Act or."

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 2nd March, 1903.

On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the said amendment, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment, and requesting their concurrence therein.

7. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1902-3.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply having been read—the said resolutions were read and are as follow :—

*Resolved*—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1902-3 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

VI.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

DIVISION No.	£	£
53. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands ... ..	18,031	
54. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves ... ..	684	
55. Botanical and Domain Gardens ... ..	2,495	
56. Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Act ... ..	156	
57. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals ... ..	3,056	
58. Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Closer Settlement ... ..	139	
59. State Forests and Nurseries ... ..	4,819	
60. Village Settlements and Labour Colonies ... ..	300	
61. Miscellaneous ... ..	229	
	-----	31,909

IX.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

72. Agriculture and Industries ... ..	2,729	
73. Diseases in Stock ... ..	2,308	
74. Vegetation Diseases ... ..	1,910	
75. Maffra Beet Sugar Factory ... ..	275	
76. Grants ... ..	3,847	
77. Miscellaneous ... ..	12,539	
	-----	23,608

X.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

78. Public Health ... ..	5,314
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XI.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

79. Victorian Railways ... ..	456,370	
80. Miscellaneous ... ..	7,054	
	-----	463,424

V.—TREASURER.

41. Treasury ... ..	9,455	
42. Income Tax Office ... ..	5,092	
43. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons ... ..	577	
44. Government Printer ... ..	17,067	
45. Advertising ... ..	2,540	
46. Grant to Charitable Institutions ... ..	42,500	
47. Transport, Samples, and Marine Insurance ... ..	450	
48. Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure ... ..	100	
49. Allowance to the Railway Department for Carriage of Grain at Reduced Rates ... ..	35,000	
50. Allowance to Railway Department for Carriage and Use of Victorian Coal ... ..	7,000	
51. Miscellaneous ... ..	1,302	
	-----	121,083

And, after debate, the said resolutions were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 3 and Nos. 6 to 27 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow; and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 and 5, until Thursday next.

- 9 ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
Deputy-Speaker.

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 53.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. PETITION.—Mr. E. H. Cameron presented a Petition from John Foster, of Monbulk, praying that the House will inquire into the conduct of the Lands Department in dealing with applications for lease of block 76, section A, and block 43, section C; and also in issuing to Cyril Ernest Foster a licence to block 75, section A, parish of Monbulk, before an appeal lodged by Sarah Ann Foster had been dealt with.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. RAILWAY TRAFFIC IN STARVING STOCK.—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return, tabulated as follows, of the cattle and sheep carried on the Victorian railways at Starvation Stock Rates :—

Owners' Names or Name of Person who makes Declaration that he was unable to pay ordinary freight.	Stock Carried.		District from which Stock came.	Destination.
	Sheep.	Cattle.		

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY.—Mr. Graves moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
  1. The total area of land occupied by the Labour Colony at Leongatha.
  2. The approximate present unimproved value of this area.
  3. The approximate present improved value of this area.
  4. The total debt of this labour colony to the State to date.
  5. The present annual cost of this establishment to the State.
  6. The average number per annum of labour colonists maintained on this area.
  7. The number of the paid staff employed to maintain and manage this area.
  8. Who have been the responsible manager or managers under the Crown.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS ACT 1895 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. E. H. Cameron obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Mildura Irrigation Trusts Act 1895' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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7. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Graves also acquainted the House 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.

Mr. Graves reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

*Resolved*—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th June, 1903, the sum of £977,416 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Shiels and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

8. **APPROPRIATION BILL.**—Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Mr. Shiels moved, by leave, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Deputy-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. Shiels, read a third time.

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

Second Schedule, Part II., p. 111, Division No. 53, Subdivision No. 7, omit “Section 183, *Land Act 1898*,” and insert “Section 426, *Land Act 1901*.”

Second Schedule, Part II., p. 112, Division No. 54, Subdivision No. 2, Item No. 3, line 4 of the item, after “of” omit “£2,000” and insert “£1,500.”

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

9. **RAILWAY ACCIDENT FUND AND RAILWAYS STORES SUSPENSE ACCOUNT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Deputy-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. Shiels, read a third time.

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

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 18 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 54.

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 THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **PETITION.**—Mr. Mackinnon presented a Petition from Henry Dentry, of Prahran, praying that the House will cause an inquiry to be made into the circumstances of his retirement from the Education Department.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **PAPER.**—Mr. Irvine presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—  
Handling Grain in Bulk.—Report of the Royal Commission on Handling Grain and other Produce in Bulk or otherwise, together with the Appendices and Minutes of Evidence.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. **CROWN LANDS SELECTION AND PURCHASE BILL.**—Mr. Taverner obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the selection and purchase of Crown Lands*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. **HANDLING GRAIN IN BULK.**—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Royal Commission appointed on the 8th January, 1902, to inquire into and report upon the question of handling grain or other produce in bulk or otherwise, having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by Order in Council, and not yet having concluded their inquiry, the House concurs in the expenditure by such Commission, for the purposes of their inquiry and report, of a further sum of £30.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. **COLAC LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL.**—Mr. Taverner obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain Crown Land in the County of Polwarth, Town of Colac*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of the Notices of Motion and the Orders of the Day, General Business.

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10. OFFICE OF STATE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Toutcher moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty the King praying that on the expiration of the present Governor's term of office the question of the necessity of appointment of future State Governors for Victoria be taken into consideration.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gair,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. J. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hennessy,	
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Prendergast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Duggan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday, 2nd April next.

11. PRESS RAILWAY CONCESSIONS.—Mr. Tucker moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The number of free railway passes, half-fare tickets, and all other travelling concessions granted by the Railway Department to each of the daily and weekly metropolitan newspapers for the year ending 30th September, 1902.
2. The cash value of same.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. STATE SCHOOL RENTS.—Mr. Hickford moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The names of the school districts in which rent is paid for accommodation for State school scholars.
2. The amount paid in each case.
3. The names of the persons who receive such rent.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. WOMEN'S DISABILITIES REMOVAL BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bennett 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.

14. ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bennett 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.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 3 be postponed until Tuesday next, and No. 4 until Thursday next.

16. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shoppee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Bennett 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.
17. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Maloney moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Bennett reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments ; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.  
Mr. Deputy-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. Maloney, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
18. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor in the Bill intituled "*An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and three and to continue and amend the Income Tax Acts.*"  
H. J. WRIXON,  
President.  
Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 5th March, 1903.
19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 7 to 30 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 55.

TUESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.

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

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Fellow of the Royal Society, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

To WILLIAM DAVID BEAZLEY, Esquire, M.L.A., Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the State 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, on such occasions as the Honorable the Speaker may be absent, from time to time, in the State 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 State, at Melbourne, in the said State, this tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and three, and in the third year of His Majesty's reign.

GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. MURRAY.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 24, page 270, this tenth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and three.

G. C. MORRISON.

4. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced that he had received a return to the Writ issued by Mr. Speaker for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Anglesey, by which it appeared that Thomas Hunt, of Kilmore, journalist, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.

5. MEMBER SWORN.—Thomas Hunt, Esq., was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

6. LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL.—CLERK'S CORRECTION.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk, notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill :—

In clause 1, line 6, the figures " 1902 " have been omitted and the figures " 1903 " inserted.

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## 7. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

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

Mr. Murray presented—

State School Rents.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 5th March, 1903, for a return showing—

1. The names of the school districts in which rent is paid for accommodation for State school scholars.
2. The amount paid in each case.
3. The names of the persons who receive such rent.

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 :—

Education Act 1890 and Teachers Act 1893.—Clause 13 of Regulation No. XXIII. of the Regulations rescinded.—Order in Council.

Land Acts.—Schedule of Swamp Leases containing Special Conditions.

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

G. S. CLARKE,

*Governor.**Message No. 23.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 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 three Victorian Railways Commissioners instead of one Commissioner.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 10th March, 1903.

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

## 9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 Reform of The Constitution of Victoria*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, agree to one of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on an amendment of the Legislative Council, agree to another of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on an amendment of the Legislative Council with a further amendment, and insist on one of their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,

Melbourne, 10th March, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

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

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Clause 2, line 15, omit "provinces and."</li> <li>3. " page 2, lines 1-3, omit "and on such last-mentioned day the Legislative Council shall without further or other authority than this Act be dissolved and expire and the members thereof shall vacate their seats therein."</li> <li>4. Clause 4, lines 12-17, omit—<br/>"General election' where referring to the Council means an election at which all the members of the Council have to be elected, and<br/>"Periodical election' where referring to the Council means an election at which half of the members of the Council have to be elected."</li> <li>5. " line 20, after "every" insert "male."</li> <li>6. " line 25, after "every" insert "male."</li> <li>7. " line 27, after "every" insert "male."</li> </ol> | } | Disagreed with by Assembly.  | } | Insisted on by Council.  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Clause 5, line 41, omit "six" and insert "five."</li> </ol>  | } | Agreed to by Assembly with the following amendment:—Insert "two" in place of "six" omitted, and with the following consequential amendment:—At end of the clause omit "Assembly" and insert "Council." | } | Agreed to by Council with the following amendment:—After "Council" add "and not more than five of such officers shall at any one time be members of the Assembly." |

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

11. Clause 10, line 25, omit "twenty-eight" and insert "forty-three."
12. " line 26, omit "twenty-seven" and insert "forty-two."
13. " line 26, omit "representatives of and."
14. After clause 10 insert the following new clause :—  
 I. Notwithstanding anything contained in *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* the Council shall by resolution to be passed during the next Session of Parliament after the passing of this Act determine as to the reduction of members from forty-eight to forty-three and the several provinces in which such reduction shall be made and the members thereof who shall retire and the time when they shall retire.  
 In the event of the Council failing to pass such resolution within the time aforesaid the Governor in Council may make such determination.
15. Clause 11, omit this clause.
16. Clause 12, omit this clause.
17. Clause 13, omit this clause.
18. Clause 14, omit this clause.
19. Clause 15, omit this clause.
20. Clause 16, omit this clause.
21. Clause 17, omit this clause.
22. Clause 18, omit this clause.
23. Clause 19, lines 34-7, omit "and if he shall for one year previously to such election have been legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold in possession for his own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the annual value of."
24. " lines 37-9, omit "pounds above all charges and encumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment."
25. " lines 40-3, omit "words 'Provided that the name of such male person is included in any general or supplementary roll or roll of ratepaying electors for the Legislative Council in force for any division of any province'" and insert "word 'Fifty.'"
26. Clause 20, omit this clause and insert the following new clause :—  
 E. In section 44 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* for the words "Twenty-five" there shall be substituted the word "Twenty."
27. Clause 25, omit this clause.
28. After Clause 26 insert the following new clause :—  
 AA. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in The Constitution Act Amendment Acts or in any other Act—  
 (a) any public officer or railways officer who is enrolled on the electors' roll of all public officers and railways officers and having the qualification prescribed in section thirty-five of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* shall be capable of being elected pursuant to this Act to represent public officers and railways officers in the Council, and  
 (b) any public officer who is enrolled on the electors' roll of public officers shall be capable of being elected pursuant to this Act to represent public officers in the Assembly, and

Disagreed with by } Insisted on by  
 Assembly. } Council.

Insisted on by  
 Council with  
 an amendment  
 to substitute  
 the word "Fif-  
 teen" for the  
 word "Twen-  
 ty" in new  
 Clause E.  
 Insisted on by  
 Council.

Agreed to by As-  
 sembly with the  
 following amend-  
 ment:—In para-  
 graph (a) after  
 "1890" insert "as  
 amended by this  
 Act." } Agreed to by  
 Council.

## Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

## How dealt with.

- (c) any railways officer who is enrolled on the electors' roll of railways officers shall be capable of being elected pursuant to this Act to represent railways officers in the Assembly.
- (2) Where a public officer or railways officer is so elected a member of the Council or Assembly, such officer shall be entitled to sit and vote therein and to all the rights and privileges of a member of the Council or Assembly (as the case may be) and shall thereupon without further or other authority than this Act become relieved from acting in the duties of his office in the public service or railways service and shall be deemed to have been granted leave of absence without pay during the tenure of his membership of the Council or Assembly.
- (3) Any officer elected as aforesaid shall forthwith on ceasing to be a member under this section be entitled to resume his position in the public service or railways service and shall have the like status and pay as he had at the time of his election.
29. Clause 30, after sub-clause (1) insert—
- (a) Bills which appropriate revenue or moneys for the ordinary annual services of the Government shall deal only with such appropriation.
- (b) Laws imposing taxation shall deal only with the imposition of taxation, and any provision therein dealing with any other matter shall be of no effect. Laws imposing taxation shall deal with one subject of taxation only.
30. „ line 40, omit “once.”
31. Clause 31, omit this clause.
32. Clause 32, omit this clause.
33. Clause 33, omit this clause.
34. Clause 34, omit this clause.
36. Clause 35, omit this clause and the headline.
37. Clause 39, line 34, omit “provinces and.”
38. „ line 35, omit “the Council and.”
39. „ line 37, omit “simultaneously” and “respectively.”
40. „ line 38, omit “the Council and.”
41. „ line 40, omit “the Council and.”
42. „ line 42, omit “simultaneously.”
43. „ line 43, omit “respectively.”
44. In the Schedule, under the heading “Extent of Repeal”—
- Omit “thirty, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty.”
- Omit “two hundred and twenty-one, Third Schedule, Fourth Schedule. In the Fourteenth Schedule the last column headed— ‘Yearly Value of Rateable Property.’”
- Omit “(3) Net annual value where Ten pounds and over in the case of owners.”
- Omit “Thirty-third Schedule.”
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Assembly. } Council.
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Assembly. } Council.

