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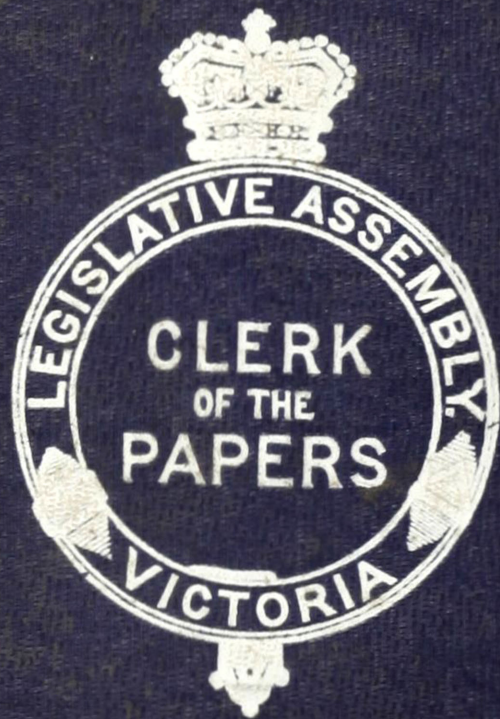
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* Including 6 Bills brought from the Legislative Council, 3 of which were passed and assented to, and 1 lapsed.

PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS.

ALBERT PARK LAND: Bill to revoke the permanent reservation and Crown grant of portion of certain land situate in the municipal districts of the City of South Melbourne and the City of St. Kilda as a site for a public park—(*Mr. Livingston* for *Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1917, p. 129; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Oct., p. 133; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Oct., p. 139. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2923.*)

ASSEMBLY NOMINATIONS (WAR SERVICE): Bill relating to nominations of persons on war service as candidates at the next ensuing General Election for the Legislative Assembly—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Oct., 1917, p. 135; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Oct., p. 136; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments considered and agreed to, 17 Oct., p. 140. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2927.*)

CHILDREN'S COURT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Children's Courts*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 11 Oct., 1917, p. 122; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 16 Oct., p. 134. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2914.*)

CLOSER SETTLEMENT: Bill to amend the *Closer Settlement Act 1915*—(*Mr. Downward*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Aug., 1917, p. 57.—Bill lapsed.

CLUNES LAND: Bill to revoke the permanent reservation and Crown grant of certain lands situate in the municipal district of Clunes as sites for cricket and other purposes of public recreation and to provide for the sale of such lands and the application of the proceeds thereof for the improvement of certain other lands in the said municipal district temporarily reserved as a site for a public garden—(*Sir Alexander Peacock* for *Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Aug., 1917, p. 45; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 10) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 9 Aug., pp. 55-6; 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, 26 Sept., pp. 101-2; the Council's agreement notified, 11 Oct., p. 122. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2905.*)

COMPULSORY VACCINATION ABOLITION: Bill to abolish compulsory vaccination in Victoria—(*Mr. Outtrim*).—Bill initiated and motion made, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the consideration of the Bill in Committee—question resolved in the affirmative and Bill read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 26 July, 1917, p. 40; further considered in Committee, 23 Aug., p. 67.—Bill lapsed.

COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS): Bill to provide for compulsory voting at elections for the Legislative Assembly—(*Mr. Cotter*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1917, p. 39; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate, on division, adjourned, 6 Sept., p. 81.—Bill lapsed.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 1): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million nine hundred and sixty thousand seven hundred and seventy-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 July, 1917, p. 17; the Council's agreement notified, 10 July, p. 21. (*Assented to 12 July, 1917. Act No. 2889.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 2): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and thirty thousand six hundred and sixteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and sixteen and One thousand nine hundred and seventeen—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 7 Aug., 1917, p. 51; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Aug., p. 57. (*Assented to 21 August, 1917. Act No. 2892.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 3): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and eighteen thousand one hundred and thirty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee

of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 Sept., 1917, p. 79; the Council's agreement notified, 12 Sept., p. 86. (*Assented to 12 September, 1917. Act No. 2894.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 4): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and seventy-five thousand one hundred and sixty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 Oct., p. 125; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Oct., p. 134. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2911.*)

CONVEYANCING: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend section Twenty-four of the 'Conveyancing Act 1915,' and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 17 Oct., 1917, p. 136; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 17 Oct., p. 139. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2924.*)

COUNTY COURTS: Bill relating to the discontinuance of County Courts—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Oct., 1917, p. 109; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired; 10 Oct., p. 115; the Council's agreement notified; 16 Oct., p. 134. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2912.*)

CRIMES: Bill to amend the Crimes Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock for Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Aug., 1917, p. 45; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Oct., p. 125.

CUSTODY OF INFANTS: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the Custody of Infants*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1917, p. 134; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 17 Oct., p. 139; further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment, 17 Oct., p. 141. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2928.*)

DAY BAKING: Bill for the establishment of day baking in the State of Victoria—(*Mr. J. W. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1917, p. 40; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 6 Sept., p. 81.—Bill lapsed.

DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS: Bill to make provision for developmental roads and to amend the Country Roads Acts—(*Mr. Livingston*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 20) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 26 Sept., 1917, pp. 100-1.—Bill lapsed.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT: Bill to make provision for the settlement of discharged soldiers on the land and for other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock for Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 July, 1917,

p. 35; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 7) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 31 July, p. 42; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 7 Aug., p. 50; debate resumed and adjourned, 15 Aug., p. 59; 21 Aug., p. 64; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 22 Aug., p. 65; further considered in Committee, 28 Aug., p. 69; 29 Aug., p. 72; 4 Sept., p. 76; 5 Sept., p. 77; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 11 Sept., p. 83; order for consideration of report read and discharged, and Bill recommitted for reconsideration of certain clauses, and in respect of certain new clauses; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to, 12 Sept., p. 86; Bill read the third time with amendments; further consideration of amendments postponed, 18 Sept., pp. 90-2; amendments after third reading further considered and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 19 Sept., pp. 93-4; amendments in the Bill suggested by the Council; the suggested amendments considered and made, 10 Oct., p. 116; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments (including the amendments made by the Assembly which were suggested by the Council) notified, 10 Oct., p. 116; amendments considered—some agreed to, others disagreed with, and others agreed to with amendments, 11 Oct., pp. 119-21; the Council do not insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, insist on others of the said amendments, do not insist on the insertion of certain words in clause 7 disagreed with by the Assembly, agree to the amendment of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in clause 8, and agree to the amendment of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in clause 14 with an amendment, 11 Oct., p. 125; the Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with some of the amendments made and insisted on by the Council, insist on disagreeing with one of the amendments, agree to the amendment of the Council on the amendment of the Assembly in the proviso added by the Council in paragraph (b) of clause 14, and insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Council to omit clause 25, but make amendments in the said clause, 16 Oct., pp. 130-2; the Council do not now insist on their amendment to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23 with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing, but amend the said paragraph, and make a consequential amendment in the next preceding paragraph (b) of the said sub-clause; and do not now insist on their amendment to omit clause 25, and agree to one of the amendments made by the Assembly in the said clause, and disagree with the other of the said amendments, but make an amendment in the said clause, 17 Oct., p. 136; the Assembly agree to the amendments of the Council in paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23 and to the consequential amendment in the next preceding paragraph (b) of the said sub-clause (3) and agree to the amendment of the Council to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (5) of clause 25, and to insert a new

paragraph (c) in place thereof, 17 Oct., pp. 137-8. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2916.*)

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1915 AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Electric Light and Power Act 1915'*"—(*Mr. Livingston*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 12 Sept., 1917, p. 86.—Bill lapsed.

ENEMY PROPERTY: Bill to amend the *Enemy Property Act 1915*—(*Mr. Hutchinson for Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Sept., 1917, p. 86; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 20 Sept., p. 96.

FARM PRODUCE AGENTS: Bill to provide for the licensing of farm produce agents and for purposes incidental thereto—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Sept., 1917, p. 86.—Bill lapsed.

FISHERIES: Bill to amend the *Fisheries Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 July, 1917, p. 35; read a second time and committed, 26 July, p. 40; considered in Committee, 31 July, p. 43.

TROUT-FISHING LICENCES.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be paid under section seven of the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution fixing the fees payable under the Bill reported and agreed to, 31 July, p. 43.

Bill further considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 31 July, p. 43; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Aug., p. 55; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments considered and agreed to, 17 Oct., p. 140. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2926.*)

FRUIT: Bill to amend the *Fruit Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 13 Sept., 1917, p. 87; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 21) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 26 Sept., p. 101; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 2 Oct., p. 108; 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 desired, 3 Oct., p. 110; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments considered and agreed to, 17 Oct., p. 138. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2919.*)

GAME: Bill to amend the *Game Act 1915*—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 July, 1917, p. 35; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Aug., p. 56; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Sept., p. 76. (*Assented to 11 September, 1917. Act No. 2893.*)

GAOLS: Bill relating to the employment of prisoners and for other purposes—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 Aug., 1917, p. 74; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Oct., p. 125.