And, after debate—

Amendments 2 to 7 inclusive—Disagreement insisted on:

Amendment 8—Mr. Irvine moved, That this House do agree to the further amendment of the Council on the Assembly's amendments on the Council's amendment in clause 5.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Watt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And, after further debate—

Amendments 11 to 27 inclusive—Disagreement insisted on.

Amendments 29 and 30—Disagreement insisted on.

And, after further debate—

Amendment 31—Disagreement insisted on.

Amendments 32 to 34 and 36 to 44 inclusive—Disagreement 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 amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in such Bill, and have agreed to the further amendment of the Legislative Council on the amendment of the Legislative Assembly on the Council's amendment in clause 5.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 10th March, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Railway Accident Fund and to the Railways Stores Suspense Account*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 10th March, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

11. CHURCH OF ENGLAND BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Church of England in Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. INCOME TAX RECEIPTS BILL.—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Receipts of Income Tax during July and August One thousand nine hundred and three*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. MALLEE LAND ACCOUNT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Deputy-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. Shiels, read a third time.

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, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine 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 to-morrow.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 56.

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 WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 17, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Irvine, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bowser having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.  
Mr. Bowser reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the sale of certain land reserved as a site for a Public Library and Reading Room at Colac and for other purposes.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Taverner and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Mr. Taverner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Sale of certain Land reserved as a Site for a Public Library and Reading Room at Colac and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 23, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Bent, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bowser having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.  
Mr. Bowser reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—  
*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 three Victorian Railways Commissioners instead of one Commissioner.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Bent and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Mr. Bent then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Appointment of three Victorian Railways Commissioners instead of one Commissioner*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. INCOME TAX RECEIPTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bowser reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Deputy-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. Shiels, read a third time.

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

6. CHURCH OF ENGLAND BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.”

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Deputy-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. Irvine, read a third time.

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

7. PATENTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Toutcher 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 words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. McGregor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Menzies,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hickford,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. McGregor.
Mr. Oman,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Deputy-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. Irvine 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 same without amendment.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 Reform of The Constitution of Victoria,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council still insist on their amendments with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed, and invite the special attention of the Legislative Assembly to the practice of Parliament as laid down in *May*, page 479, viz.:—"According to established usage, when a Bill has been returned by either House to the other, with amendments which are disagreed to, a Message is sent, or a Conference is desired, by the House which disagrees to the amendment, to acquaint the other with the reasons for such disagreement, in order to reconcile their differences, and, if possible, by mutual concessions to arrive at an ultimate agreement."

The Legislative Council further point out that the foregoing practice was followed by the Legislative Assembly during the present Session so far as regards the Factories and Shops Acts Continuance Bill, and the result of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly meeting in conference on that occasion was the passing of the Bill referred to into law. Further, the Legislative Council inform the Legislative Assembly that, in the event of their requesting a Free Conference in regard to the Constitution Reform Bill, the Legislative Council will be glad to grant it.

FREDK. BROWN,  
Acting-President.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 11th March, 1903.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 22 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
Deputy-Speaker.



## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 57.

THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Smith, on behalf of Mr. Beazley, Chairman, brought up the Report of the Committee of Public Accounts.  
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the Legislative Assembly that they still insist on their amendments in this Bill with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed, and intimating that in the event of the Legislative Assembly requesting a Free Conference in regard to the Bill the Legislative Council will be glad to grant it, having been read—  
Mr. Irvine moved, That this House, while not agreeing with the view expressed in the Message that only the House disagreeing with amendments should ask for a Conference, and whilst asserting that this has not been the practice hitherto, in its desire to achieve Reform, and in recognition that the Legislative Council has in effect invited a Conference, deems it right to waive at this juncture all merely formal considerations, and requests a Free Conference between the Houses.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Irvine moved, That the Free Conference be desired on the subject-matter of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria.*"  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Irvine moved, That the following Members be appointed Managers of the Conference, viz. :—  
Mr. Irvine, Mr. Shiels, Mr. Bent, Mr. Mackey, Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Trenwith, and Mr. Mackinnon.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the resolution passed by this House, and desiring the said Conference.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have appointed seven Members to confer with a like number of Members of the Legislative Assembly on the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria,*" and name the South Library as the place, and fix half-past seven o'clock this day as the time, of meeting of the said Conference.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 12th March, 1903.

FREDK. BROWN,  
Acting-President.

The Clerk read the names of the Honorable Members appointed as Managers for the Legislative Assembly, who thereupon proceeded to the place named for the meeting of the Conference.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at thirty-five minutes past nine o'clock.

Mr. Irvine announced that the Conference had met, and, after discussion, had adjourned until Tuesday next, at five o'clock.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
Deputy-Speaker.

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## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 58.

TUESDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read :—

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

Message No. 24.

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

*“ An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and three and to continue and amend the Income Tax Acts.”*

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 5th March, 1903.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 providing for the transfer to the Consolidated Revenue of the Mallee Land Account* ” without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 12th March, 1903.

FREDK. BROWN,  
Acting-President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to Receipts of Income Tax during July and August One thousand nine hundred and three* ” without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 12th March, 1903.

FREDK. BROWN,  
Acting-President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to the Church of England in Victoria* ” without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 12th March, 1903.

FREDK. BROWN,  
Acting-President.

## 5. PAPERS.—Mr. Bent presented—

Press Railway Concessions.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 5th March, 1903, for a return showing—

1. The number of free railway passes, half-fare tickets, and all other travelling concessions granted by the Railway Department to each of the daily and weekly metropolitan newspapers for the year ending 30th September, 1902.
2. The cash value of same.

Railway Traffic in Starving Stock.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 4th March, 1903, for a return, tabulated as follows, of the cattle and sheep carried on the Victorian railways at Starvation Stock Rates :—

Owners' Names or Name of Person who makes Declaration that he was unable to pay ordinary freight.	Stock Carried.		District from which Stock came.	Destination.
	Sheep.	Cattle.		

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

## 6. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at forty-seven minutes past nine o'clock.

Mr. Irvine announced that the Conference had again met, and, after discussion, had adjourned until to-morrow, at five o'clock.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending an amendment in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the law concerning Letters Patent for Inventions*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor in this Bill, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 17th March, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

*Message.*

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for their consideration, the following amendment which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the law concerning Letters Patent for Inventions*."

Clause 1, line 1, omit "1902" and insert "1903."

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 17th March, 1903.

On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the said amendment, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendment therein recommended.

## 8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
Deputy-Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 59.

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WEDNESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at five minutes past eleven o'clock.  
Mr. Irvine announced that the Conference had again met, and, after discussion, had adjourned until to-morrow, at five o'clock.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine 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.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 60.

THURSDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Prendergast, on behalf of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Chairman, brought up a Joint Report from the Printing Committees of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly on the question of Parliamentary Printing.  
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. **CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at thirty-three minutes past eight o'clock.  
Mr. Irvine announced that the Conference had again met, and, after discussion, had adjourned until Tuesday next.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 61.

TUESDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. E. H. Cameron presented—
  - Mining Boards.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 27th January, 1903, for a return showing the following information in connexion with Mining Boards :—
    1. Number of members on each Board.
    2. Occupation of each member.
    3. Fee paid to each member.
    4. Salary paid to secretary of each Board.
    5. Rent paid annually by each Board.
    6. Total travelling expenses.
    7. Printing expenses.
    8. Election expenses in each division for the past five years (each year separate).
    9. Any other expenses in connexion with the maintenance of these Boards.
    10. Details of duties the Boards are called upon to perform in reference to leases and exemptions under labour covenants.
    11. What fees have been received by the Boards for reporting to the Minister of Mines under the Mining Development Acts, or for reports on applications or suspensions of labour covenants.
    12. The number of persons who voted at each election of members of Mining Boards at the last five elections.

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 :—

Fire Brigades Act 1890.—Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the year ending 31st December, 1902 ; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.

4. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at thirty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock, when Mr. Irvine reported that the Managers for the Legislative Assembly had again met the Managers for the Legislative Council, and, after discussion, *in camera*, the Managers for the Legislative Assembly and a majority of the Managers for the Legislative Council had arrived at certain recommendations on all the points of difference between the two Houses. He desired now to report that their recommendations were as follows :—
  1. That the initial dissolution of both Houses shall be in accordance with the provisions of clauses 2 and 39 of the Bill.

(500 copies.)

2. That the number of members and the constitution of the Houses shall be as follow :—

The Council shall consist of thirty-four members representing seventeen double provinces, and one member representing the public and railways services. The qualification for members shall be £50 annual freehold. The qualification for electors shall be £15 leasehold and £10 freehold.

The Assembly shall consist of 66 members representing single constituencies, and two members representing the public and railways services respectively.

3. That the number of Ministers shall not be more than eight; not more than two in the Council and not more than six in the Assembly.
4. That the settlement of differences between the Houses shall be arrived at in the following manner:—On a difference arising, the Assembly shall be dissolved not less than six months before the expiration of the Assembly by effluxion of time. On a difference again arising on the same measure, the Governor may grant a double simultaneous dissolution, not less than nine months nor more than twelve months from the prior dissolution of the Assembly. The settlement of differences shall apply to all matters of legislation except those included in section 60 of The Constitution Act. Section 61 shall be amended by including the words “or decrease” after “increase.”
5. That suggestions for amendments in Money Bills may be made once at each stage of the Bill.
6. That the Council will not insist upon their amendments in the clause relating to Money Bills.
7. That the Assembly will not insist upon disagreeing with the Council's amendments striking out women's suffrage.

Mr. Irvine then announced that the Conference had adjourned until five o'clock to-morrow to enable the Managers to consider and deal with the complete draft of the amendments required to give effect to these recommendations.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*



## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 62.

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 WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Census of Victoria, 1901—
    - Part IV.—Religions.
    - Part V.—Conjugal Condition.
  - Education Act 1890.—Clause 9 of Regulation No. II. and Clause 7 of Regulation No. VII. of the Regulations rescinded.—Regulations made in lieu thereof.—Order in Council.
4. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at eight minutes past nine o'clock, when Mr. Irvine announced that the Conference had again met and had almost completed the consideration of the detailed amendments required to give effect to the recommendations reported to the House last night. Owing to the recommendation that the women's suffrage provisions be omitted from the Bill, it had been found necessary to reconsider the proportion of representation to be given to the railways service, and the Managers had agreed that of the 68 members in the Assembly two members should be representatives of the railways service instead of one. The Conference had adjourned until to-morrow, at five o'clock, to finally deal with the detailed amendments.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 63.

THURSDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
  - Bank Liabilities and Assets.—General Abstracts and Statements for the quarter ended 31st December, 1902.
  - Water Act 1890.—Swan Hill Waterworks Trust.—Additional Loan of £1,000.
4. **CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at fifteen minutes past six o'clock, when Mr. Irvine announced that the Conference had concluded its labours, and that the detailed amendments necessary to give effect to the recommendations which were reported to the House on Tuesday night had been considered and agreed to by the Conference.  
Mr. Irvine moved, That the amendments of the Legislative Council referred to the Free Conference, with the recommendations of the Conference thereon, be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.
6. **RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Bromley,	
Mr. Elmslie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. Deputy-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. Bent 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.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 19 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 64.

TUESDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTION.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill, viz.:—  
In clause 8, line 35, the words "present are" have been omitted and the words "are present" inserted.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Prendergast 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 long hours worked by engine-drivers and others in the Railway Department."  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—  
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.
5. CONSTITUTION REFORM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments of the Legislative Council in this Bill, with the recommendations of the Free Conference thereon, having been read, the said amendments, with the recommendations of the Free Conference thereon, were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
2. Clause 2, line 15, omit "provinces and."		2. Disagreement with Council's amendment to omit "provinces" to be still insisted on by Assembly; amendment to omit "and" to be agreed to, and the following words to be inserted in the clause after "provinces":—"or on the day of the commencement of an Act passed for determining the boundaries and divisions of the electoral."
3. Clause 2, page 2, lines 1-3, omit "and on such last-mentioned day the Legislative Council shall without further or other authority than this Act be dissolved and expire and the members thereof shall vacate their seats therein."	Disagreed with by Assembly.—Insisted on by Council.—Disagreement insisted on by Assembly.	3. }
4. Clause 4, lines 12-17, omit— "General election' where referring to the Council means an election at which all the members of the Council have to be elected, and "Periodical election' where referring to the Council means an election at which half of the members of the Council have to be elected."		4. }

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Recommendations of Free Conference.

- 5. Clause 4, line 20, after "every" insert "male."
- 6. Clause 4, line 25, after "every" insert "male."
- 7. Clause 4, line 27, after "every" insert "male."

- 5. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, but the following consequential amendments to be made in clause 26 of the Bill, viz.:—
- 6. Before "qualified," in lines 31 and 38, page 6, and line 3, page 7, insert "capable of voting and."
- 7. Disagreement not now to be insisted on by Assembly, but Council's amendments agreed to with the following amendments, viz.:—Omit "forty-three" and insert "thirty-five," and omit "forty-two" and insert "thirty-four."

And the following consequential amendments to be made, viz.:—

In clause 5 of the Bill, line 35, omit "seven" and insert "eight."

In same clause (in the words added to the clause by the Council), omit "five" and insert "six."

In clause 7 of the Bill, line 6, omit "Seven" and insert "Eight."

In clause 21 of the Bill, line 32, after "shall" insert "subject to the provision hereinafter contained"; omit "fifty-six" and insert "sixty-eight." Line 33, omit "fifty-four" and insert "sixty-five." Line 36, after the first word "and" insert "subject as aforesaid"; omit "one member" and insert "two members"; omit "a representative" and insert "representatives."

After clause 21 insert new clause CC, viz.:—

CC. (1) If at any time the number of officers on the roll of railways officers does not exceed the quota by one-half, it shall be the duty of the Under-Secretary so to certify to the Governor and to the Speaker of the Assembly. So soon thereafter as either or both the seats of the representatives of the railways officers shall become vacant, one member only shall be the representative of the said railways officers, and the total number of members of the Assembly shall be reduced accordingly.

(2) The quota shall be ascertained by dividing the total number of electors on the electoral rolls for the Assembly by sixty-eight.

Disagreed with by Assembly.— Insisted on by Council.— Disagreement insisted on by Assembly.

- 11. Clause 10, line 25, omit "twenty-eight" and insert "forty-three."
- 12. Clause 10, line 26, omit "twenty-seven" and insert "forty-two."

- 11. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, but the following consequential amendments to be made in clause 26 of the Bill, viz.:—
- 12. Before "qualified," in lines 31 and 38, page 6, and line 3, page 7, insert "capable of voting and."

## Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

## How dealt with.

## Recommendations of Free Conference.

11. Clause 10, line 25, omit "twenty-eight" and insert "forty-three."
12. Clause 10, line 26, omit "twenty-seven" and insert "forty-two."

13. Clause 10, line 26, omit "representatives of and."

14. After clause 10 insert the following new clause:—

I. Notwithstanding anything contained in *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* the Council shall by resolution to be passed during the next Session of Parliament after the passing of this Act determine as to the reduction of members from forty-eight to forty-three and the several provinces in which such reduction shall be made and the members thereof who shall retire and the time when they shall retire.

In the event of the Council failing to pass such resolution within the time aforesaid the Governor in Council may make such determination.

15. Clause 11, omit this clause.

16. Clause 12, omit this clause.

17. Clause 13, omit this clause.

18. Clause 14, omit this clause.

Disagreed with by Assembly.— Insisted on by Council.— Disagreement insisted on by Assembly.

- In clause 22 of the Bill, line 38, omit "fifty-four" and insert "sixty-five." Line 41, after "shall" insert "subject as aforesaid"; and omit "one member" and insert "two members."
- In clause 26, page 7, line 6, after "member" insert "or members."
11. In clause 27, line 22, after "member" insert "or members."
  12. In clause 28, after "(as the case may be)" insert "of a member or members to represent."
- In clause 29, line 9, omit "one member" and insert "any member or members"; in line 15, after "member" insert "or members"; in line 19, after "member" insert "or members."
13. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, and Council not to insist on their amendment.
  14. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, and Council not to insist on new clause I.

15. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, but the following amendments to be made in clause 11, viz.:— Omit "twenty-seven" and insert "seventeen," and omit "one member" and insert "two members."

16. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, but the following amendment to be made in clause 13:—After "six years" insert "only,"
17. and Council not to insist on their amendments to omit clauses 12 and 13.

18. Disagreement not now to be insisted on by Assembly, but the following proviso to be added to clause 13, viz.:—"A.A. Provided that of members elected for any province at any general election as aforesaid the member who may at his election have received the least number of votes shall first so retire, and in case of an equality of votes or of no polling

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
19. Clause 15, omit this clause.		having taken place at such election it shall be decided by lot which member shall so retire."
20. Clause 16, omit this clause.		Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, but the following amendments to be made in clause 16, viz.:—In line 12, omit "consequent on"; in lines 12 and 13, omit "or expiration of the Assembly" and insert "of the Council"; and Council not to insist on omitting clauses 15 and 16.
21. Clause 17, omit this clause.		21. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, but the following amendments to be made in clause 17, viz.:—Line 17, omit "and at every periodical election for such members." Line 18, omit "dates" and insert "date." Line 20, omit "or periodical election."
22. Clause 18, omit this clause.	Disagreed with by Assembly.—Insisted on by Council.—Disagreement insisted on by Assembly.	22. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, and Council not to insist on their amendment to omit clause 18.
23. Clause 19, lines 34-7, omit "and if he shall for one year previously to such election have been legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold in possession for his own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the annual value of."		23. Disagreement not now to be insisted on by Assembly, but Council's amendments in clause 19 to be agreed to.
24. Clause 19, lines 37-9, omit "pounds above all charges and encumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment."		24. Disagreement not now to be insisted on by Assembly, but Council's amendments in clause 19 to be agreed to.
25. Clause 19, lines 40-3, omit "words 'Provided that the name of such male person is included in any general or supplementary roll or roll of ratepaying electors for the Legislative Council in force for any division of any province'" and insert "word 'Fifty.'"		25. Disagreement not now to be insisted on by Assembly, but Council's amendments in clause 19 to be agreed to.
26. Clause 20, omit this clause and insert the following new clause:—		26. Disagreement not now to be insisted on by Assembly, but Council's amendment to insert new clause E, as further amended by substituting "Fifteen" for "Twenty," agreed to with the following further amendments in new clause E:—Omit "section forty-four" and insert "sections forty-four forty-five and one hundred and five," and after the words "Twenty-five" insert "wherever occurring"; and at end of clause insert—" (2) Wherever in The Constitution Act Amendment Acts the yearly value of lands and tenements or rateable property qualifying or entitling an owner lessee or occupying tenant to be an elector for any province and to vote therein whether by virtue of an elector's right or as a ratepaying elector, is fixed or referred to as Twenty-five pounds, there shall instead of such sum be substituted the sum of Fifteen pounds."
E. In section forty-four of <i>The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890</i> for the words "Twenty-five" there shall be substituted the word "Twenty."	Disagreed with by Assembly.—Insisted on by Council with an amendment to substitute the word "Fifteen" for the word "Twenty" in new clause E.—Disagreement insisted on by Assembly.	

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Recommendations of Free Conference.

27. Clause 25, omit this clause.

29. Clause 30, after sub-clause (1) insert—

(a) Bills which appropriate revenue or moneys for the ordinary annual services of the Government shall deal only with such appropriation.

(b) Laws imposing taxation shall deal only with the imposition of taxation, and any provision therein dealing with any other matter shall be of no effect. Laws imposing taxation shall deal with one subject of taxation only.

30. Clause 30, line 40, omit "once."

27. Disagreement not now to be insisted on by Assembly, and amendment of the Council to omit clause 25 to be agreed to.

29. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, and Council not to insist on their amendment to insert new paragraphs (a) and (b).

30. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, but the following amendments to be made in clause 30, sub-section (2), line 40, viz.:—Omit "any stage" and insert "each of the undermentioned stages," and at the end of the clause insert—

(3) The stages of a Bill at which the Council may return the Bill with a Message as aforesaid shall be—

(a) The consideration of the Bill in Committee;

(b) The consideration of the Report of the Committee; and

(c) The consideration of the question that the Bill be read a third time.

Disagreed with by Assembly.— Insisted on by Council. — Disagreement insisted on by Assembly.

Disagreement not now to be insisted on by Assembly, but the following new clause to be inserted in place of clauses 31 to 34 inclusive, viz.:—  
DD. (1) If the Assembly passes any Bill and the Council rejects or fails to pass it, or passes it with amendments to which the Assembly will not agree, and, if not later than six months before the date of the expiry of the Assembly by effluxion of time, the Assembly is dissolved by the Governor by a proclamation declaring such dissolution to be granted in consequence of the disagreement between the two Houses as to such Bill, and the Assembly again passes the Bill with or without any amendments which have been made suggested or agreed to by the Council, and the Council rejects or fails to pass it or passes it with amendments to which the Assembly will not agree, the Governor at any time not being less than nine months nor more than twelve months after the

31. Clause 31, omit this clause.

32. Clause 32, omit this clause.

33. Clause 33, omit this clause.

34. Clause 34, omit this clause.

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## Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

## How dealt with.

## Recommendations of Free Conference.

36. Clause 35, omit this clause and the headline.

37. Clause 39, line 34, omit "provinces and."

38. Clause 39, line 35, omit "the Council and."

39. Clause 39, line 37, omit "simultaneously" and "respectively."

40. Clause 39, line 38, omit "the Council and."

41. Clause 39, line 40, omit "the Council and."

42. Clause 39, line 42, omit "simultaneously."

43. Clause 39, line 43, omit "respectively."

44. In the Schedule, under the heading "Extent of Repeal"—

Omit "thirty, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty."

Omit "two hundred and twenty-one, Third Schedule, Fourth Schedule. In the Fourteenth Schedule the last column headed—'Yearly Value of Rateable Property.'"

Omit "(3) Net annual value where Ten pounds and over in the case of owners."

Omit "Thirty-third Schedule."

Disagreed with by Assembly.—Insisted on by Council.—Disagreement insisted on by Assembly.

said dissolution may notwithstanding anything contained in The Constitution Act dissolve the Council and the Assembly simultaneously.

(2) The Council shall be deemed to have failed to pass a Bill if the Bill is not returned to the Assembly within three months after its transmission to the Council, and the Session continue during such period.

(3) Any Bill by which an alteration may be made in the constitution of the Council or Assembly or in Schedule D to The Constitution Act (other than such alterations as are referred to in section sixty-one of the said Act) shall not be within the operation of the foregoing provisions of this section.

(4) In section sixty-one of The Constitution Act, after the words "or increase" there shall be inserted the words "or decrease."

36. Disagreement not now to be insisted on by Assembly, and Council's amendment to omit clause 35 and headline to be agreed to.

37. Disagreement with Council's amendment to omit "provinces" to be still insisted on by Assembly; amendment to omit "and" to be agreed to, and the following words to be inserted in the clause after "provinces":—"or after the day on which an Act is passed for determining the boundaries and divisions of electoral."

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40. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, and Council not to insist on their other amendments in clause 39.

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44. Disagreement to be still insisted on by Assembly, but all words in the third column of Schedule except last line to be omitted, and the following words to be substituted, viz.:—"Sections thirteen, fourteen, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, one hundred and twenty-two, and one hundred and twenty-three."

Third Schedule, Seventeenth Schedule.

And, after last line, insert "No. 1427: *Electoral Districts Boundaries Amendment Act 1896: The whole.*"

Mr. Irvine moved, That this House do agree with the recommendations of the Free Conference.  
Debate ensued.

Mr. Smith moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the question :—" provided that the provisions relating to separate representation of the public and railways services be eliminated from the Bill."

Debate continued.

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

WEDNESDAY, 1st APRIL, 1903.

Debate further continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	

*Tellers.*

Mr. Bailes,  
Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 58.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fink,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	

*Tellers.*

Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Anstey moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the question :—" provided that the provisions relating to separate representation of the public and railways services shall operate for three years only."

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	

*Tellers.*

Mr. Bailes,  
Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 58.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fink,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	

*Tellers.*

Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Tucker moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the question :—" provided that the following amendments shall be made in new clause CC:—After 'does' insert 'or docs'; omit 'one member only shall be the representative of the said railways officers' and insert 'the representation shall be increased or reduced as the case may be,' and before 'reduced' insert 'increased or.'"

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 63.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shiels,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graves,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Keast,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Keogh,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Billson moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the question :—" provided that new clause CC be disagreed with."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Toutcher.

Noes, 70.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Ramsay,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Irvine,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. C. Hamilton.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Warde moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the question :—  
“provided that there shall be two representatives of the public officers and railways officers in the Council.”

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.	
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. W. A. Hamilton.

Noes, 69.	
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Ramsay,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Keogh,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Kirkwood,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Prendergast moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the question :—  
“provided that clause 19 be reinstated in the Bill.”

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.	
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Grose,	
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Prendergast.

Noes, 64.	
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Field,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Keast,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Gair,
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Hennessy.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Maloney moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the question:—  
“provided that the provisions relating to women’s suffrage, eliminated from the Bill by the  
Legislative Council, be reinstated.”

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.		Noes, 59.	
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Austin,	Mr. Levington,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Bent,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Williams.	Mr. Boyd,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Hickford,		Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Hunt,		Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
	Mr. Ramsay.	Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
		Mr. Duffus,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
		Mr. Field,	Mr. Shiels,
		Mr. Fink,	Mr. Shoppee,
		Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
		Mr. Gair,	Capt. Staughton,
		Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Sterry,
		Mr. Graves,	Mr. Swinburne,
		Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
		Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
		Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
		Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Wallace,
		Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt.
		Mr. Irvine,	
		Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Holden,
		Mr. Kerr,	Dr. Wilson.
		Mr. Kirkwood,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Andrews moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the question:—  
“provided that the number of members of the Legislative Council shall be twenty-eight and the  
number of members of the Legislative Assembly shall be fifty-six.”