GEELONG HARBOR TRUST: Bill to amend the Geelong Harbor Trust Acts and for other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 22) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 3 Oct., 1917, p. 109.—Bill lapsed.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL: Bill to amend the Infectious Diseases Hospital Acts—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 July, 1917, p. 35; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 26 July, p. 40; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 31 July, p. 43; the Council's agreement notified, 2 Oct., p. 108. (*Assented to 9 October, 1917. Act No. 2900.*)

LAW INSTITUTE: Bill to incorporate the Law Institute of Victoria and for other purposes—(*Mr. McLeod for Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 Sept., 1917, p. 95; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and 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, 9 Oct., 114; the Council's agreement notified, 11 Oct., p. 121. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2903.*)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ABOLITION: Bill to abolish the Legislative Council of the State of Victoria—(*Mr. Hannah*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1917, p. 39.—Bill lapsed.

LICENSING: Bill to amend the Licensing Acts—(*Mr. Snowball*).—Initiated and read a first time, 21 Aug., 1917, p. 63.—Bill lapsed.

LICENSING (REGISTRATION OF BARMAIDS): Bill to extend the time for the registration of barmaids under the Licensing Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 19 Sept., 1917, p. 93; 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, 26 Sept., p. 99; the Council's agreement notified, 11 Oct., p. 122. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2904.*)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1915*—(*Mr. Blackburn*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1917, p. 40; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 16 Aug., p. 62.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BILL No. 2): Bill to extend the powers of municipalities with respect to hawkers and itinerant traders and the sale of fish and milk—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Aug., 1917, p. 62; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 29 Aug., p. 72.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BILL No. 3): Bill to extend the powers of municipalities with respect to hawkers and itinerant traders and the sale of fish and the sale or supply of milk—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 Aug., 1917, p. 73; read a second time and passed

remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Sept., p. 96.—Bill not returned from the Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Acts*"—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 22 Aug., 1917, p. 66; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 20 Sept., p. 95. (*Assented to 25 September, 1917. Act No. 2896.*)

LUNACY ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Lunacy Acts*"—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 11 Sept., 1917, p. 83; 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 with the Assembly's amendment desired, 25 Sept., p. 98; the Council's agreement to the amendment notified, 2 Oct., p. 108. (*Assented to 9 October, 1917. Act No. 2899.*)

MALVERN LOAN: Bill to authorize the City of Malvern to construct and provide certain permanent works and undertakings in lieu of certain other permanent works and undertakings—(*Mr. Lawson for Mr. Livingston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Oct., 1917, p. 115; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Deputy-Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and 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, 16 Oct., p. 133; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Oct., p. 139. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2922.*)

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS AUTHORITY: Bill relating to metropolitan tramways and other undertakings—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1917, p. 39; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 28 Aug., p. 69; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 13) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue, and of fees, fines, penalties, and forfeitures for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 5 Sept., p. 77; debate on second reading resumed and adjourned, 3 Oct., p. 110; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Oct., p. 125.

MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS: Bill to make further and better provision for the Melbourne General Market and to extend the area thereof and to provide for the closing of portions of certain streets in the City of Melbourne and for re-vesting in the Crown certain lands in the said City and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson for Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 July, 1917, p. 35; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 9 Aug., p. 56; debate resumed and adjourned, 22 Aug., p. 65; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 25 Sept., p.

98; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; recommitted for reconsideration of certain clauses; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received—amendments agreed to, 26 Sept., p. 103; Bill read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Oct., pp. 107-8; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 11 Oct., p. 122; amendments considered—some agreed to and one disagreed with, 11 Oct., p. 123; the Council insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Assembly but amend the same; the Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment made and insisted on by the Council in clause 10, and agree to the same as now amended by the Council, 16 Oct., p. 132. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2913.*)

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT: Bill to amend *The Metropolitan Gas Company's Act 1878* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1917, p. 39; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Oct., p. 125.

MIDWIVES: Bill to amend the Midwives Acts—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 29 Aug., 1917, p. 72; read a second time and committed, 20 Sept., p. 95.

FEES.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be paid under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution fixing the fees payable under the Bill reported and agreed to, 20 Sept., p. 95.

Bill further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Sept., p. 96; the Council's agreement notified, 11 Oct., p. 122. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2907.*)

NURSES REGISTRATION: Bill to regulate the qualifications of trained nurses and to provide for their training and registration and for other purposes—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 31 July, 1917, p. 42; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 9) recommending an appropriation of fees, fines, and penalties for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 7 Aug., pp. 49-50; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 22 Aug., p. 65.—Bill lapsed.

PORT MELBOURNE LAND: Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain land in the Town of Port Melbourne as a site for drainage purposes—(*Mr. H. McKenzie for Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 19 Sept., 1917, p. 93; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Sept., p. 102; the Council's agreement notified, 11 Oct., p. 122. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2906.*)

PRAHRAN AND MALVERN TRAMWAYS TRUST: Bill to increase the amount which the Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust may borrow by way of overdraft—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Oct., 1917,

- p. 127; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and 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, 16 Oct., p. 133; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Oct., p. 139. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2921.*)
- PUBLIC CONTRACTS:** Bill relating to the purchase of goods machinery or materials for works undertaken by or on behalf of certain local authorities—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Sept., 1917, p. 97; 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, 10 Oct., p. 116; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments considered—one agreed to, and amendment in clause 4 disagreed with but amendments made in the said clause, 17 Oct., p. 136; the Council do not insist on their amendment in clause 4 disagreed with by the Assembly and agree to the amendments made by the Assembly in the said clause, 17 Oct., p. 139. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2920.*)
- PUBLIC SERVICE:** Bill to amend the Public Service Acts—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Sept., 1917, p. 86; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Oct., p. 115; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Oct., p. 139. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2925.*)
- RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION:** Bill to amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts—(*Mr. Lawson for Mr. H. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 July, 1917, p. 35; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 4) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 26 July, p. 37; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 July, p. 40; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Aug., p. 57. (*Assented to 21 August, 1917. Act No. 2891.*)
- RAILWAYS:** Bill relating to the generation supply and use of electricity by the Victorian Railways Commissioners for certain purposes—(*Mr. H. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Oct., 1917, p. 115.—Bill lapsed.
- REAL PROPERTY:** Bill relating to the law of real property and for other purposes—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1917, p. 39; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 6 Sept., p. 81.—Bill lapsed.
- REDBANK RECREATION RESERVE:** Bill to amend the *Redbank Recreation Reserve Act 1906*—(*Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Oct., 1917, p. 109; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 4 Oct., p. 112; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Oct., p. 114; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Oct., p. 132. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2910.*)
- REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S FEES:** Bill to amend the law relating to fees payable in the office of the Registrar-General—(*Mr. Hutchinson for Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 29 Aug., 1917, p. 72; read a second time and committed, 26 Sept., p. 103.
- FEES.**—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be paid under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution fixing the fees payable under the Bill reported and agreed to, 26 Sept., pp. 103-5.
- Bill considered in Committee, 26 Sept., p. 105; 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, 3 Oct., p. 110; the Council's agreement notified, 11 Oct., p. 123. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2908.*)
- SECOND-HAND DEALERS:** Bill to regulate the sale and purchase of goods by second-hand dealers—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 27 June, 1917, p. 8; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 3 Oct., p. 110; further considered in Committee, 4 Oct., p. 112.
- FEES.**—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be paid under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution fixing the fees payable under the Bill reported and agreed to, 4 Oct., p. 112.
- Bill 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, 4 Oct., p. 112.—Bill not returned from the Council.
- STATE PRODUCE AGENCY:** Bill for the establishment and regulation of a State produce agency and for purposes incidental thereto—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 12 Sept., 1917, p. 86.—Bill lapsed.
- STREET TRADING:** Bill to regulate street trading in certain cases—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 Aug., 1917, p. 74; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Oct., p. 125.
- TOTALIZATOR:** Bill to legalize the totalizator and for other purposes—(*Mr. Bayles*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 Aug., 1917, p. 74.—Bill lapsed.
- TRAMWAY BOARD:** Bill to extend the operation of the *Tramway Board Act 1915* and to amend the law relating to drivers or conductors of or attendant upon carriages of the Tramway Board—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Oct., 1917, p. 119; read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to, 12 Oct., p. 128; Bill read the third time, on division; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Oct., pp. 132-3; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Oct., p. 138. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2918.*)