Debate ensued.

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

Debate on the main question continued.

Question—That this House do agree with the recommendations of the Free Conference—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 agreed to the recommendations of the Free Conference on the  
subject-matter of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, and desiring the  
concurrence of the Legislative Council therewith.

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day,  
Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be  
postponed until this day.

6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past ten o’clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

VICTORIA.

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 65.

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WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Taverner, and the same was read :—

G. S. CLARKE,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 25.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 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 Sale of the Yea Race-course and Public Recreation Reserve and for the Purchase of other Land in lieu thereof.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 1st April, 1903.

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

4. YEA RACE-COURSE RESERVE SALE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 25, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Taverner, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day—  
Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—  
*Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the Sale of the Yea Race-course and Public Recreation Reserve and for the Purchase of other Land in lieu thereof.  
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.  
Ordered—That Mr. Taverner and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.  
Mr. Taverner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Sale of the Yea Race-course and Public Recreation Reserve and for the Purchase of other Land in lieu thereof*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. WATER ACTS AMENDMENT (CONDRAH SWAMP LANDS) BILL.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, pursuant to *amended* notice, obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Water Acts so far as relates to the Condah Swamp Lands*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. RAILWAY CONNEXION BETWEEN MAIN GIPPSLAND AND GREAT SOUTHERN LINES.—Mr. Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the main Gippsland railway and the Great Southern line, by means of a railway starting at a point near Traralgon, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. PRINTING COMMITTEE REPORT.—Mr. Shiels moved, pursuant to notice, That the Report of the Printing Committee on the question of Parliamentary Printing be now taken into consideration.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Mr. Shiels moved, That the Report be adopted.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE (LEGAL CHARGES) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.  
 Mr. Deputy-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. Irvine, read a third time.  
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.
9. UNIVERSITY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
 Mr. Deputy-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. Irvine, 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. CORONERS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.  
 Mr. Deputy-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. Irvine, read a third time.  
 On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill:—  
 Clause 1, line 5, omit "1902" and insert "1903."  
 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.
11. SPRING VALE NECROPOLIS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves 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.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 17 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 66.

THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Thomson 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 Tarrington Estate purchase and closer settlement question."  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—  
Mr. Thomson moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and negatived.
4. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. Shiels moved, by leave, That so much of the Sessional Order as limits the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session so far as to allow Government Business to be called on at any time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—  
Fire Brigades Act 1890.—Country Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the year ended 31st December, 1902 ; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.  
Public Service Act 1890.—Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Chapter II.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly the accompanying communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments, reporting a clerical error in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the University Act 1890*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have corrected such error by the insertion in clause 1 of the figures "1903" instead of the figures "1902," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 2nd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

The communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments reported the said error to be as follows :—

In clause 1, line 5, the figures "1902" have been inserted instead of the figures "1903."

On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House concurred with the Legislative Council that the clerical error in this Bill be corrected by the insertion of the figures "1903" in clause 1, instead of the figures "1902."

Ordered—That the communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have concurred in the correction of the said error.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in agreeing to the recommendations of the Free Conference on the subject-matter of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria.*"

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 2nd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

8. ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker informed the House that in the division which took place in the House on Wednesday morning last, on the amendment disagreeing with new clause CC in the recommendations of the Free Conference on the Constitution Reform Bill, the Tellers for the "Ayes" inadvertently recorded the name of the Honorable Member for Williamstown, Mr. Ramsay, instead of that of the Honorable Member for Essendon and Flemington, Mr. Warde. Mr. Deputy-Speaker then directed the Clerk to correct the Division List accordingly.
9. UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLIES AND PROCESSIONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine, pursuant to amended notice, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Part I. of the 'Unlawful Assemblies and Processions Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
10. SPRING VALE NECROPOLIS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bennett reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.  
Mr. Deputy-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. Irvine, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS ACT 1895 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bennett reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.  
Mr. Deputy-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. Irvine 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.
12. INSOLVENCY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McLeod moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bennett 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.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 16 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.  
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow:—  
*Unlawful Assemblies and Processions Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.*
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Notice being taken that a quorum of Members was not present, Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of Members not being present, Mr. Deputy-Speaker, at forty minutes past eleven o'clock, adjourned the House, without Question being first put, until to-morrow.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
Deputy-Speaker.

## VICTORIA.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 67.

FRIDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. SPRING VALE NECROPOLIS BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTION.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill, viz.:—  
In clause 1, line 6, the figures "1902" have been omitted and the figures "1903" inserted.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read:—

G. S. CLARKE,  
Governor.

Message No. 26.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly, for their consideration, the following amendments which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria*," namely, that the words "for provinces" be inserted after the words "half of the members of the Council," in clause 4, and also after the words "one-half of the members who are elected," in clause 13.

Government Offices,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the said amendments, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive be postponed until after Nos. 10 to 14 inclusive.
6. ST. ARNAUD LAND 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.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
Mr. Deputy-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.
7. COLAC PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE SALE 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 and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
Mr. Deputy-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.

8. COLAC LAND RESERVE REVOCATION 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.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
Mr. Deputy-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.
9. WATER ACTS AMENDMENT (CONDAN SWAMP LANDS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. E. H. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
Mr. Deputy-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. E. H. Cameron, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. YEA RACE-COURSE RESERVE SALE 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.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
Mr. Deputy-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.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
12. CROWN LANDS SELECTION AND PURCHASE 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 and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
Mr. Deputy-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. Taverner 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.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 3 to 9 inclusive be postponed until after No. 15.
14. UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLIES AND PROCESSIONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.  
Mr. Deputy-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. Irvine, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. INSOLVENCY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.  
Mr. Deputy-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. McLeod, 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 an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

16. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day, Government Business, were read and discharged:—

- Health Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—Second reading.*
- Lunacy Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.*
- Railway Lands Clearing Bill—Second reading.*
- Public Service Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.*
- Land Act 1901 Amendment Bill—Second reading.*
- Transfer of Land Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.*
- Education Act 1901 Amendment Bill—Amendment of the Legislative Council—To be considered.*

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

17. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the following Orders of the Day, General Business, be read and discharged:—

- Office of State Governor—Resumption of debate on the question—“ That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty the King praying that on the expiration of the present Governor’s term of office the question of the necessity of appointment of future State Governors for Victoria be taken into consideration.”*
- Stolen Cattle (Recent Possession) Bill—Second reading.*
- Election Expenses Limitation Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*
- Justices Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—Second reading.*
- Public Holidays Law Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee*
- Gold Buyers Act 1901 Repeal Bill—Second reading.*
- Mortgage Limitation Bill—Second reading.*
- Railway Passengers’ Actions Bill—Second reading.*
- Government Appointments Prevention Bill—Second reading.*
- Probate Duties Evasion Bill—Second reading.*
- Totalizator Bill—Second reading.*
- Law Clerks Admission Bill—Second reading.*
- Meat Supervision Act 1900 Amendment Bill—Second reading.*
- Pounds Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.*
- Registration of Brands Bill—Second reading.*
- Tied Houses Abolition Bill—Second reading.*
- Sludge Bill—Second reading.*
- Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—Second reading.*
- Voters’ Certificates Abolition Bill—Second reading.*
- Justices Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.*
- Legal Practitioners Reciprocity Bill—Second reading.*
- Wills Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.*
- Melbourne University (Abolition of Fees) Bill—Second reading.*
- Jurors Exemption Bill—Second reading.*
- Fortnightly Payment of State Servants—Resumption of debate on the question—“ That all servants of the State be paid fortnightly.”*
- Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.*

Question—put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

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| Mr. Argyle,        | Mr. Keogh,             |
| Mr. Ashworth,      | Mr. Kirkwood,          |
| Mr. Bennett,       | Mr. Kirton,            |
| Mr. Bent,          | Mr. Lancaster,         |
| Mr. Brown,         | Mr. Langdon,           |
| Mr. E. H. Cameron, | Mr. Livingston,        |
| Mr. J. Cameron,    | Mr. Mackey,            |
| Mr. Cullen,        | Mr. Mackinnon,         |
| Mr. Duffus,        | Mr. Madden,            |
| Mr. Gavan Duffy,   | Mr. McBride,           |
| Mr. Field,         | Mr. McDonald,          |
| Mr. Fletcher,      | Mr. McLeod,            |
| Mr. Forrest,       | Mr. Menzies,           |
| Mr. Gair,          | Sir Alexander Peacock, |
| Mr. Graham,        | Mr. Shoppee,           |
| Mr. Graves,        | Mr. Swinburne,         |
| Mr. A. Harris,     | Mr. Taverner,          |
| Mr. J. Harris,     | Mr. Thomson,           |
| Mr. Hirsch,        | Mr. Wallace,           |
| Mr. Holden,        | Dr. Wilson.            |
| Mr. Hunt,          |                        |
| Mr. Hutchinson,    | Tellers.               |
| Mr. Irvine,        | Mr. Andrews,           |
| Mr. Keast,         | Mr. Boyd.              |

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| Mr. Anstey,   | Mr. Warde.       |
| Mr. Billson,  |                  |
| Mr. Bromley,  | Tellers.         |
| Mr. Elmslie,  |                  |
| Mr. Sangster, | Mr. Maloney,     |
| Mr. Tucker,   | Mr. Prendergast. |

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

18. **WOMEN'S DISABILITIES REMOVAL BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
Mr. Deputy-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. Mackey 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.
19. **BENALLA PUBLIC ROAD REVOCATION 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.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
Mr. Deputy-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. Graham, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
20. **DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.  
Mr. Deputy-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. Brown, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
21. **MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS TRUST DEBENTURES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker said—"In my opinion, this is a Private Bill."  
Sir Samuel Gillott moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.  
Sir Samuel Gillott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.  
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.  
Mr. Deputy-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 Samuel Gillott, read a third time.  
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
22. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Deputy-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 Legitimize Children by Registration under the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages 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, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

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

Clause 2, omit this clause and insert new clause:—

A. Any child born before the marriage of his or her parents (whether before or after the passing of this Act) and to the marriage of whose parents no legal impediment existed at the time of the birth of such child and whose parents have intermarried or shall hereafter intermarry, and whose parents have or if the mother be dead then the father alone of any such child has within six calendar months after the marriage or within six calendar months after the passing of this Act registered such child in the manner hereinafter provided be deemed to have been legitimated by such marriage from birth, and shall except as hereinafter provided be entitled to all the rights of a child born in wedlock including the right to such real and personal property as might have been claimed by such child if born in wedlock.

Clause 3, omit this clause.

Clause 4, line 3, omit "or" at end of line.

- Clause 4, line 4, after "expectancy" insert "or contingency."  
 Clause 5, line 10, after "any" insert "persons or."  
 " same line, omit "who claims" and insert "claiming."  
 " same line, omit "parent" and insert "parents or in the event of the death of the mother the father."  
 " line 12, omit "produces" and insert "shall within six calendar months after the marriage or within six calendar months after the passing of this Act produce."  
 " line 13, after "by" insert "them or."  
 " line 14, omit "or her."  
 " lines 15-16, omit "(whether dead or alive)."  
 " line 29, after the first word "The" insert "parents or male."  
 Schedule—After the headline insert the following :—

## PART I.

- We A.B. of                      and C.D. of                      do severally solemnly and sincerely declare that—  
 1. We are the parents of a certain illegitimate child, born on the  
 day of                      1                      , at  
 2. We were married on the                      day of                      , 1                      , at                      ,  
 and are desirous of having the birth of the said child registered as that of our lawful issue.  
 3. The document hereunto annexed is a certified copy of the certificate of our marriage.  
 4. No legal impediment to our marriage existed at the time of the birth of the said child.

And we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Victoria rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

## PART II.

- Schedule—In paragraph 1 omit "[or mother]."  
 " In paragraph 2 omit "[or father]."

And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

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.

23. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 recommended by His Excellency the Governor in the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria.*"

Legislative Council,  
 Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
 President.

24. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 the Law relating to Trustee Companies,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,  
 Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
 President.

25. TRUSTEE COMPANIES BILL.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Trustee 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 on Thursday next.

26. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 further amend the 'Mildura Irrigation Trusts Act 1895' and for other purposes,*" 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, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
 President.

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

Clause 3, page 2, line 7, after "land" insert "not planted with fruit trees or vines and."

And, after debate, the said amendment was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

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

27. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 The Necropolis, Spring Vale,*" 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, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

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

Clause 2, add—“(2) The present trustees shall be the first trustees, and one-half of them shall retire at the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act and shall be eligible for re-appointment by the Governor in Council.”

And the said amendment was read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House, after debate, agreed to the said amendment with the following amendment:—

After “them” insert “to be determined by lot.”

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

28. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Factories and Shops Acts.—Evidence taken by the Royal Commission appointed to investigate and report on the Operation of the Factories and Shops Law of Victoria.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

29. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at fifteen minutes past one o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

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# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 68.

=====  
 TUESDAY, 7TH APRIL, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
  - Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1901—
  - Part VII.—Population.
  - Part VIII.—Accumulation.
  - Part IX.—Social Condition.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

G. S. CLARKE,  
 Governor.

*Message No. 27.*

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 Receipts of Income Tax during July and August One thousand nine hundred and three.”
- “An Act relating to the Railway Accident Fund and to the Railways Stores Suspense Account.”
- “An Act relating to the Church of England in Victoria.”
- “An Act providing for the Transfer to the Consolidated Revenue of the Mallee Land Account.”
- “An Act to amend the law concerning Letters Patent for Inventions.”
- “An Act to provide for the Appointment of three Victorian Railways Commissioners instead of one Commissioner.”
- “An Act to amend the ‘University Act 1890.’”
- “An Act relating to Legal Charges for obtaining Probate or Letters of Administration.”
- “An Act to further amend the ‘Coroners Act 1890.’”
- “An Act to amend Part I. of the ‘Unlawful Assemblies and Processions Act 1890.’”
- “An Act to provide for the Sale of the Yea Race-course and Public Recreation Reserve and for the Purchase of other Land in lieu thereof.”
- “An Act relating to the Selection and Purchase of Crown Land.”
- “An Act to amend the Water Acts so far as relates to the Condah Swamp Lands.”
- “An Act to revoke the permanent reservation of certain Crown Land in the County of Polwarth, Town of Colac.”
- “An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Land reserved as a Site for a Public Library and Reading Room at Colac and for other purposes.”
- “An Act to Legitimize Children by Registration under the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Acts.”
- “An Act to amend the Law relating to Insolvency.”
- “An Act to remove some Anomalies in the Law relating to Women.”
- “An Act to revoke the Proclamation as a Public Road of certain Land in the Town of Benalla and to vest such Land in the Country Fire Brigades Board.”
- “An Act to revoke the permanent reservation and grant of certain land at St. Arnaud.”
- “An Act to further amend the ‘Dairying Companies Act 1900.’”
- “An Act to provide for the Restriction of Transfer of Debentures held by the Melbourne Tramways Trust.”
- “An Act to further amend the ‘Mildura Irrigation Trusts Act 1895’ and for other purposes.”
- “An Act relating to The Necropolis, Spring Vale.”

Government Offices,  
 Melbourne, 6th April, 1903.



5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-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 provide for the Appointment of three Victorian Railways Commissioners instead of one Commissioner*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 2nd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Legal Charges for obtaining Probate or Letters of Administration*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 2nd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Selection and Purchase of Crown Land*" without amendment."

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the permanent reservation and grant of certain land at St. Arnaud*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Land reserved as a Site for a Public Library and Reading Room at Colac and for other purposes*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the permanent reservation of certain Crown Land in the County of Polwarth, Town of Colac,*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Water Acts so far as relates to the Condah Swamp Lands*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Sale of the Yea Race-course and Public Recreation Reserve and for the Purchase of other Land in lieu thereof*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Part I. of the 'Unlawful Assemblies and Processions Act 1890'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to remove some Anomalies in the Law relating to Women*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Proclamation as a Public Road of certain Land in the Town of Benalla and to vest such Land in the Country Fire Brigades Board*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Dairying Companies Act 1900'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Restriction of Transfer of Debentures held by the Melbourne Tramways Trust*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

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 to further amend the 'Coroners Act 1890.'*"

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly on the amendment of the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to The Necropolis, Spring Vale.*"

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Insolvency.*"

Legislative Council,  
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,  
President.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—A Message was delivered by the Usher of the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Governor desires this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Deputy-Speaker, with the House, went to attend His Excellency, when His Excellency was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Public Bill, viz.:—

*"An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament."*

And His Excellency was pleased to reserve the following Bill for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon:—

*"An Act to provide for the Reform of The Constitution of Victoria."*

After which His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I am happy to be able to release you from your labours, after an unusually protracted Session, and I congratulate you upon the valuable results of your deliberations.

The settlement which has been effected of the important question of Constitutional Reform is certain to prove of permanent benefit to the State, by increasing the representative character of the Legislative Council, and by facilitating in many ways the harmonious action of both Houses. The public demand that the State Parliament should be reduced in numbers as a consequence of certain of its functions having passed to the Commonwealth, has been met by a reduction of approximately one-third in the membership of each House. The new Constitution also includes important machinery, by means of which, if differences of a serious character arise in the future between the two Chambers of the Legislature in relation to ordinary matters of legislation, or to any further constitutional changes so far as they affect the qualifications of members or electors or the character of the electorates of either House, the questions in dispute may be determined by the electors on a dissolution of both Houses. I confidently anticipate that these constitutional changes will conduce to sounder conditions of government both in legislation and administration.

Since I called you together in October last, the large deficiency which was then anticipated in the finances of the current year has, owing to the failure of the harvest, and other causes which could not be foreseen, assumed still greater proportions, and, but for the steps which you have sanctioned, would have approached the amount of one million sterling. The fact that, by various measures of economy and taxation, you have made full provision to extinguish this very large deficit will assuredly result in maintaining and enhancing the credit of the State. Whatever immediate inconvenience or sacrifice has been entailed on the people by these measures will, I feel confident, be more than compensated for by the knowledge that the complete adjustment of the public accounts, in a year of drought quite unparalled in Australian history, affords the clearest proof not only of the great resource and vitality of this State, but also of the determination of its people that no effort necessary to insure the prompt and complete fulfilment of its obligations shall be wanting.

The stress of the drought has now happily diminished over the whole of the State, and has, indeed, in the larger part thereof, been entirely removed. The hopes of the struggling farmers have been revived by the recent rainfalls, and there are indications that the adverse circumstances which have so long prevailed throughout the whole of Australia will give place to a period of normal conditions and of increased prosperity.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I thank you in His Majesty's name for the provision which you have made for the requirements of the State.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Act which you have passed for vesting the management of the Railways in three Commissioners will admit of a more effective control than has recently been maintained, and will, I trust, result in greater efficiency and in a largely increased revenue. The gentleman who has been appointed to the important post of chairman, and also the other two Commissioners, have been chosen after the fullest inquiry and upon the best obtainable testimony, and there is every reason to believe that a wise selection has been made.

I hope that, under the blessing of Divine Providence, your labours will conduce to the prosperity and progress of the people.

I now, in His Majesty's name, declare this Parliament to be prorogued to Tuesday, the 19th of May next, and it is prorogued accordingly.

GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,  
*Deputy-Speaker.*

## SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SESSION 1902-3.

### 1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed 21st October, 1902.)

Mr. Boyd,  
Mr. Bromley,  
Mr. Kerr,  
Mr. Levien,

Mr. Mackinnon,  
Mr. Madden,  
Mr. Watt.

### 2.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 29th October, 1902.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. Gavan Duffy,  
Mr. Fink,

Mr. Madden,  
Mr. Shiels.

### 3.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 29th October, 1902.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. Beazley,  
Mr. Bent,  
Mr. Bromley,  
Mr. Gair,  
Sir Samuel Gillott,

Mr. Graves,  
Mr. Irvine,  
Mr. Mackinnon,  
Sir Alexander Peacock,  
Mr. Trenwith.

### 4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 29th October, 1902.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. Bent,\*  
Mr. Craven,

Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Taverner,†  
Mr. Trenwith.

\* Appointed 10th February, 1903.

† Discharged from attendance, 10th February, 1903.

### 5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 29th October, 1902.)

Mr. Speaker,  
Mr. Bowser,  
Mr. Bromley,  
Mr. Downward,  
Mr. Grose,  
Mr. A. Harris,

Mr. Langdon,  
Mr. McCutcheon,  
Mr. McGregor,  
Mr. McKenzie,\*  
Mr. Prendergast,  
Mr. Sterry.

\* Mr. McKenzie ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly on the 12th February, 1903.

## 6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 29th October, 1902.)

Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Brown,\*  
Capt. Chirnside,†

Mr. Gair,  
Mr. Kerr,  
Mr. McBride.

\* Discharged from attendance, 11th November, 1902.

† Appointed 11th November, 1902.

## 7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 29th October, 1902.)

Mr. Beazley,  
Mr. Duggan,  
Mr. Fink,  
Mr. Max Hirsch,

Mr. McKenzie,\*  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Swinburne,†  
Mr. Williams.

\* Mr. McKenzie ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly on the 12th February, 1903.

† Appointed 3rd March, 1903.

## 8.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT).

(Appointed under Act No. 1350, 29th October, 1902.)

Mr. Craven,  
Mr. Graham,  
Mr. Grose,

Mr. McBride,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Warde.

## 9.—ADMINISTRATION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WITH REFERENCE TO GRAZING LICENCES.

(Appointed 28th January, 1903.)

Mr. Bennett,  
Mr. Bowser,  
Mr. J. Cameron,  
Mr. Gavan Duffy,

Mr. Duggan,  
Mr. J. Harris,  
Mr. Madden.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1902.

No. 1.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 24TH OCTOBER, 1902.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1902.

No. 1.—*Members and Public Service Retrenchment Bill.*—Clause 2.

In this Act—

Interpretation.

\* \* \* \* \*

(2) The word "officer" includes—

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) all "Judges of" County Courts ;

\* \* \* \* \*

—(*Mr. Shiels.*)

Amendment proposed—That after the words "Judges of," in paragraph (c), the words "the Supreme Court and" be inserted.—(*Mr. Prendergast.*)

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

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Morrissey,	
Mr. Oman,	

*Tellers.*Mr. Bailes,  
Mr. Hennessy.

Noes, 52.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fletcher,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Taverner,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Hirsch,	

*Tellers.*Mr. McBride,  
Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

## THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1902.

## No. 2.—Clause 4.

Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act or any regulation or Order in Council under any Act the reduction set forth in the Schedule to this Act is hereby declared to apply to the pay of every officer whose rate of pay would except for this Act be within the limits specified in such Schedule, and such reduction at the rate specified in such Schedule opposite the rate of pay of such officer shall be made accordingly for the time for which he receives such pay : Provided that the rate of pay of any officer shall not by the operation of this section be reduced below the rate of "One hundred and twenty-five" pounds per annum : Provided also that where officers are employed at any work in respect of which a Special Board under the Factories and Shops Acts has determined the lowest price or rate of payment the rate of pay of any such officer shall not by the operation of this Act be reduced below the rate so determined.—(*Mr. Shiels.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "One hundred and twenty-five," in line 8, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "One hundred and seventy-five."—(*Mr. McDonald.*)

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

## Ayes, 56.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Levien,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Oman,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. J. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Hirsch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 3.—

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause, viz.:—"Provided also that where employes are employed at any work in respect of which a minimum wage schedule is in operation for contract work in the Railway and Public Works Departments no reduction shall be made which will bring the rate of pay of such employes below the rate so specified."—(*Mr. Ramsay.*)

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

## Ayes, 23.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Prendergast.
Mr. McGregor,	

And so it passed in the negative.

## Noes, 26.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Hennessy.

## Noes, 50.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. J. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Hirsch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride.

## FRIDAY (MORNING), 24TH OCTOBER, 1902.

No. 4.—

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause, viz.:—“Provided that the officers mentioned in (a) and (b) in sub-section (2) of section two of this Act shall have their present rate of pay reduced by a sum of Twenty pounds per centum in addition to the rate provided by the Schedule to this Act.”—(*Mr. Wilkins.*)

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

Ayes, 13.  
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Sangster,  
Mr. Bennett, Mr. Tucker,  
Mr. Billson, Mr. Wilkins.  
Mr. Bromley,  
Mr. Elmslie, *Tellers.*  
Mr. McDonald, Mr. Maloney,  
Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Warde.  
Mr. Ramsay,

Noes, 60.  
Mr. Andrews, Mr. Kirkwood,  
Mr. Austin, Mr. Kirton,  
Mr. Barr, Mr. Lancaster,  
Mr. Bent, Mr. Langdon,  
Mr. Bowser, Mr. Livingston,  
Mr. Boyd, Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. E. Cameron, Mr. Mackey,  
Mr. E. H. Cameron, Mr. Mackinnon,  
Capt. Chirnside, Mr. Madden,  
Mr. Craven, Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Cullen, Mr. McCutcheon,  
Mr. Duffus, Mr. McGregor,  
Mr. Duggan, Mr. McKenzie,  
Mr. Field, Mr. McLeod,  
Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Menzies,  
Mr. Forrest, Mr. Mitchell,  
Sir Samuel Gillott, Mr. Oman,  
Mr. Graham, Mr. Shoppee,  
Mr. Grose, Mr. Stanley,  
Mr. Hall, Capt. Staughton,  
Mr. C. Hamilton, Mr. Sterry,  
Mr. W. A. Hamilton, Mr. Swinburne,  
Mr. A. Harris, Mr. Taverner,  
Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Trenwith,  
Mr. Hickford, Mr. Watt,  
Mr. Hirsch, Mr. Williams,  
Mr. Holden, Dr. Wilson,  
Mr. Hutchinson,  
Mr. Irvine, *Tellers.*  
Mr. Keast, Mr. Bailes,  
Mr. Kerr, Mr. McBride.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 5.—Clause 8.