- TREASURY BONDS:** Bill to increase the issue of Treasury Bonds issued under the authority of the *Treasury Bonds Act 1915* (No. 2)—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 5 July, 1917, p. 17; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 10 July, p. 21.
- TREASURY BONDS (BILL No. 2):** Bill to increase the issue of Treasury Bonds issued under the authority of the *Treasury Bonds Act 1915* (No. 2)—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 2) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 10 July, 1917, p. 20; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 July, p. 34; the Council's agreement notified, 31 July, p. 41. (*Assented to 31 July, 1917. Act No. 2890.*)
- UNIVERSITY:** Bill to extend the operation of section twenty-four of the *University Act 1915* for a further period of ten years—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 15) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 12 Sept., 1917, p. 85; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 2 Oct., p. 108; debate resumed—Bill 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 an amended Title; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 Oct., p. 111; the Council's agreement notified; 17 Oct., p. 135. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2915.*)
- UPPER YARRA LOAN:** Bill to enable the Council of the Shire of Upper Yarra to apply certain surplus moneys from the No. 4 Loan in defraying part of the cost of constructing a bridge over the Yarra River at Warburton—(*Mr. Livingston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Oct., 1917, p. 109; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and 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, 4 Oct., p. 111; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Oct., p. 132. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2909.*)
- VOTING BY POST (WAR SERVICE):** Bill to enable electors on war service outside Victoria but within the Commonwealth to vote by post at Parliamentary elections—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 Aug., 1917, p. 74; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 25 Sept., p. 98; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Oct., p. 112. (*Assented to 9 October, 1917. Act No. 2901.*)
- WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:** Bill to amend the *Weights and Measures Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 20 Sept., 1917, p. 95.—Bill lapsed.
- WHEAT MARKETING:** Bill to extend the operation of and to amend the *Wheat Marketing Act 1915* and the *Wheat Marketing Act 1916*—(*Mr. H. McKenzie* for *Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Oct., 1917, p. 115; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 10 Oct., p. 116; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 11 Oct., p. 122; further considered in Committee, 16 Oct., p. 134; further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Oct., p. 135; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Oct., p. 138. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2917.*)
- WHEAT STORAGE:** Bill relating to wheat storage—(*Mr. H. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 July, 1917, p. 37; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 6) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 31 July, p. 42; debate resumed—amendment moved, That all the words after "That" be omitted, with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "this debate be adjourned until a Select Committee of this House inquires into the scheme and reports to this House"; amendment negatived on division; debate on second reading resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 1 Aug., p. 46; further considered in Committee, 8 Aug., p. 53; 14 Aug., p. 57; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; amendment proposed and considered—further consideration postponed; amendment after third reading further considered and made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 Aug., p. 59; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 29 Aug., p. 71; amendments considered—one agreed to and one disagreed with—further consideration of amendment No. 3 postponed, 30 Aug., p. 74; amendments further considered—postponed amendment No. 3 agreed to, 4 Sept., p. 75; the Council do not insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Assembly, 12 Sept., p. 86; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 17) recommending an amendment in the Bill; amendment agreed to; the Message transmitted to the Council and their concurrence requested, 18 Sept., p. 89; the Council's agreement to the amendment notified, 18 Sept., p. 92. (*Assented to 25 September, 1917. Act No. 2895.*)
- WODONGA LAND:** Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain land in the Town of Wodonga as a site for a Literary Institute and Free Library—(*Mr. H. McKenzie* for *Mr. Hutchinson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 19 Sept., 1917, p. 93; read a second time, on division, and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Sept., p. 102; the Council's agreement notified 10 Oct., p. 117. (*Assented to 22 October, 1917. Act No. 2902.*)

SESSION 1917.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Under Section 130 of The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, No. 2632, the Legislative Assembly consists of Sixty-five Members.

TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

FOURTH SESSION (27TH JUNE, 1917, TO 17TH OCTOBER, 1917).

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under Preferential Voting Act 1911.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Angus, Henry, Esquire	Gunbower	8,628	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Bailey, Henry Stephen, Esquire	Port Fairy	7,875	3,132	2,476	5,608	2,874	..	76·05	65·90	71·21
Baird, Matthew, Esquire	Ballaarat West	10,706	3,153	4,106	7,259	4,390	..	70·50	65·86	67·80
Barnes, The Honorable Samuel ¹	Walhalla	6,644	1,799	1,091	2,890	1,811	..	47·09	38·64	43·50
Bayles, Norman, Esquire ²	Toorak	22,159	3,827	5,533	9,360	7,047	..	43·32	41·52	42·24
<i>Beardmore, Henry, Esquire</i> ³	<i>Benambra</i>	<i>7,153</i>	<i>1,950</i>	<i>1,433</i>	<i>3,383</i>	<i>715</i>	<i>1,779</i>	<i>48·77</i>	<i>45·42</i>	<i>47·29</i>
Billson, The Honorable Alfred Arthur	Ovens	6,752	2,387	2,082	4,469	2,293	..	70·18	62·13	66·18
Billson, The Honorable John William	Fitzroy	15,059	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Blackburn, Maurice McCrae, Esquire	Essendon	25,295	7,055	7,142	14,197	7,342	..	59·82	52·89	56·12
Bowser, The Honorable John ⁴	Wangaratta	8,518	2,519	2,175	4,694	3,269	..	57·29	52·77	55·10
Cameron, Allan Francis, Esquire	Dalhousie	7,443	2,729	2,618	5,347	2,770	..	72·87	70·79	71·84
Cameron, The Honorable James	Gippsland East	6,710	2,472	1,507	3,979	1,788	2,040	61·15	56·48	59·30
Campbell, Hugh John Munro, Esquire	Glenselg	9,807	3,241	2,899	6,140	3,449	..	67·73	64·10	65·97
Carlisle, John Joseph, Esquire	Benalla	8,094	2,448	1,832	4,280	2,785	..	57·11	48·11	52·88
Chatham, John, Esquire	Grenville	6,287	2,236	2,110	4,346	2,496	..	70·42	67·80	69·12
<i>Clough, Luke James, Esquire</i> ⁵	<i>Bendigo East</i>	<i>9,502</i>	<i>2,732</i>	<i>2,789</i>	<i>5,521</i>	<i>2,813</i>	..	<i>62·70</i>	<i>54·21</i>	<i>58·10</i>
Cotter, Edmund John, Esquire	Richmond	17,442	4,463	4,063	8,526	6,335	..	53·34	44·76	48·88
<i>Deany, James Davidson, Esquire</i> ⁶	<i>Warrnambool</i>	<i>9,459</i>	<i>3,070</i>	<i>3,090</i>	<i>6,160</i>	<i>1,190</i>	<i>3,574</i>	<i>65·26</i>	<i>64·99</i>	<i>65·12</i>
Downward, The Honorable Alfred	Mornington	13,697	3,723	2,418	6,141	3,735	..	49·92	38·75	44·83
Elmslie, The Honorable George Alexander	Albert Park	20,246	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Farrer, James Farish, Esquire	Barwon	11,324	3,438	3,000	6,438	3,711	..	61·93	51·96	56·85
Farthing, Alfred Alexander, Esquire	East Melbourne	13,323	3,321	3,620	6,941	1,910	3,729	51·14	53·00	52·09
Gordon, John, Esquire	Waranga	7,058	2,612	2,157	4,769	3,442	..	69·30	65·58	67·56
Gray, Achilles, Esquire	Korong	7,202	2,311	1,918	4,229	2,611	..	59·33	57·99	58·72
Gray, The Honorable John	Swan Hill	13,400	3,828	2,270	6,098	3,459	..	46·95	43·25	45·51
Hannah, The Honorable Martin	Collingwood	14,561	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Hogan, Edmond John, Esquire	Warrenheip	6,203	2,455	2,049	4,504	2,327	..	73·50	71·56	72·61
Hutchinson, The Honorable William ⁷	Borong	7,765	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Jewell, James Roberts, Esquire	Brunswick	21,710	5,426	5,039	10,465	6,318	..	55·13	52·45	48·23
Keast, William Stephen, Esquire	Dandenong	13,903	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Lawson, The Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman ⁸	Castlemaine and Maldon	7,363	2,628	2,671	5,299	3,662	..	76·52	67·98	71·97
Lemmon, The Honorable John	Williamstown	20,336	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Livingston, The Honorable Thomas ⁹	Gippsland South	9,978	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Mackey, The Honorable John Emanuel ¹⁰	Gippsland West	8,583	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed

NOTES.

The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1914; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 16 November, 1914, the "day of nomination," and in other cases 26 November, 1914, the "day of polling." Where the Member's name is printed in *italic* the particulars relate to the elections held subsequent to 1914, and the dates of such elections will be found in the following notes:—

¹ The Hon. S. Barnes, appointed a member of the Executive Council; also a member of the Government without office, 18 September, 1917.

² Mr. N. Bayles, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 20 April, 1915.

³ Mr. H. Beardmore, elected 20 April, 1917, *vice* Mr. J. W. Leckie, resigned 21 March, 1917.

⁴ The Hon. J. Bowser, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 16 February, 1909.

⁵ Mr. L. J. Clough, elected 4 February, 1915, *vice* Mr. A. J. Hampson, resigned 6 January, 1915.

⁶ Mr. J. D. Deany, elected 1 June, 1916, *vice* the Hon. J. Murray, deceased 4 May, 1916.

⁷ The Hon. W. Hutchinson, Minister of Water Supply, and Minister of Agriculture (without salary) from 22 December, 1913, to 9 November, 1915; President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey from 9 November, 1915.

⁸ The Hon. H. S. W. Lawson, President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey from 22 December, 1913, to 9 November, 1915; Attorney General, Solicitor-General (without salary), and Minister of Public Instruction (without salary) from 9 November, 1915.

⁹ The Hon. T. Livingston, Minister of Public Instruction from 18 June, 1914, to 9 November, 1915; Minister of Mines, and Minister of Forests (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 9 November, 1915.