The pay of any officer holding pursuant to an agreement with the Govern- Effect on pay of officers  
ment of Victoria an office or position to fill which he was engaged under under engagement.  
agreement to hold such office for a specified term and rate of pay shall not by the operation of this  
Act be reduced below the rate specified in such agreement.—(*Mr. Shiels.*)

Question—That clause 8 stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 50.  
Mr. Austin, Mr. Keast,  
Mr. Barr, Mr. Kirkwood,  
Mr. Bent, Mr. Kirton,  
Mr. Bowser, Mr. Lancaster,  
Mr. Boyd, Mr. Langdon,  
Mr. E. Cameron, Mr. Lawson,  
Mr. E. H. Cameron, Mr. Livingston,  
Capt. Chirnside, Mr. Mackey,  
Mr. Craven, Mr. Madden,  
Mr. Cullen, Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Duffus, Mr. McCutcheon,  
Mr. Duggan, Mr. McKenzie,  
Mr. Field, Mr. McLeod,  
Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Menzies,  
Mr. Forrest, Mr. Mitchell,  
Mr. Graham, Mr. Oman,  
Mr. Hall, Mr. Shoppee,  
Mr. C. Hamilton, Capt. Staughton,  
Mr. W. A. Hamilton, Mr. Swinburne,  
Mr. A. Harris, Mr. Taverner,  
Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Williams,  
Mr. Hickford, Dr. Wilson,  
Mr. Hirsch,  
Mr. Holden, *Tellers.*  
Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. McBride,  
Mr. Irvine, Mr. Watt.

Noes, 19.  
Mr. Andrews, Mr. Ramsay,  
Mr. Anstey, Mr. Sangster,  
Mr. Bennett, Mr. Sterry,  
Mr. Billson, Mr. Trenwith,  
Mr. Bromley, Mr. Tucker,  
Mr. Elmslie, Mr. Warde.  
Mr. Grose,  
Mr. Mackinnon, *Tellers.*  
Mr. McDonald, Mr. Bailes,  
Mr. McGregor, Mr. Maloney,  
Mr. Prendergast,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6.—New clause A.

The pay of any person which is reduced pursuant to this Act shall for the time for which it is so reduced be deducted for the purposes of the Income Tax Acts from the gross amount of such person's income.—(*Mr. Mackinnon.*)



Question—That this clause be added to the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 52.	
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Ramsay,	Mr. Austin,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Warde.	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bromley,		Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Elmslie,		Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Mackinnon,		Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. McDonald,		Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Prendergast,		Mr. Craven,	Mr. Martin,
	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKenzie,
	Mr. McGregor.	Mr. Duggan,	Mr. McLeod,
		Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
		Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Mitchell,
		Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,
		Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
		Mr. Grose,	Capt. Staughton,
		Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sterry,
		Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
		Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
		Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
		Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Williams,
		Mr. Hickford,	Dr. Wilson.
		Mr. Hirsch,	
		Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Bailes,
		Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 7.—Schedule.

RATE OF REDUCTION TO BE MADE IN THE PAY OF EACH MEMBER OR OFFICER UNTIL 30TH JUNE, 1903.

Rate of Pay per Annum.	Rate of Reduction.
One hundred and twenty-five pounds and under "One" hundred and fifty pounds	Three pounds per centum
One hundred and fifty pounds and under Four hundred pounds	Four pounds per centum
* * * * *	* * * * *

—(*Mr. Shiel.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "One," in line 2 in first column of the Schedule, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Two."—(*Mr. Andrews.*)

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

Ayes, 51.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackey,	Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,	Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Mackinnon.
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,		
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,		
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Mitchell,		
Mr. Field,	Mr. Oman,		
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,		
Mr. Forrest,	Capt. Staughton,		
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sterry,		
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Swinburne,		
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Taverner,		
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt,		
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Williams,		
Mr. J. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.		
Mr. Hickford,			
Mr. Hirsch,			
Mr. Holden,			
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Craven,		
Mr. Keast,	Mr. McBride.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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SECOND SESSION 1902.

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No. 2.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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WEEK ENDING 30TH OCTOBER, 1902.

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TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1902.

No. 1.—*Ministers' and Officers' Salaries Retrenchment Bill.*—Clause 2.

(1) In this Act the word "officer" includes—

Interpretation.

- (a) the responsible Ministers of the Crown;
- (b) the Master-in-Equity;
- (c) all officers and persons subject to the provisions of Part IX. of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890*; and
- (d) all officers and persons whose pay is paid out of a special or permanent appropriation of the consolidated revenue made by Part 4 of Schedule D to The Constitution Act or by any Act in force in Victoria other than Part 1 and the first two items of Part 2 of the said Schedule and other than [section fifteen of Act No. 1142 and other than] Acts numbered 1151, 1167, \* \* or 1779; and

\* \* \* \* \*

—(Mr. Shiels.)

Further amendment proposed—That the following new paragraph be added to the clause:—

- (e) all persons having pensions or superannuation allowances over Two hundred pounds paid by the State.—(Mr. Elmslie.)

Question—That new paragraph (e) be added to the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 59.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Kirton,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—New clause A.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this or any Act no permanent officer of Parliament shall receive a larger salary than the lowest salary paid to any Minister of the Crown.—(*Mr. Maloney.*)

Question—That this clause be added to the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 60.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McDonald,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fletcher,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Keast,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Kirkwood,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. McBride.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 1902.

No. 3.—*Municipal Endowment Reduction Bill*.—Clause 3.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Municipal Endowment Reduction Act* 1895 the sum payable out of the consolidated revenue for the endowment of municipalities shall for the year ending the last day of June One thousand nine hundred and “three” be “Fifty” thousand pounds \* \* \* \* \* Temporary reduction of municipal endowment to £50,000. \*

—(*Mr. Shiels*.)

Amendment proposed—That after the word “three,” in line 4, the words “and for each succeeding year” be inserted.—(*Mr. Boyd*.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. McGregor.

Noes, 65.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shiels,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Holden,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. McBride.
Mr. Kirkwood,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4.—

Further amendment proposed—That the word “Fifty,” in line 4, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word “One.”—(*Mr. Andrews.*)

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

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fletcher,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Holden,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. McGregor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1902.

No. 3.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 5TH DECEMBER, 1902.

FRIDAY (MORNING), 5TH DECEMBER, 1902.

No. 1.—*Constitution Reform Bill*.—Clause 4.

*	In this Act	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

“ ‘Public officer’ ” or “ ‘Public officers’ ” means every person who is employed on the permanent staff of any Department of the Public Service of Victoria and is subject to the Public Service Acts or to Part IX. of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* and also means every person who is a member of the Police Force.

“ ‘Railways officer’ ” or “ ‘Railways officers’ ” means every person who is employed on the permanent staff of the Victorian Railways Department and is subject to the Railways Acts.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That all the words from and inclusive of the words “ ‘Public officer,’ ” in line 2, to the end of the clause be omitted.—(*Mr. McDonald.*)

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

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Fletcher,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hall,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. J. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bromley,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Lawson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1902.

No. 4.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 12TH DECEMBER, 1902.

TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1902.

No. 1.—*Constitution Reform Bill*.—Clause 5.

*	(1) Notwithstanding	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	(2) Such	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

(3) Not more than six of such officers shall at any one time be members of the Assembly.—*(Mr. Irvine.)*Amendment proposed—That at the end of sub-section (3) the words “Not more than two of such officers shall at any one time be members of the Council” be added.—*(Mr. Tucker.)*

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Bromley,	
Mr. Elmslie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fink,	
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Prendergast.

Noes, 65.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Lancaster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Boyd.

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 2.—Clause 9.

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in The Constitution Act or in this Act any responsible Minister of the Crown who is a member of the Council or of the Assembly may at any time sit in the House of Parliament of which he is not a member for the purpose only of explaining the provisions of any bill relating to or connected with any department administered by "him," and may take part in any debate or discussion therein on such bill, but he shall not vote except in the House of which he is an elected member.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "him," in line 4, the words "or any private member's bill that has passed its third reading by the House in which such bill was originated" be inserted.—(*Mr. Tucker.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Bromley,  
Mr. Maloney,  
Mr. Sangster,  
Mr. Tucker.

*Tellers.*

Mr. Prendergast,  
Mr. Smith.

Noes, 66.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Elmslie,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 3.—Clause 10.

The Council shall consist of "twenty-eight" "members," of whom twenty-seven members shall be representatives of and elected by the electors of the respective electoral provinces, and one member shall be a representative of and elected by public officers and railways officers as herein after provided.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "twenty-eight," in line 1, be omitted.—(*Mr. Maloney.*)

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



Committee divided.

Ayes, 62.	
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKezdie,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Grose,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Thomson,
	Mr. Watt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—

Further amendment proposed—That all the words after the word “members,” in line 1, to the end of the clause be omitted.—(*Mr. Maloney.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 48.		Noes, 35.	
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,	Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,	Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,	Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Toutcher,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Menzies,	Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Shiels,	Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Shoppee,	Mr. Holden,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Stanley,	Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Forrest,	Capt. Staughton,	Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,	Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Taverner,	Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Maloney.
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt,		
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.		
Mr. Irvine,			
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Craven,		
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Thomson.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1902.

No. 5.—*Constitution Reform Bill.*—Clause 13.

Subject to the provisions of this Act as to the dissolution of the Council, and to the provisions of The Constitution Act Amendment Acts, every member of the Council (except a member elected to fill a casual vacancy) shall be entitled to hold his seat for a period of “six” years, save and except that one-half of the members who are elected at any general election for the Council shall be entitled to hold their seats for the period of three years only.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word “six,” in line 3, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word “three.”—(*Mr. Maloney.*)

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

Ayes, 62.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Hall,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. J. Harris,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Keast,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. E. Cameron,	
Mr. Elmslie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6.—Clause 21.

The Assembly shall consist of “fifty-six” members, of whom fifty-four members shall be representatives of and elected by the electors of the respective electoral districts, and one member shall be a representative of and elected by public officers as hereinafter provided and one member shall be a representative of and elected by railways officers as hereinafter provided.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word “fifty-six,” in line 1, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word “sixty-four.”—(*Mr. W. A. Hamilton.*)

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

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Hall,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hickford,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Andrews,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Warde.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 7.—Clause 22.

Victoria shall be divided into fifty-four electoral "districts" each of which shall return one member to the Assembly; and the public officers shall return one member to the Assembly, and the railways officers shall return one member to the Assembly.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "districts," in line 1, the words "of approximately equal population" be inserted.—(*Mr. Maloney.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Ramsay.
Mr. Sangster,	

Noes, 69.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. McBride.
Mr. Keogh,	

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1902.

No. 8.—*Constitution Reform Bill.*—Clause 25.

(1) In section one hundred and twenty-eight and all subsequent sections in Part IV. of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* and also in the *Purification of Rolls Act 1891* and any Act amending the same and also in section two of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1893* and also in the *Melbourne and Geelong Parliamentary Elections Act 1897* and also in *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1898* and also in the *Voting by Post Act 1900* and any Act amending the same

- (a) the word "male" wherever it occurs shall be repealed, and
- (b) The word "person" wherever it occurs in reference to electors shall be deemed to include women, whether married or single, and
- (c) generally all words importing or applicable to the masculine gender shall where used in reference to electors or to procedure for becoming electors be deemed to include the feminine gender.

(2) In any certificates in the form contained in the Nineteenth Schedule to the said first-mentioned Act for the word "manhood" wherever it occurs the word "womanhood" shall be substituted when an elector's right is issued to a woman whether married or single.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Question—That clause 25 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shiels,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Lawson,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Martin,	
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McDonald,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,

Mr. Maloney.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Duffus,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Sterry.
Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. Graves,	
Mr. Hall,	
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Lancaster,	

Tellers.

Mr. Andrews,

Mr. Duggan.

No. 9.—Clause 30.

(1) A bill shall not be taken to be a bill for appropriating any part of the revenue of Victoria or for imposing any duty rate tax rent return or impost by reason only of its containing provisions for the imposition or appropriation of fines or other pecuniary penalties or for the demand or payment or appropriation of fees for licences or fees for services under such bill.

(2) The Council may once at any stage of a bill, which the Council cannot alter, return such bill to the Assembly suggesting by message the omission or amendment of any items or provisions therein. And the Assembly may if it thinks fit make any of such omissions or amendments with or without modifications. *Provided that the Council may not suggest any omission or amendment the effect of which will be to increase any proposed charge or burden on the people.*—(Mr. Irvine.)

Question—That clause 30, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Langdon,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	

Tellers.

Mr. Boyd,

Mr. Watt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Morrissey,	

Tellers.

Mr. Andrews,

Mr. Bailes.

## No. 10.—Clause 31.

If the Council or Assembly passes any bill and the Assembly or Council rejects or fails to pass it, or passes it with amendments to which the Council or Assembly will not agree, and if after an interval of six months the Council or Assembly in the same or the next Session again passes the bill with or without any amendments which have been made suggested or agreed to by the Assembly or Council, and the Assembly or Council rejects or fails to pass it or passes it with amendments to which the Council or Assembly will not agree, the Governor may if he think fit by proclamation or otherwise notwithstanding anything contained in The Constitution Act dissolve the Council and the Assembly simultaneously ; but such dissolution shall not take place within one year before the date of the expiry of the Assembly by effluxion of time.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Question—That clause 31 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 72.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. A. Harris,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Irvine,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Boyd.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Bromley,	
Mr. Prendergast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. Warde.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

FRIDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1902.