¹⁰ The Hon. J. E. Mackey, Chairman of Committees from 9 December, 1914.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—*continued.*

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under Preferential Voting Act 1911.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Mackinnon, The Honorable Donald ..	Prahran ..	20,275	4,369	5,229	9,598	4,913	..	52·81	43·56	47·33
Madden, The Honorable Sir Frank ¹¹ ..	Boroondara ..	29,974	5,663	6,007	11,670	7,929	..	42·22	36·27	38·93
McCutcheon, The Honorable Robert George	St. Kilda ..	25,295	4,170	5,243	9,413	5,975	..	38·70	36·10	37·21
McDonadd, James, Esquire ¹² ..	Polwarth ..	11,370	2,126	1,637	3,763	2,071	..	34·99	30·88	33·09
McGregor, The Honorable Robert ¹³ ..	Ballaarat East ..	10,994	3,546	4,170	7,716	4,079	..	72·17	68·57	70·18
McKenzie, The Honorable Hugh ¹⁴ ..	Rodney ..	10,656	3,982	3,298	7,280	3,575	..	69·99	66·39	68·31
McKenzie, Malcolm Kenneth, Esquire	Upper Goulburn ..	8,233	2,711	2,023	4,734	2,746	..	60·51	53·90	57·50
McLachlan, James Weir, Esquire ..	Gippsland North ..	9,404	3,099	2,541	5,640	3,622	..	62·91	56·74	59·97
McLeod, The Honorable Donald ¹⁵ ..	Daylesford ..	7,213	2,465	2,161	4,626	3,011	..	66·82	61·32	64·13
McPherson, William Murray, Esquire	Hawthorn ..	24,076	3,831	4,466	8,297	6,187	..	38·54	31·59	34·46
Membrey, The Honorable James George ¹⁶	Jika Jika ..	25,462	6,784	6,248	13,032	7,177	..	56·75	46·25	51·18
Menzies, James, Esquire ..	Lowan ..	9,335	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Mitchell, John Davidson, Esquire ..	Goulburn Valley ..	9,213	2,951	2,472	5,423	2,001	3,366	61·67	55·82	58·86
Oman, David Swan, Esquire ..	Hampden ..	12,266	4,123	3,206	7,329	4,296	..	62·84	56·19	59·75
Outtrim, The Honorable Alfred Richard ¹⁷	Maryborough ..	7,912	2,594	2,167	4,761	2,930	..	66·09	55·18	60·17
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G. ¹⁸	Allandale ..	6,321	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Pennington, John Warburton, Esquire	Kara Kara ..	7,458	2,927	2,580	5,507	3,545	..	74·10	73·54	73·84
Prendergast, The Honorable George Michael	North Melbourne ..	17,469	4,033	3,834	7,867	5,294	..	48·30	42·04	45·03
Purnell, Robert, Esquire ¹⁹ ..	Geelong (* ..	14,447	3,673	4,557	8,230	4,319	..	55·75	57·98	56·96
Robertson, The Honorable Andrew Robert	Bulla († ..	13,735	4,125	5,523	9,648	5,163	..	66·66	73·18	70·24
Rogers, Alexander, Esquire ..	Melbourne ..	10,104	2,672	1,860	4,532	2,799	..	43·55	46·86	44·85
Rouget, James, Esquire ..	Evelyn ..	10,401	3,164	2,317	5,481	1,546	3,436	57·93	46·90	52·69
Sinclair, Owen, Esquire ²⁰ ..	Port Melbourne ..	17,731	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Smith, The Honorable David	Bendigo West ..	10,477	3,340	3,438	6,778	2,190	3,315	70·02	60·24	64·69
Smith, William Kennedy, Esquire ..	Dundas ..	8,801	3,365	2,909	6,274	2,494	3,100	74·30	68·30	71·28
Snowball, Oswald Robinson, Esquire	Brighton ..	18,074	3,565	3,975	7,540	5,348	..	48·79	36·91	41·17
Solly, Robert Henry, Esquire ²¹ ..	Carlton ..	14,463	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Stawell and Ararat ..	9,131	3,123	2,631	5,754	3,124	..	66·17	59·63	63·01
Tunnecliffe, Thomas, Esquire ..	Eaglehawk ..	8,029	2,906	2,500	5,406	2,783	..	71·05	63·46	67·33
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ..	Flemington ..	20,194	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Webber, Gordon Charles, Esquire ..	Abbotsford ..	16,269	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed

¹¹ The Hon. Sir Frank Madden, Speaker from 29 June, 1904.¹² Mr. J. McDonald, elected 13 July, 1917, *vice* Mr. J. G. Johnstone, resigned 15 June, 1917.¹³ The Hon. R. McGregor, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 15 December, 1914.¹⁴ The Hon. H. McKenzie, Minister of Railways, Minister of Water Supply (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 9 November, 1915.¹⁵ The Hon. D. McLeod, Chief Secretary, and Minister of Public Health (without salary) from 9 November, 1915.¹⁶ The Hon. J. G. Membrey, appointed a member of the Executive Council, 20 July, 1914; also a member of the Government without office, from 20 July, 1914, to 20 August, 1917.¹⁷ The Hon. A. R. Outtrim, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 20 January, 1914.¹⁸ The Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, Treasurer (Premier) from 18 June, 1914; Minister of Labour (without salary) from 22 December, 1913, to 10 August, 1915, and from 9 November, 1915.¹⁹ Mr. R. Purnell, elected 20 April, 1917, *vice* the Hon. W. Plain, resigned 21 March, 1917; election declared wholly void by Committee of Elections and Qualifications, 24 July, 1917; re-elected 17 August, 1917.²⁰ Mr. O. Sinclair, elected 28 April, 1915, *vice* Mr. G. Sangster, deceased 8 April, 1915.²¹ Mr. R. H. Solly, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 7 October, 1913.

* Election held 20 April, 1917.

† Election held 17 August, 1917.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i>	The Honorable SIR FRANK MADDEN.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i>	The Honorable JOHN EMANUEL MACKAY.
<i>Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</i>	HIBBERT HENRY NEWTON, Esquire, J.P.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i>	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire.
<i>Clerk of the Papers, Clerk of Committees, and Serjeant-at-Arms</i>	JOHN MORGAN WORTHINGTON, Esquire.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1917.

1. The Legislative Assembly met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the fifteenth day of May, 1917, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

FURTHER PROROGUING PARLIAMENT, AND FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands prorogued until Tuesday, the twenty-second day of May, 1917: Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of June, 1917, and I do hereby fix Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of June, 1917, aforesaid, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, 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 fifteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

A. L. STANLEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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 Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House went to attend His Excellency:—And having returned—
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3. RESIGNATION OF SEATS.—Mr. Speaker announced that since the Prorogation he had received the following letters, which he read:—

Legislative Assembly, Victoria,
21st March, 1917.

The Honorable the Speaker, Legislative Assembly of Victoria.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I beg to resign my seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria for the Electorate of Benambra.

I regret the severance of my connexion with the Members of the House, and would like to express to you, Mr. Speaker, to the Members, and to the Officers of the Parliament of Victoria my great appreciation of the uniform courtesies, kindness, and consideration that I have received during my Parliamentary career.

I remain, yours sincerely,

J. W. LECKIE.

Legislative Assembly, Victoria,
21st March, 1917.

The Honorable Sir Frank Madden, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I beg to tender my resignation as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Geelong.

Yours, etc.,

W. PLAIN.

Colac, 15th June, 1917.

Sir Frank Madden, Speaker, Legislative Assembly of Victoria, State Parliament House, Melbourne.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I herewith tender you my resignation as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria for the Electorate of Polwarth, and, in so doing, desire to thank you for your uniform courtesy to me since I became a Member. To the Members, of all shades of political opinions, my obligations are due for the many happy days it has been my pleasure to spend with them in the associations of the House.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN GLASS JOHNSTONE.

4. ISSUE OF WRITS.—Mr. Speaker announced that, on Tuesday, 3rd April last, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve for the following Electoral Districts, viz. :—

Benambra, in the place of John William Leckie, Esq., resigned, and
Geelong, in the place of the Honorable William Plain, resigned ;

also, that, yesterday, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Polwarth, in the place of John Glass Johnstone, Esq., resigned.

5. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ he had issued on the 3rd April last for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Benambra, by which it appeared that Henry Beardmore, of Wodonga, grazier, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
6. MEMBER SWORN.—Henry Beardmore, Esq., was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
7. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a return to the Writ he had issued on the 3rd April last for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Geelong, by which it appeared that Robert Purnell had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
8. RESIGNATION OF SEAT TENDERED.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had, on Wednesday, 9th May last, received the following letter, which he read :—

47 Moorabool-street, Geelong,
9th May, 1917.

The Honorable Sir Frank Madden, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Melbourne.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to inform you that, at the time of my election as Member for Geelong, on the 20th ultimo, I was a contractor to the Victorian Government for the supply of firewood to the Public Offices at Geelong. The contract is a very small one, but I am advised that, being a contractor at the time of election, I am disqualified. I was not aware of this at the time of nomination or election, but was under the impression that as long as I was freed from any contract before being sworn in there would be no legal difficulty. However, small as the matter is, I am advised that there is a technical disqualification, and I accordingly beg to tender my resignation as Member for Geelong.

I may add that I have taken action to divest myself of the contract.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT PURNELL.

9. GEELONG ELECTION--STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER.--Mr. Speaker said--

In consequence of the resignation of Mr. Plain, the Member of this Assembly for Geelong, I issued a Writ, and an election was held on the 25th April, 1917.

There were two candidates at such election--Mr. Robert Purnell and Mr. Thomas Michael McCormick.

The Returning Officer announced the number of votes given to each candidate to be--for Mr. Purnell, 4,319, and for Mr. McCormick, 3,791, and returned the Writ with the name of Mr. Purnell thereon.

On the 9th of May Mr. Purnell wrote to me as Speaker a letter purporting to resign his seat, and giving as his reason that "He was a contractor to the Victorian Government for a supply of Firewood to the Public Offices at Geelong."

On the 11th May, 1917, a Petition of the same date was presented to me as Speaker on behalf of Mr. McCormick, in which it was stated, *inter alia*--

That the said Robert Purnell was not qualified to be a candidate at such election, inasmuch as he was at the time of his nomination not qualified to be elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

That the said Robert Purnell was not qualified to be elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, inasmuch as he was at the date of his nomination, on the day of his election, and at all other times material, subject to the disability created by section 24 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* (No. 2632), that is to say :

That the said Robert Purnell was on the dates aforesaid directly concerned and interested in a bargain or contract entered into on behalf of His Majesty and His Majesty's Government of the State of Victoria, by John Goldsworthy White, Secretary of the Tender Board of Victoria, on the twentieth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, whereby the said Robert Purnell agreed to supply the Government of Victoria with Firewood from the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, to the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

In the Petition the Petitioner claimed that he was the only qualified candidate at such election, and was duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly at such election, and should be declared duly elected as such Member ; and prayed--

That Mr. Speaker would communicate the matter of the Petition to the Legislative Assembly in order that the same might be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications ;

That it be declared that the said Robert Purnell was not a candidate at such election ;

That the said Robert Purnell be declared incapable of being returned as a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Geelong, and of sitting as such a Member ;

That the election of the said Robert Purnell be declared void ;

That it be declared that the Petitioner was returned as Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Geelong, and that the return for such Electoral District be amended accordingly ;

That it be declared that the said Robert Purnell is not now qualified as a Member for the said Electoral District, and that his seat be declared vacant ; and

That the Petitioner may have such further and other relief as the circumstances of the case may require, or as to the said Committee of the House may seem meet.

The House will observe that the Petitioner, although he claims that he was "the only qualified candidate at such election," does not suggest that I, as Speaker, should declare that he should be declared duly elected as such Member, or that the election was null and void, and that I should issue a Writ for a new election, but prays that I, as Speaker, should refer the matter of the Petition to the Legislative Assembly in order that the whole matter should be referred by this House to the Elections and Qualifications Committee.

If I was satisfied that under the circumstances a vacancy was created under section 198 (3) of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* I would not regard the form of the Petition, but would have issued a Writ, as directed by that section, which provides--

That if any seat in the Assembly has become vacant at any time between the events therein mentioned a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the place so vacant shall within one month after the same becomes vacant be issued by the Speaker.

In this case Mr. Purnell purported to resign. The first question I had to consider was whether he was a Member of the Legislative Assembly within the meaning of *The Constitution Act*, section XXIII., so as to be capable of resigning.

To assist me on this question I considered a very similar position which was decided in an American case--"State *ex rel.* Spruill *v.* Bateman," reported in American Annotated Cases 1915B, page 515. Although the American law is not exactly the same as ours, the principle on which that case was decided caused me to consider whether under our law a vacancy was created by the resignation of Mr. Purnell.

In the case cited it was laid down--

"That in the absence of the knowledge of the constituents that the candidate who actually receives a majority of the votes cast at an election is dead or ineligible there is no dissent from the broad rule that in the absence of such knowledge, though the candidate voted for by a majority cannot be declared elected because of his ineligibility, and the majority vote is thereby rendered ineffective for such purpose, such majority vote is effective to forbid the election of the candidate having the next highest number of votes. It is fundamental that minorities cannot elect or rule. By an overwhelming weight of authority in this country (*i.e.*, America) a candidate receiving less than a plurality of the votes cast is not elected even

if the opposing candidate receiving a plurality of the votes is ineligible. The votes cast for an ineligible candidate are at least so far effective as to prevent the election of a candidate who has received a less number of votes."

Section 355 of our Act seems to indorse the American law, for sub-section (4) provides "if any such Committee" (meaning the Elections and Qualifications Committee) "declares an election to be wholly void or declares any sitting Member to be unqualified or disqualified or guilty of an illegal practice . . . the Speaker in the event of the vacancy occurring in the Assembly shall issue a new Writ for the holding of another election, &c.", but section 358 raises a difficulty, for it provides—

"358. No election shall be held void in consequence of any one or more candidates returned as duly elected being by such Committee declared to have been unqualified at the time of such election, although no notice of such want of qualification has been given to the electors at the time of the election, and the person or persons having the next greatest number of votes shall be declared duly elected."

These sections seem to be contradictory and inconsistent with section 24, which provides as follows:—

"24. No person who is either directly or indirectly concerned or interested in any bargain or contract entered into by or on behalf of His Majesty, or who participates, or claims, or is entitled to participate either directly or indirectly in the profit thereof, or in any benefit or emolument arising from the same, shall sit or vote in the Council or the Assembly; and the election of any such person to be a Member of either of the said Houses shall be absolutely null and void."

And Mr. Purnell resigned because he was a contractor

The House will see that it is difficult to distinguish between "disqualified" and "unqualified," as both terms are used in section 355.

Moreover, the *Committee*, in addition to its other powers, may declare an election wholly void, in which case there is special provision for issue of Writ by the Speaker (section 355 (4)); or it may report, pursuant to section 355 (5), and in that case the House may make such order as it thinks proper (see Ireland's case, Victorian *Hansard*, 15th May, 1861, Vol. VII., page 896).

The fact that there is a Petition claiming the seat raises a further doubt as to whether there is a vacancy such as would authorize the Speaker to issue a Writ without reference to the *Committee*.

Mr. Speaker Lalor on 17th April, 1883 (see Vol. I., 1883—*Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly*, pages 113–14), gave a very thoughtful and well-considered ruling on the question as to whether the Speaker should issue a Writ before a Petition is dealt with. In this ruling the practice and the law are carefully discussed, and the Speaker intimated that he would not issue a new Writ within the time limited by law for presenting Petitions unless directed to do so by the House.

At the date of that ruling there was no period fixed within which the Speaker was to issue a new Writ. By *The Electoral (Amending) Act 1888* (section 45), the limitation of "one month" was introduced, and has been carried forward from that time into section 198 (3) (a) of our present Act, but no alteration was made of the periods for presenting Election Petitions (see 19 Vict. No. 12, s. 68—now contained in *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, section 356 (1)), which are thirty days after the next meeting of the Assembly, or forty days after the return of the Writ to which the Petition relates. By sub-section (2) of that section it would appear that the latter period applies to cases when the House is sitting.

In this case a Petition has been presented to the Speaker claiming the seat, and in the cases quoted by Speaker Lalor *supra* when a new Writ was issued and another election held the *Committee* declared such election void, and seated the Petitioner on the first election. The English practice is laid down in *May* (11 Ed.), page 632.

The provision for the issue of a Writ within one month (section 198) applies without difficulty to the ordinary case of a vacancy occurring after the period for petitioning against the election of a sitting Member has passed, and it looks as if the amendment in 1888 whereby the period of "one month" was inserted had in view that class of cases; but in circumstances like the present there is a manifest difficulty in reconciling the provisions for the issue of a Writ within a month and those limiting the periods within which Election Petitions may be presented. It seems to me that the case of a person elected to fill an extraordinary vacancy, and resigning on the ground of want of qualification, has not been considered by the Legislature, and that no provision to deal with such a case has been made.

Under all these circumstances and that justice might be done to the electors of Geelong, to Mr. McCormick, and to this House, I deemed it my duty to submit the whole matter to this Assembly for your consideration.

10. REPRESENTATION OF GEELONG—PETITION.—Mr. Speaker laid before the House the following Petition that had been presented to him on Friday, 11th May last:—

To the Honorable Sir Frank Madden, Kt., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria.

The Humble Petition of THOMAS MICHAEL MCCORMICK, of Gravel Pit-road, South Geelong, in the State of Victoria, Leather Dresser,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That a Writ was duly issued on the third day of April, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, to proceed to the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Geelong, upon the retirement of the Honorable William Plain from the representation of the said Electoral District of Geelong, owing to his resigning therefrom and vacating such seat for the Electoral District of Geelong.

The said election was held upon the 20th day of April, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

2. That your Petitioner was a duly nominated candidate at such election, and was qualified and capable of being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria.

3. That one Robert Purnell, of No. 47 Moorabool-street, Geelong, in the said State, Shipping Agent and Carrier, was also nominated as a candidate at such election.

4. No other persons were nominated for or stood as candidates at such election.

5. That as a result of such election the Returning Officer announced that Robert Purnell had received Four thousand three hundred and nineteen votes and your Petitioner Three thousand seven hundred and ninety-one votes, and thereupon the Returning Officer declared the said Robert Purnell duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria for the Electoral District of Geelong, and indorsed and returned the said Writ accordingly.

6. That the said Robert Purnell was not qualified to be a candidate at such election, inasmuch as he was at the time of his nomination not qualified to be elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

7. That the said Robert Purnell was not qualified to be elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, inasmuch as he was at the date of his nomination, on the day of election, and at all other times material subject to the disability created by section 24 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* (No. 2632) that is to say :

That the said Robert Purnell was on the dates aforesaid directly concerned and interested in a bargain or contract entered into on behalf of His Majesty and His Majesty's Government of the State of Victoria by John Goldsworthy White, Secretary of the Tender Board of Victoria, on the twentieth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, whereby the said Robert Purnell agreed to supply the Government of Victoria with Firewood from the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, to the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

8. That your Petitioner claims that he was the only qualified candidate at such election and was duly elected as Member of the Legislative Assembly at such election and should be declared duly elected as such Member.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays :

That you will be pleased to communicate the matter of this Petition to the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in order that the same may be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications of your Honorable House.

And also prays :

That it be declared that the said Robert Purnell was not a candidate at such election.

That the said Robert Purnell be declared incapable of being returned as a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Geelong and of sitting as such a Member.

That the election of the said Robert Purnell be declared void.

That it be declared that your Petitioner was returned as Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Geelong, and that the return for such Electoral District be amended accordingly.

That it be declared that the said Robert Purnell is not now qualified as a Member for the said Electoral District and that his seat be declared vacant.

And that your Petitioner may have such further and other relief as the circumstances of case may require or as to the said Committee of your Honorable House may seem meet.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated this eleventh day of May, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

THOMAS MICHAEL McCORMICK.

Witness—MARK LAZARUS, Parliamentary Agent and Solicitor, 438 Chancery-lane, Melbourne.

11. 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 three hundred and forty-sixth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I do hereby appoint—

- The Honorable James Cameron,
- Hugh John Munro Campbell, Esquire,
- The Honorable John Emanuel Mackey,
- The Honorable Donald Mackinnon,
- The Honorable Alfred Richard Outtrim,
- Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, and
- Edward Coughlan Warde, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this twenty-seventh day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

12. 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—

Norman Bayles, Esquire,
The Honorable John Bowser,
The Honorable Robert McGregor,
The Honorable Alfred Richard Outtrim, and
Robert Henry Solly, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this twenty-seventh day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

13. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Premiers' Conferences—

Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Premiers' Conference, held at Melbourne, December, 1916.

Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Premiers' Conference (with Ministers of Lands) held at Melbourne, January, 1917 (adjourned from December, 1916).

Public Service Commissioner.—Report for the year 1916.

Railways—Royal Commission on the Working as a Business Undertaking of the Victorian Railways.—Interim Report.

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

Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons—Report and Statistical Tables for the year 1915.

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1915—

Part IX.—Production.

Part X.—Interchange.

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

Education—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1915-16.

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

Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—Annual Report of the Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board to the Honorable T. Livingston, M.P., Minister of Mines for Victoria, for the year 1916.

Returns were presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the following Departments during the period from 1st July, 1915, to 30th June, 1916:—

By Mr. Lawson—From the Education Department.

By Mr. H. McKenzie—From the Railway Department (State Coal Mine).

Sir Alexander Peacock presented—

Tramway Board—Salaries paid, Appointees, and Average Number of Inspectors and Officials.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 21st December, 1916.

Mr. McLeod presented—

Fines under Dairy, Health (Pure Food), Factories, and Weights and Measures Acts.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 29th November, 1916.

Mr. H. McKenzie presented—

Waranga Basin and Sugarloaf Reservoir.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 14th December, 1916.

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 :—

Companies Act 1915—Rule 196.—Return by Prothonotary of Business of Court.

Education Act 1915—

Regulation XXIX.—Clause 3, Sloyd Classes in Country Schools, rescinded.—Order in Council.

Regulation rescinded and Regulation substituted.—Regulation XXXV.—District High Schools.—Order in Council.

Regulation XXXIV.—Clause 10, Higher Elementary Schools, rescinded.—Order in Council.

Regulation rescinded and Regulation substituted.—Regulation XII.(e).—Diplomas for Kindergarten and Infant Teachers.—Order in Council.

Regulation added to.—Regulation XXXVII.—Technical Schools.—New Sub-clause.—Order in Council.

Regulation rescinded and Regulation substituted.—Regulation XXI.—Scholarships.—Order in Council.

Electric Light and Power Act 1915.—Report respecting Applications and Proceedings under, for the year 1916.

Fire Brigades Act 1915.—Country Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the Year 1916, together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.

Fungicides Act 1916.—Regulations under the *Fungicides Act* 1916.—Order in Council.

Heatherton Sanatorium Act 1916.—Regulations.—Election of Heatherton Sanatorium Board.—Order in Council.

Infectious Diseases Hospital Act 1914.—Regulations.—Cerebro-spinal Meningitis may be treated in the Queen's Memorial Infectious Diseases Hospital.—Order in Council.

Insolvency Act 1915.—Regulations under Section 209 of the *Insolvency Act* 1915.—Order in Council.

Legal Profession Practice Act 1915.—Council of Legal Education.—Rule, dated 2nd March, 1917, relating to the Qualification of Candidates to Practise as Barristers and Solicitors, and for the Admission of such Candidates to Practise.

Licensing Acts—

Regulation.—Application for Registration as a Barmaid.—Order in Council.

Rules under the Licensing Acts, dated 21st December, 1916.—Order in Council.

Rules under the Licensing Acts, dated 2nd April, 1917.—Order in Council.

Local Government Act 1915.—Regulations under Part XXXIX.—Renewal of Licences to occupy Unused Roads and Water Frontages.—Order in Council.

Marine Act 1915—

Marine Board of Victoria.—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year 1916.

Amendment of Regulations relating to the Examination of Engineers.

Amendment of the Regulations relating to the Examination of Masters and Mates.

Medical Act 1915.—Pharmacy Board of Victoria.—Regulations under the *Medical Act* 1915.

Mental Treatment Act 1915.—Order amended so far as it relates to Regulation 1 (Interpretation).

Mines Act 1915.—List of Suspensions granted of the Labour Covenants of Mining Leases and Licences during the year 1916.

Poisons Act 1915—

Order amended relating to Strychnine.

Regulations under the *Poisons Act* 1915.—Order in Council.

Public Service Acts—

Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of William McIver from the Second to the First Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.

Regulation rescinded and Regulation substituted.—Regulation relating to the Election of a Member of the Committee of Classifiers.—Order in Council.

Regulations—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—

Department of Agriculture.
Department of Public Instruction.

Regulations—Leave of Absence, Chapter XIV.—New Clause substituted for Clause 5.

Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Chief Secretary.
Department of Treasurer (3 papers).
Department of Agriculture (3 papers).
Department of Law.

General, and Department of Lands and Survey.

Regulations—Attendance and Conduct of Officers, Chapter XIII.—New Clause substituted for Clause 33.

Railways Standing Committee.—Twenty-seventh General Report.

Tramway Board Act 1915.—Return showing the Description, Value, and Country of Origin of the Goods, Machinery, or Material not manufactured in the Commonwealth which have been Purchased by or for the Tramway Board, and the Reasons for the Purchase of such Goods, Machinery, or Material.

University Act 1915.—Report of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne from 31st July, 1915, to 31st July, 1916 ; together with four Appendices.

Veneral Diseases Act 1916.—Regulations relating to Venereal Diseases.—Order in Council.

Victorian Railways.—Reports of the Victorian Railways Commissioners—
For the quarter ending 31st December, 1916.
For the quarter ending 31st March, 1917.

Wheat Marketing Act 1915.—Statement of Accounts and Balance-sheet of the Victorian Wheat Commission for the Season 1915-16.

14. **SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.**—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to regulate the Sale and Purchase of Goods by Second-hand Dealers*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
15. **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 summoned you for the consideration of important public business.

The end of the War is not yet in sight, and the circumstances demand that every effort should still be made to achieve a decisive victory and a lasting peace.

Under the agreement entered into at the Premiers’ Conference in November, 1915, between the Commonwealth and the State Governments (exclusive of New South Wales), the Commonwealth Treasurer was to raise, during 1917, £7,450,000 in London for the use of the States. At a conference held in January of this year the States agreed, in order to reduce the demand on London, to restrict their London borrowings by £2,050,000. My Advisers agreed to a reduction of this State’s original share of £1,614,000 to £414,000, thus arranging that £1,200,000 of the total reduction should be made by this State.

The Government, recognising the urgent necessity for the strictest economy, has made every effort to reduce the cost of the public departments, and considerable savings have been made in public expenditure.

In all future appointments to the public and railway services preference will be given to returned soldiers and sailors who are found suitable for such employment.

The important subject of Land Settlement by Returned Soldiers has received the earnest attention of my Advisers, and, in terms of the Resolution of the Premiers’ Conference of January last, the Bill submitted for the last session of Parliament has been carefully revised, and will be presented for your early consideration. Already 160 soldiers have been granted allotments.

The Royal Commission on Closer Settlement appointed in March, 1914, after a full and prolonged investigation, submitted its Final Report on 8th November, 1916. This Report has been the subject of careful deliberation, and my Advisers purpose submitting amendments of the existing law for the attention of Parliament.

The Government is fully alive to the very serious effect which the loss of and interference with shipping is likely to have on the exportable surplus of our primary products. Earnest consideration is being given to the means that must be adopted to prevent the serious losses which will occur in the meat, fruit, and dairying industries unless Government aid in storing and marketing is given.

The advantages of the Wheat Marketing Scheme to producers are made evident by the fact that a further advance of 6d. per bushel, to be made on the 2nd July, will make the total payment to date 4s. 6d. per bushel less rail freight and handling charges in respect of the 1915–16 harvest. There should be an additional few pence per bushel to distribute on the final adjustment of the Pool.

Through the medium of the Wheat Pool, the Imperial Government has purchased at an excellent price a substantial proportion of the 1916–17 harvest. Notwithstanding the fact that there is very little prospect of shipment being made before the end of the year, the Imperial Government has already paid about nine millions for wheat, the greater portion of which is still in Victoria. My Advisers desire to place on record the deep appreciation of the people of Victoria of this generous treatment by which our wheat-growers have been saved from disaster. It will be imperative to continue the Wheat Scheme for another year.