No. 11.—*Constitution Reform Bill.*—Clause 34.

(1) The members present at such joint sitting may deliberate and shall vote together upon the bill as last proposed by the House in which the bill was initiated, and upon amendments (if any) which have been made therein by one House and not agreed to by the other.

(2) Any such amendments which are affirmed by a majority "of at least three-fifths" of the total number of the members of the Council and Assembly present and voting thereon shall be taken to have been carried.

(3) If \* \* \* \* \* —(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "of at least three-fifths," in line 4, be omitted.—(*Mr. Maloney.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. J. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. McBride.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hennessy,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oman,	
Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Maloney.

VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1902.

No. 5.

## DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 19TH DECEMBER, 1902.

TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1902.

No. 1.—*Constitution Reform Bill.*—Clause 37.Notwithstanding anything contained in *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1898*—

(1) No voter's certificate shall be granted by any court to any person—

(a) between the day of any dissolution or "expiration of the Assembly" and the day of polling for the election of members for the next ensuing Parliament; or

(b) between \* \* \* \* \*

(2) Every \* \* \* \* \*

—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "expiration of the Assembly," in line 3, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "a day being thirty days before the time at which the Assembly would expire by effluxion of time if not sooner dissolved."—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

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

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Sangster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 74.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Holden,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Duggan.

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 2.—Clause 37 as amended.

Notwithstanding anything contained in *The Constitution Act Amendment Act-1898*—

(1) No voter's certificate shall be granted by any court to any person—

(a) between the day of any dissolution or a day being thirty days before the time at which the Assembly would expire by effluxion of time if not sooner dissolved and the day of polling for the election of members for the next ensuing Parliament, nor shall any voter's certificate be granted for any electoral district

(b) between the day on which any member's seat in the Assembly for such electoral district becomes vacant and the day of polling for the election of a member to fill such vacancy and any voter's certificate granted in contravention of this section shall have no validity and no ballot-paper shall be issued to any person in respect thereof;

(2) Every voter's certificate granted for any division of an electoral district shall, subject to the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1898* so far as consistent herewith, expressly authorize the holder thereof to vote at every election for the Assembly held in such division before the coming into force of the next general or supplementary roll for the said division in which his name could properly be or have been included, and the forms of the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Schedules to the said Act shall be altered accordingly.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Question—That clause 37, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

## Ayes, 71.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hickford,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Thomson.

## Noes, 14.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. Oman,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Ramsay,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Warde.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## No. 3.—New clause E.

(1) When either the Legislative Assembly or the Legislative Council pass any Bill, and the other House does not agree provided such Bill with or without amendments be passed in a second session by the same Chamber originally passing the Bill and the said Bill be not agreed with a second time by the opposing House such Bill if the Chamber which passed it so determine by resolution shall in manner to be duly provided by the Governor in Council be submitted for acceptance or rejection to the voters on the roll for the Legislative Assembly.

(2) In the event of the said Bill being duly accepted or approved of by the majority of the voters on the said roll who shall vote when a poll is taken, and upon a certificate to that effect to be duly given by the Speaker, the said Bill shall be transmitted to the Governor for his assent. Should however such Bill be rejected or disapproved of then upon the certificate of the Speaker to that effect the said Bill shall lapse for the session.

(3) At least six weeks must intervene between the first and the second passing of the said Bill by the Legislative Assembly.—(*Mr. Maloney.*)



Question—That new clause E be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Maloney.

Noes, 55.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gair,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hickford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Irvine,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4.—New clause M.

(1) Notwithstanding anything in any Act contained it shall not be lawful after the commencement of this Act for any person to vote in more than one electoral province for the Council or in more than one electoral district for the Assembly and that must be for the province or district in which such person lives either for a general periodical or bye election for the Council or a general or bye election for the Assembly, and when any person has once voted in any electoral province or district at any election on any day it shall not be lawful for him to vote again in any electoral province or district at any poll adjourned from such day.

(2) Every person guilty of a contravention of this section shall on conviction before a court of petty sessions be liable to a penalty not exceeding Fifty pounds or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding three months.

(3) All votes given at any election or elections by any person contrary to the provisions of this Act shall be utterly void and of no effect.—(Mr. Tucker.)

Question—That new clause M be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Duggan.
Mr. Oman,	

Noes, 51.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. J. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Hirsch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Keast,	

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 5.—New clause U.

A quorum shall consist of half the number of the members of either House.—(*Mr. Maloney.*)

Question—That new clause U be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Maloney.

Noes, 62.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

## No. 6.—New clause W.

The hours of sitting of either House shall be from ten o'clock in the forenoon to not later than five o'clock in the afternoon.—(*Mr. Maloney.*)

Question—That new clause W be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. Billson,	
Mr. Elmslie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Prendergast.

Noes, 65.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Holden,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Kirkwood,	

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY (MORNING), 17TH DECEMBER, 1902.

No. 7.—New clause Y.

The Constitution as finally amended by the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council shall as soon as practicable be referred and submitted to the vote of all persons in Victoria qualified and entitled to vote for the election of members of the Legislative Assembly.

The voting shall be taken throughout Victoria as one electoral district.

Each voter shall vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" on the question in accordance with the direction on the ballot-paper in the Second Schedule hereto, and all votes shall be taken on the same day.

No person shall vote or attempt to vote more than once on the question. The majority of votes shall decide the question, and if The Constitution be thereby rejected no further action shall be taken pursuant to this Act, but if accepted by a majority of the electors voting may afterwards be transmitted by both Houses of Parliament to the King for legislative enactment by the Imperial Parliament.—(*Mr. Maloney for Mr. Toutcher.*)

Question—That new clause Y be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Maloney.

Noes, 59.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hickford,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Keast,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 8.—New clause BB.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this or any Act it shall be lawful for any public officer or any railway officer to become a candidate for election as a representative of the Public Service or the Railway Service and if elected to sit as a member of the Legislative Council or as a member of the Legislative Assembly. Provided that any officer so elected shall be deemed to be on leave of absence without pay from the date of his nomination as a candidate for election.—(*Mr. Elmslie.*)

Question—That new clause BB be now read a second time—put.  
Committee divided.

## Ayes, 29.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Boyd,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Maloney,	

*Tellers.*

Mr. Bailes,  
Mr. McGregor.

## Noes, 43.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	

*Tellers.*

Mr. Craven,  
Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.  
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1902-3.

No. 6.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 29TH JANUARY, 1903.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1903.

No. 1.—*Seed and Fodder Advances Bill*.—Clause 6.

Where a cultivator is unable to give to the Board security by way of a mortgage of his farm or a licence lien over the improvements thereon (as the case may be) the Minister if he thinks fit may grant him an advance "repayable not later than the thirty-first day of January One thousand nine hundred and four" upon the security of a preferable lien under Part VII. of the *Instruments Act 1890* on the crop of the next ensuing harvest on the farm of such cultivator, but in such case such advance shall not exceed the value of Forty pounds as aforesaid.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "repayable not later than the thirty-first day of January One thousand nine hundred and four," in lines 3 and 4, be omitted.—(*Mr. Hirsch.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Capt. Chirnside,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Stanley,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Holden,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	
Mr. Hirsch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. McBride.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1903.

No. 2.—*Administration and Probate Acts Amendment Bill*.—Clause 17.

In section thirty-one of the Principal Act the words "Five hundred" shall be repealed and the words "One thousand" be substituted therefor.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Question—That clause 17 stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Mitchell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Bailes,
Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 48.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hickford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. McBride.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—First Schedule.

## PART I.

On the estates real and personal of deceased persons—

Where the total value of such estates after deducting all debts— Duty shall be payable at the rate per cent. of—

" Exceeds £100 and does not exceed					
£200	...	...	...	...	One pound "
Exceeds	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*
Exceeds £20,000	...	...	...	...	Ten pounds

—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words and figures—

" Exceeds £100 and does not exceed					
£200	...	...	...	...	One pound,"

in lines 5 and 6, be omitted.—(*Mr. Toutcher.*)

Question—That the words and figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Field,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Forrest,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hall,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. C. Hamilton,	
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. J. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Mitchell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1902-3.

No. 7.

## DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 5TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

No. 1.—*Supply.—Estimates for 1902-3.*

Motion made—That the following sum be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1902-3, for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

## I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

DIVISION No. 11.

POLICE.

*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

The sum of "£103,762."—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £1.—(*Mr. Bennett.*)  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Prendergast.

Noes, 45.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Craveu,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. A. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hirsch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.  
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 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1902-3.

No. 8.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 12TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

No. 1.—*Supply.—Estimates for 1902-3.*

Motion made—That the following sum be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1902-3 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

VI.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

DIVISION No. 54.

PUBLIC PARKS, GARDENS, AND RESERVES.

*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

The sum of "£844."—(*Mr. Taverner.*)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £250.—(*Mr. Hirsch.*)  
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. McGregor.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Sangster,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Duffus,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Tucker,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hall,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. C. Hamilton,	
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hickford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.



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SESSION 1902-3.

No. 9.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 19TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

No. 1.—*Income Tax Bill*.—Clause 3.

The rates of the duties of income tax which shall pursuant to the Income Tax Acts \* \*

Provided that a person (not being a company) whose income during the year immediately preceding the year of assessment did not exceed "One" hundred and "twenty-five" pounds shall not be liable to tax.—(*Mr. Shiels*.)

Amendment proposed—That the word "One," in line 3, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Two."—(*Mr. Bromley*.)

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

Ayes, 73.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fletcher,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shiels,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graves,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Trenwith,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—

Further amendment proposed—That the words "twenty-five," in line 3, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "fifty."—(*Mr. W. A. Hamilton*.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Fink,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Taverner,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Graham,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. C. Hamilton,	
Mr. J. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Duggan.
Mr. McGregor,	

WEDNESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1903.

No. 3.—*Income Tax Bill*.—Clause 6.

(1) Income of any taxpayer from any trade carried on in Victoria shall to the extent of Four pounds per centum of the actual net capital owned by such taxpayer and employed or used in such trade during the year immediately preceding the year of assessment be chargeable with tax as income from property, and beyond such extent shall be chargeable with tax as income from personal exertion.

(2) For the purposes of assessing such tax the Commissioner shall determine the amount of the actual net capital employed or used in any trade by any taxpayer.—(*Mr. Shiels.*)

Question—That clause 6 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 66.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fletcher,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Prendergast,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Capt. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Forrest,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. McBride.

## No. 4.—Clause 11 as amended.

(1) The taxable income of every mutual life assurance company whose head or principal office or principal place of business is in Australia carrying on business in Victoria shall be the amount received as income upon the investments of such company in Victoria during the year immediately preceding the year of assessment.

(2) Such company shall not be entitled to any deduction whatever save and except the sum of five per centum on the said income, and the balance shall be the income of such company chargeable with tax accordingly as income the produce of property.

(3) The taxable amount of the income of every company (not being a mutual life assurance company whose head or principal office or principal place of business is in Australia) which carries on in Victoria the business of life assurance shall be a sum equal to twenty-five pounds per centum of the premiums received by the company during the year immediately preceding the year of assessment in respect of insurances or assurances effected in Victoria and such sum shall be chargeable with tax accordingly as income the produce of property.—(Mr. Shiels.)

Question—That clause 11, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

## Ayes, 46.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Craven,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Forrest,	Capt. Staughton,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Gair,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## Noes, 30.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Hennessy,	
Mr. Hickford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. McGregor.

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1902-3.

No. 10.

## DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 5TH MARCH, 1903.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1903.

No. 1.—*Railway Accident Fund and Railways Stores Suspense Account Bill.*—Clause 2.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Railways Acts there shall without further or other authority than this Act be paid out of the Railway Accident Fund such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of effecting special and deferred repairs to lines of railway and works. The sums which shall be so paid out of the said Fund shall not exceed in the whole the amount of Sixty thousand pounds—(*Mr. Shiels.*)

Question—That clause 2 stand part of the Bill—put.  
Committee divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gair,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hirsch,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Keast,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	
Mr. Lancaster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Craven.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. W. A. Hamilton,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Lawson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1902-3.

No. 11.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 12TH MARCH, 1903.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1903.

No. 1.—*Patents Bill*.—Clause 2.

In section nine of the *Patents Act* 1890 the following words are hereby repealed:—"and whether to the best of the knowledge of such examiner such invention is not novel or is already in the possession of the public with the consent or allowance of the true and first inventor."—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Question—That clause 2 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hickford,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

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SESSION 1902-3.

No. 12.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 3RD APRIL, 1903.

THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1903.

No. 1.—*Spring Vale Necropolis Bill*.—Clause 4.