Surveys and boring of the black and brown coal-fields have been actively continued. Carbonizing tests on a fairly large scale and laboratory investigations are giving satisfactory results in gas production and by-products from brown coal.

Schemes for the use of brown coal for power production and other purposes are under consideration, and the outlook is distinctly favorable.

Parliament will be asked to provide an appropriation for the development and improvement of the natural forests, and for the extension of tree plantations and nurseries throughout the State, and a Bill will be introduced to put forest development on a more progressive basis.

An important step in prison reform was taken by the Government at the beginning of the financial year, when sanction was given to the purchase of a farm at Castlemaine and the establishment of an Afforestation Camp at French Island. The two schemes are in aid of the reformatory principles combined in the indeterminate sentences system. The chief benefit looked for is the effect they will have in reforming the prisoners and restoring them to honest citizenship. The results are very encouraging.

Ample provision has now been made to cope with any further outbreaks of that dread disease Meningitis in our midst. Two special wards, male and female, to accommodate one hundred patients, have been erected and fitted up in connexion with the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Steps are being taken to provide and lay out a suitable site for noxious trades, where new industries of that character can be started, and to which those existing now in populous centres may be ultimately removed.

The problems which are arising out of the War bring into greater relief the necessity of steadily extending and perfecting our system of national education, and despite the financial stringency, the Government considers that it would be inimical to the best interests of the community to starve our education system at the present juncture or in any way to hinder its continuous development.

New technical schools in suitable districts are to be established, and arrangements will be made to define strictly the scope and aim of the work to be taken in each school. Provision will also be made for higher education in several provincial centres.

The River Murray Commission has now been duly constituted and has commenced its labours. Surveys and boring are in progress to ascertain the most suitable site for the storage on the Upper Murray.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the construction of the important storage at "Sugar-loaf," on the Goulburn River, with the work for the enlargement of the Waranga Basin, and with Taylor's Lake storage near Horsham.

The Melton Reservoir for the supply of Werribee District, the new storage at Fyan's Lake, near Lake Lonsdale, as well as the additions to the Upper Coliban Reservoir, are now completed.

When all the storage works mentioned are completed they will raise the total storage provision in the State to 960,000 acre-feet of water, as against a total capacity of 548,000 acre-feet in 1916, and 172,000 acre-feet in 1902.

The Government deemed it advisable to have a complete investigation of the working of the Railway system, and secured the services of Mr. T. R. Johnson, formerly Chief Commissioner of Railways in New South Wales, for the purpose.

Owing to the abnormally high cost of coal, material, and stores, and the increased cost of labour, the Railway expenditure will be considerably in excess of the revenue. The Government has received a Progress Report from the Royal Commissioner, and, in accordance with his recommendation, has approved of a new schedule of freights and fares, to become operative from 1st July next.

Owing to great difficulty in obtaining supplies of steel rails, and the necessity for restricting capital expenditure to the lowest practicable limit, the programme of railway construction has been curtailed. The work is confined principally to four (4) lines, well advanced, for which there are special reasons for an early opening. On three (3) other lines, where stoppage would involve considerable loss through wastage and depreciation, work is proceeding slowly.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report as to the Working of the Public Departments has almost completed its inquiries, and will shortly submit its Final Report.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates of Expenditure which will be laid before you have been framed with a due regard to economy.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

Bills dealing with the following subjects will be laid before you :—Control of Tramways in the Metropolitan Area, Wheat Storage, Regulation of the Price of Gas, Melbourne General Markets, Subsidiary Roads, Aborigines, Amendment of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Melbourne University, Censorship of Films, Apprenticeship (War Conditions), and other matters of interest and importance to the people of the State.

I now leave you to your deliberations, which will, I trust, under the blessing of Providence, promote the material prosperity and happiness of the people.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

27th June, 1917.

16. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Beardmore 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.

Mr. Elmslie 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.

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

17. COMMITTEES OF SUPPLY AND WAYS AND MEANS.—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed forthwith.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
18. SUPPLY.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
19. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That this House will, on Tuesday next, 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.
20. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 3RD JULY, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RAILWAY LINES—FINANCIAL RESULTS COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND WORKING EXPENSES SUBMITTED BY RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS (BEECH FOREST TO CROWES).—Mr. Barnes, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the financial results for each year since the date of opening of the Beech Forest to Crowes Railway, as compared with the estimates of revenue and working expenses submitted by the Railways Commissioners to the Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Betting Tax Act 1916.—Regulations under the *Betting Tax Act* 1916.—Order in Council.
 - Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.—Part VIII.—Statement of Appointments and Alterations in Classification in the Department of the Legislative Council.
4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to 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—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Elmslie moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "Sovereign" in the proposed Address be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "and we desire to inform Your Excellency that the Government does not possess the confidence of this House."

Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ordered—That the debate take precedence of all other business.
5. 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 following resolution, viz. :—

That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws, adopted by this House on the 22nd June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Assembly to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of the Honorables J. D. Brown, F. G. Clarke, E. J. Croke, J. P. Jones, Walter S. Manifold, and A. Robinson, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; five to be the quorum.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 3rd July, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES. AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JULY, 1917.

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 :—
 Insolvency Act 1915.—General Rules made pursuant to Sections 34, 247, and 248 of the *Insolvency Act 1915*.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to 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—*and on the amendment*—That all the words after the word "Sovereign" in the proposed Address be omitted with the view of inserting in place thereof the words—"and we desire to inform Your Excellency that the Government does not possess the confidence of this House"—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. H. McKenzie,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Deany,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Keast.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bowser moved, That the debate on the main question be now adjourned.

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

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

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

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1917-18.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the months of July and August in the year 1917-18, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 3rd July, 1917.

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

5. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Alexander Peacock 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; Mr. Mackey 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 Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

THURSDAY, 5TH JULY, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RAILWAY LINES—FINANCIAL RESULTS COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND WORKING EXPENSES SUBMITTED BY RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS (ALEXANDRA-ROAD TO ALEXANDRA).—Mr. Barnes, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the financial results for each year since the date of opening of the Alexandra-road to Alexandra Railway, as compared with the estimates of revenue and working expenses submitted by the Railways Commissioners to the Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Factories and Shops.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Shops for the year 1916.
4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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.
5. SUPPLY.—Mr. Mackey reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,960,776 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1917-18, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	217
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,624
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	144
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	457
5. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	144
6. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	207
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	785
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,936
9. " " Pensions, &c.	3,404
10. " " Grants	1,425
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	782
12. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	802
13. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	338
14. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	813
15. Government Stenographer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	115

Division No.	£
16. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	56
17. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	177
18. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	565
19. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	686
20. Mercantile Marine—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	114
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	493
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	873
23. Training Ship—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,221
24. Agent-General—Staff and Office	917
25. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,676
26. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,731
27. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	32,615
28. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	28,204
29. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	10,504
30. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	62,400
31. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,222
32. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	578
33. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,800
34. Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	170,500
35. " Pensions, &c.	200
36. " Works and Buildings	7,000
37. " Endowments and Grants	13,850
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	11,326
40. " " Pensions, &c.	35
41. " " Ordinary Expenditure	1,750
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	8,779
43. " " Ordinary Expenditure	1,350
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,795
45. " Transport, &c.	750
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure	750
47. " Allowances to Railway Department	1,334
48. " Grants	15,000
49. " Pensions, &c.	77
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	5,000
51. Advance to Treasurer	300,000
52. Taxation Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,531
53. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,495
54. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	193
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	732
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	16,120
57. " " Exceptional Expenditure	150
58. " " Advertising	450
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	14,079
60. Intelligence and Labour Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,348
61. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	100
62. " " Grants	500
63. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,701
64. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,447
65. Works and Buildings	300
66. " " Exceptional Expenditure	100
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,768
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,728
69. " " Shipbuilding	45,000
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	22,568
72. " " Road Works and Bridges	2,000
73. " " Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	1,000
74. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,934
75. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	4,500
77. " Exceptional Expenditure	6,120
78. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	18,432
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	19,500
81. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,565
82. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	12,982
84. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,090
85. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,023
86. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	13,110
88. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	950,000
89. " Pensions	3,697
90. " Railway Construction Branch	992
91. State Coal Mine	70,000
Total	£1,960,776

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

6. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Mackey 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 1917–18 the sum of £1,960,776 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. McLeod do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).**—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million nine hundred and sixty thousand seven hundred and seventy-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
 Sir Alexander Peacock 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. Mackey reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR’S SPEECH—MOTION FOR—Resumption of Debate.**—Ordered—That the consideration of this Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next, and that it take precedence of all other business.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. **TREASURY BONDS BILL.**—Sir Alexander Peacock, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to increase the Issue of Treasury Bonds issued under the authority of the ‘Treasury Bonds Act 1915 (No. 2)’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o’clock.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifty minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

• FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 10TH JULY, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS SWORN.—The Honorable James Cameron, Hugh John Munro Campbell, Esquire, the Honorable John Emanuel Mackey, the Honorable Donald Mackinnon, the Honorable Alfred Richard Outtrim, Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, and Edward Coughlan Warde, Esquire, who had been appointed members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, took the Oath at the Table of the House, before the Clerk.
3. GEELONG ELECTION PETITION, AND STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER, REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the Petition of Thomas Michael McCormick, complaining of the return of Robert Purnell, which was presented to the House by Mr. Speaker on the 27th June last, and also Mr. Speaker's Statement to the House of the same date relating to the issue of Writs for by-elections, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—FIRST MEETING.—Mr. Speaker appointed Tuesday, 17th July instant, at Three o'clock as the time, and Committee Room No. 1 as the place, of the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
5. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. WOODEN PIPES FOR THE STATE RIVERS AND WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION.—Mr. Elmslie moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the value of the wooden pipes made for, and used by, the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission during the three years ended 30th June, 1917.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. PAPER.—Mr. H. McKenzie presented—
Wooden Pipes for the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
8. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Public Departments Inquiry Commission.—Final Report of the Royal Commission on the State Public Service.
Mr. McLeod presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1916—Part I.—Blue Book,
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:—

Fisheries Act 1915—

- Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in portion of Sunday Creek and Sheepwash Creek near Broadford until 30th November, 1918.
- Notice of Intention to make a Proclamation *re* the Close Season for Oysters and Restrictions on Marketing and Storing of Oysters.
- Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in portion of Boosey Creek until 1st December, 1917.
- Notice of Intention *re* Anderson's Inlet.

Footwear Regulation Act 1916.—Regulations under the *Footwear Regulation Act* 1916.—Order in Council.

Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1915.—The Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners.—Alterations in and Additions to Regulations.

Land Act 1915.—Particulars of Leases granted under Section 110 of the *Land Act* 1915.

Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Report of the Trustees for 1916, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1915–16.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

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 to increase the Issue of Treasury Bonds issued under the authority of the *Treasury Bonds Act* 1915 (No. 2).

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 5th July, 1917.

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

10. 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. 2, having been read—On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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 increase the Issue of Treasury Bonds issued under the authority of the *Treasury Bonds Act* 1915 (No. 2).

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

Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. McLeod do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to increase the Issue of Treasury Bonds issued under the Authority of the Treasury Bonds Act 1915 (No. 2)*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

11. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to 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—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Bowser moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—"We desire also to inform Your Excellency that the Government, having neglected to make necessary savings in State expenditure and imposed increased fares and freights on railway transport without the consent of Parliament, deserves the censure of this House."

Debate ensued.

Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

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

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

12. 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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million nine hundred and sixty thousand seven hundred and seventy-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th July, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

13. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—
Treasury Bonds Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JULY, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. WARRIONS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. Barnes, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Warrions by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway with the existing railway system; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to 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—*and on the amendment*—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—“We desire also to inform Your Excellency that the Government, having neglected to make necessary savings in State expenditure and imposed increased fares and freights on railway transport without the consent of Parliament, deserves the censure of this House”—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Robertson addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for this day.

4. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable John Arthur Fihelly, Minister of Justice, Queensland.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to 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—*and on the amendment*—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—“We desire also to inform Your Excellency that the Government, having neglected to make necessary savings in State expenditure and imposed increased fares and freights on railway transport without the consent of Parliament, deserves the censure of this House”—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

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

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

THURSDAY, 12TH JULY, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to 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—*and on the amendment*—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—“ We desire also to inform Your Excellency that the Government, having neglected to make necessary savings in State expenditure and imposed increased fares and freights on railway transport without the consent of Parliament, deserves the censure of this House ”—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Prendergast 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.

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

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

A. L. STANLEY,

*Governor of Victoria.**Message No. 3.*

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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million nine hundred and sixty thousand seven hundred and seventy-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th July, 1917.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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No. 8.

 TUESDAY, 17TH JULY, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Department of Labour during the period from 1st July, 1916, to 30th June, 1917.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to 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—and on the amendment—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—“ We desire also to inform Your Excellency that the Government, having neglected to make necessary savings in State expenditure and imposed increased fares and freights on railway transport without the consent of Parliament, deserves the censure of this House ”—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. McLeod addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech at the expiration of the time permitted by Standing Order No. 78E—

Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the Honorable Member be allowed to continue his speech for a further period not exceeding thirty minutes.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. McLeod continued his speech.

Debate continued.

Mr. J. Gray moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

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

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

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
 5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
 Speaker.

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No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH JULY, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Livingston presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Mines.—Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines for the year 1916.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to 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—*and on the amendment*—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“ We desire also to inform Your Excellency that the Government, having neglected to make necessary savings in State expenditure and imposed increased fares and freights on railway transport without the consent of Parliament, deserves the censure of this House ”—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

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

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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No. 10.

 THURSDAY, 19TH JULY, 1917.

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 :—
 Venereal Diseases Act 1916.—Regulations relating to Venereal Diseases.—Order in Council.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to 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—*and on the amendment*—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“ We desire also to inform Your Excellency that the Government, having neglected to make necessary savings in State expenditure and imposed increased fares and freights on railway transport without the consent of Parliament, deserves the censure of this House ”—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

4. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a return to the Writ he had issued on the 26th June last for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Polwarth, by which it appeared that James McDonald, Esq., orchardist, Inverleigh, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
5. MEMBER SWORN.—James McDonald, Esq., was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to 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—*and on the amendment*—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“ We desire also to inform Your Excellency that the Government, having neglected to make necessary savings in State expenditure and imposed increased fares and freights on railway transport without the consent of Parliament, deserves the censure of this House ”—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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No. 11.

TUESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT FROM.—Mr. Mackey, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications upon the Petition of Thomas Michael McCormick against the return of Robert Purnell for the Electoral District of Geelong, and also upon Mr. Speaker's Statement to the House relating to the issue of Writs for by-elections; together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Appendix, and Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Appendix, to be printed.
3. PAPER.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Railways—Royal Commission on the Working as a Business Undertaking of the Victorian Railways.—Final Report.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to 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—and on the amendment—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—“ We desire also to inform Your Excellency that the Government, having neglected to make necessary savings in State expenditure and imposed increased fares and freights on railway transport without the consent of Parliament, deserves the censure of this House ”—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. J. Cameron moved, That the amendment to add words to the proposed Address be amended by omitting all the words after the word “ that ” with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “ the question of determining when the increased freights and fares shall cease to operate should be the subject of an inquiry by the Railways Standing Committee.”

Debate ensued.

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

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Amendment to omit all the words after the word “ that ” in the proposed amendment with a view of inserting other words, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on the amendment to add words to the proposed Address continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Chatham,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Farrer,	
Mr. Farthing,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Carlisle.
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Blackburn,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. A. Gray,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Webber.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. McLachlan moved, That the debate on the main question be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate on the main question be now adjourned—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Chatham,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Clough,	
Mr. Deany,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farrer,	
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Baird,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. A. Gray,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Webber.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—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—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

5. TREASURY BONDS BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Outtrim 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 Sir Alexander Peacock, read a third time.

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

6. **INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL BILL.**—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Membrey, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Infectious Diseases Hospital Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.**—Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Sir Alexander Peacock, obtained leave, with Mr. H. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.**—Mr. H. McKenzie, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. **MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS BILL.**—Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Membrey, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to make further and better provision for the Melbourne General Market and to extend the Area thereof and to provide for the closing of portions of certain Streets in the City of Melbourne and for re-vesting in the Crown certain Lands in the said City and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **GAME BILL.**—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Membrey, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Game Act 1915*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. **FISHERIES BILL.**—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Fisheries Act 1915 and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifty-four minutes past Three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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No. 12.

THURSDAY, 26TH JULY, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—Mr. H. McKenzie, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Hutchinson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Wheat Storage*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. H. McKenzie, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

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 the Bill to amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th July, 1917.

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

4. RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 4, having been read—On the motion of Mr. H. McKenzie, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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 amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts.

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

5. PAPER.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented—

Rents paid for Public Buildings, Offices, Lands, or Quarters for Government Use during 1915-16.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 15th December, 1916.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, Three o'clock on Wednesday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Thursday; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after half-past Nine o'clock on Tuesday and Wednesday, and after Four o'clock on Thursday.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McLachlan moved, as an amendment, That the word "Four," where it first occurs, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "half-past Nine."

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. H. McKenzie,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Carlisle,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 3.

Mr. McLachlan.

Tellers.

Mr. Chatham,
Mr. Sinclair.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 Tuesday, Three o'clock on Wednesday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Thursday; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after half-past Nine o'clock on Tuesday and Wednesday, and after Four o'clock on Thursday—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week, except on the Thursdays set apart for Private Bill Business and General Business, during the present Session Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday, 16th August, and on every third Thursday thereafter during the present Session business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one third Thursday—

Private Bill Business :

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

General Business :

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

On the alternate third Thursday—

General Business :

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

Private Bill Business :

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**—Sir Alexander Peacock 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. Gordon, Mr. Hannah, Mr. Mackey, and Mr. Tunnecliffe ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bayles, Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Outtrim, Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Robertson ; 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.
11. **PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.**—Sir Alexander Peacock 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. Angus, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Jewell, and Mr. McGregor ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Bowser, Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. Farthing, Mr. A. Gray, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Keast, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Snowball ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
13. **REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.**—Sir Alexander Peacock 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. A. F. Cameron, Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Pennington, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Solly ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
14. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Campbell, Mr. Keast, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Oman, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Tunnecliffe ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
15. **STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws, adopted by this House on the 16th June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Council to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Snowball, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; five to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.
16. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS AUTHORITY BILL.**—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to Metropolitan Tramways and other Undertakings* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
17. **METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Hutchinson obtained leave, with Mr. Membrey, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend 'The Metropolitan Gas