Notwithstanding anything contained in section nine of the *Spring Vale General Cemetery Railway Act* 1901 or in any guarantee given to the Victorian Railways Commissioner by or on behalf of one or more of the trustees for The Necropolis, Spring Vale, and their successors it is hereby declared that such trustees or any of them or their successors shall not be or deemed to be or to have been personally liable to the said Commissioner for any payment assured by any such guarantee but the trustees of The Necropolis, Spring Vale, hereby incorporated shall be subject to the obligations of any such guarantee.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause, viz.:—“Provided that portion of the revenue in the hands of the trustees shall be used to defray the cost of providing decent burial for persons without means.”—(*Mr. Maloney.*)

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

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Anstey,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Smith.

Noes, 56.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hickford,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Gair,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Keast.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

JOINT SITTING

OF THE

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT OF THE STATE OF VICTORIA

TO CHOOSE A PERSON

TO

HOLD THE PLACE IN THE SENATE

RENDERED VACANT BY THE DEATH OF

SENATOR SIR FREDERICK THOMAS SARGOOD.

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*Held in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Commonwealth of Australia  
Constitution Act.*

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By Authority:

ROBT. S. BRAIN, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MELBOURNE.

THE QUEEN'S HALL,  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE, MELBOURNE.

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WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1903.

The Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the  
Legislative Assembly having, pursuant to resolution, assembled  
in the Queen's Hall:—

1. **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.**—W. D. Beazley, Esquire, the Deputy-Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, rose and moved—"That the Honorable Sir Henry John Wrixon, K.C.M.G., be appointed President of this Joint Sitting," which motion being seconded by the Honorable N. FitzGerald, M.L.C., was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Henry Wrixon, having expressed his acknowledgments for the honour which had been conferred upon him, then took the Chair.

2. **RULES OF PROCEDURE.**—The Premier, the Honorable W. H. Irvine, M.L.A., submitted rules of procedure for the consideration of Honorable Members as follow:—

1. On any debate arising the same shall be conducted according to parliamentary usage.

2. A Member, addressing himself to the President, shall propose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Sir Frederick T. Sargood, K.C.M.G. When any person is so proposed, his proposer shall state to the Members present that such person is willing to hold the vacant place if chosen.

3. If only one person be proposed and seconded, the President shall declare—"That has been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Sir Frederick T. Sargood."

4. If more than one person be proposed and seconded, the person to hold the vacant place shall be chosen by ballot.

5. Before giving directions to proceed with the first ballot, the President shall ask if any Member desires to propose any other person to fill the vacancy, and, no other person being proposed, the first ballot shall be proceeded with, after which no person shall be proposed.

6. Each Member present shall be provided with a ballot-paper certified by the Clerks of the two Houses, and shall write thereon the name of one of the persons duly proposed, and shall place the paper in the ballot-box.

7. The President shall appoint a Member of each House to be scrutineers, who, with the Clerks of the two Houses, shall ascertain the number of votes for each person.

8. If any person shall have an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members voting, the President shall forthwith declare—"That has been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Sir Frederick T. Sargood."

9. If on the first ballot no person shall have received an absolute majority of the Members voting, a second ballot shall be taken; but the name of the person who shall have received the fewest votes at the first ballot shall be excluded.

10. Until one of the persons proposed obtains an absolute majority of the Members voting, successive ballots shall be taken, and at each ballot the name of the person who shall have received the fewest votes at the preceding ballot shall be excluded.

11. If on any ballot it shall be necessary to decide between two or more persons as to which is to be excluded from a subsequent ballot through the number of votes for such persons being equal, a special ballot shall be taken, and the name of the person having the greatest number of votes at such special ballot shall be included at the subsequent ballot.

12. As soon as any person obtains an absolute majority of the Members voting, the President shall declare—"That has been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Sir Frederick T. Sargood."

13. The President shall in all cases be entitled to a vote.

14. The records of the proceedings and ballot-papers shall be retained by the Clerk of the Parliaments of the State of Victoria, who shall be the custodian thereof.



And, after debate—

Rules 1 to 3 agreed to.

Rule 4—

Mr. Warde moved, That the word "ballot" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "open voting."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the rule—put.  
The Members divided.

Ayes, 126.

Legislative Council.

The Honorables—

J. H. Abbott,  
S. Austin,  
W. L. Baillieu,  
J. Balfour,  
J. Bell,  
S. G. Black,  
F. Brown,  
T. Brunton,  
J. C. Campbell,  
T. Comrie,  
E. J. Crooke,  
Sir H. Cuthbert,  
J. M. Davies,  
T. Dowling,  
Dr. W. H. Embling,  
N. FitzGerald,  
G. Godfrey,  
W. B. Gray,  
F. S. Grimwade,  
D. Ham,

The Honorables—

T. C. Harwood,  
H. W. H. Irvine,  
N. Levi,  
Walter S. Manifold,  
D. E. McBryde,  
W. McCulloch,  
J. Y. McDonald,  
D. Melville,  
E. Morey,  
W. Orr,  
T. H. Payne,  
W. Pearson,  
W. Pitt,  
J. M. Pratt,  
A. O. Sachse,  
G. Simmie,  
E. E. Smith,  
Sir A. Snowden,  
J. Sternberg,  
H. Williams.

Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Andrews,  
Mr. Anstey,  
Mr. Argyle,  
Mr. Ashworth,  
Mr. Austin,  
Mr. Bailes,  
Mr. Barr,  
Mr. Beazley,  
Mr. Bennett,  
The Hon. T. Bent,  
Mr. Bowser,  
Mr. Boyd,  
Mr. Bromley,  
Mr. Brown,  
Mr. E. Cameron,  
The Hon. E. H. Cameron,  
Mr. J. Cameron,  
Capt. Chirnside,  
Mr. Craven,  
Mr. Cullen,  
Mr. Downward,  
Mr. Duffus,  
The Hon. J. Gavan Duffy,  
Mr. Field,  
The Hon. T. Fink,  
Mr. Fletcher,  
Mr. Forrest,  
Mr. Gair,  
The Hon. Sir S. Gillott,  
The Hon. G. Graham,  
The Hon. J. H. Graves,  
Mr. Grose,  
Mr. Hall,  
Mr. C. Hamilton,  
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,  
Mr. A. Harris,  
Mr. J. Harris,  
Mr. Hennessy,  
Mr. Hickford,  
Mr. Hirsch,  
Mr. Holden,  
Mr. Hutchinson,  
The Hon. W. H. Irvine,

Mr. Keogh,  
Mr. Kerr,  
Mr. Kirkwood,  
The Hon. J. W. Kirton,  
Mr. Lancaster,  
Mr. Langdon,  
Mr. Lawson,  
The Hon. J. F. Levien,  
Mr. Livingston,  
Mr. Mackey,  
Mr. Mackinnon,  
Mr. Madden,  
Mr. Maloney,  
Mr. McBride,  
Mr. McCutcheon,  
Mr. McDonald,  
The Hon. R. McGregor,  
The Hon. M. K. McKenzie,  
The Hon. D. McLeod,  
Mr. Menzies,  
Mr. Mitchell,  
The Hon. J. Morrissey,  
The Hon. J. Murray,  
Mr. Oman,  
The Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock,  
Mr. Prendergast,  
Mr. Ramsay,  
Mr. Sangster,  
The Hon. W. Shiels,  
Mr. Shoppee,  
Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Stanley,  
Mr. Sterry,  
Mr. Swinburne,  
The Hon. J. W. Taverner,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Toutcher,  
The Hon. W. A. Trenwith,  
Mr. Wallace,  
The Hon. W. A. Watt,  
Mr. Wilkins,  
Mr. Williams,  
Dr. Wilson.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Billson,  
The Hon. D. J. Duggan,  
Mr. Elmslie,

Mr. Tucker,  
Mr. Warde,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative,  
Rule 4 agreed to.

## Rule 5—

Mr. Watt moved, That after the word "proposed" where it first occurs the words "any member may ask any of the candidates any relevant question, after which" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

The amendment was put and negatived.

Rules 5 to 14, after debate, agreed to.

Mr. Prendergast proposed the following rule:—

"15. No person who is at the present time a Member of the Parliament of the State shall be capable of being proposed as a Senator at this Joint Meeting."

Debate ensued.

Question—That this rule be agreed to—put.

The Members divided.

Ayes, 2.

Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Maloney,

Mr. Prendergast.

Noes, 124.

Legislative Council.

The Honorables—

J. H. Abbott,  
S. Austin,  
W. L. Baillieu,  
J. Balfour,  
J. Bell,  
S. G. Black,  
F. Brown,  
T. Brunton,  
J. C. Campbell,  
T. Comrie,  
E. J. Croke,  
Sir H. Cuthbert,  
J. M. Davies,  
T. Dowling,  
Dr. W. H. Embling,  
N. FitzGerald,  
G. Godfrey,  
W. B. Gray,  
F. S. Grimwade,  
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W. McCulloch,  
J. Y. McDonald,  
D. Melville,  
E. Morey,  
W. Orr,  
T. H. Payne,  
W. Pearson,  
W. Pitt,  
J. M. Pratt,  
R. Reid,  
A. O. Sachse,  
G. Simmie,  
E. E. Smith,  
Sir A. Snowden,  
J. Sternberg,  
H. Williams,  
A. Wynne.

Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Andrews,  
Mr. Argyle,  
Mr. Ashworth,  
Mr. Austin,  
Mr. Bailes,  
Mr. Beazley,  
Mr. Bennett,  
The Hon. T. Bent,  
Mr. Billson,  
Mr. Boyd,  
Mr. Bromley,  
Mr. Brown,  
Mr. E. Cameron,  
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Mr. Craven,  
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Mr. Elmslie,  
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The Hon. T. Fink,  
Mr. Fletcher,  
Mr. Forrest,  
Mr. Gair,  
The Hon. Sir S. Gillett,  
The Hon. G. Graham,  
The Hon. J. H. Graves,  
Mr. Grose,  
Mr. Hall,  
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,  
Mr. A. Harris,  
Mr. J. Harris,  
Mr. Hennessy,  
Mr. Hickford,  
Mr. Hirsch,  
Mr. Holden,  
Mr. Hutchinson,

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Mr. Langdon,  
Mr. Lawson,  
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Mr. Madden,  
Mr. McBride,  
Mr. McCutcheon,  
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Mr. Menzies,  
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Mr. Smith,  
Mr. Stanley,  
Mr. Sterry,  
Mr. Swinburne,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Toutcher,  
The Hon. W. A. Trenwith,  
Mr. Tucker,  
Mr. Wallace,  
Mr. Warde,  
The Hon. W. A. Watt,  
Mr. Wilkins,  
Mr. Williams,  
Dr. Wilson,

And so it passed in the negative.

3. **PERSONS PROPOSED TO HOLD THE VACANCY IN THE SENATE.**—The President announced that the rules having been adopted, he was now prepared to receive proposals from any Honorable Member with regard to a person to hold the vacant place.
- The Honorable J. Gavan Duffy, M.L.A., proposed the Honorable Sir Alexander James Peacock, M.L.A., as the person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Sir Frederick Thomas Sargood, which motion was seconded by the Honorable Sir Henry Cuthbert, M.L.C.
- The Honorable James Bell, M.L.C., proposed the Honorable Robert Reid, M.L.C., as the person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Sir Frederick Thomas Sargood, which motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey, M.L.A.
- Mr. Bromley, M.L.A., proposed Stephen Barker, Esq., J.P., as the person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Sir Frederick Thomas Sargood, which motion was seconded by Mr. Prendergast, M.L.A.
- Sir Alexander Peacock submitted himself to the Joint Sitting.

4. **FIRST BALLOT.**—The President having asked if any Member desired to propose any other person to fill the vacancy, and no other person being proposed, the President directed the First Ballot to be proceeded with.

Ballot-papers duly authenticated were issued by the Clerks of the two Houses to Honorable Members, and such ballot-papers having been filled in, were deposited in ballot-boxes.

5. **SCRUTINEERS.**—The President appointed the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, M.L.C., and the Honorable W. A. Watt, M.L.A., as scrutineers.

6. **RESULT OF FIRST BALLOT.**—The scrutineers with the Clerks of the two Houses, having made a scrutiny of the number of votes received by each person, reported to the President as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

We have the honour to report that 131 votes were recorded by the Honorable Members present, and we find after the scrutiny that the result of the ballot is as follows:—

Honorable Robert Reid, M.L.C.	...	...	...	68
Honorable Sir A. J. Peacock, M.L.A.	...	...	...	51
Mr. Stephen Barker, J.P.	...	...	...	12

W. L. BAILLIEU, } Scrutineers.  
W. A. WATT, }

GEORGE H. JENKINS, Clerk of the Legislative Council.  
THOS. G. WATSON, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

7. **DECLARATION OF THE RESULT OF FIRST BALLOT.**—The President declared that the Hon. Robert Reid, M.L.C., having obtained an absolute majority of the whole number of Members voting, had been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Sir Frederick Thomas Sargood.
8. **NOTIFICATION TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The Honorable W. H. Irvine, M.L.A., moved, That the President be requested to inform His Excellency the Governor that the Honorable Robert Reid, M.L.C., has been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Sir Frederick Thomas Sargood.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT.**—The Premier, the Honorable W. H. Irvine, M.L.A., moved a vote of thanks to the President, which was seconded by the Honorable J. M. Davies, M.L.C., and carried unanimously.
- The President having returned thanks, declared the Joint Sitting closed.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,  
*Clerk of the Legislative Council.*

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

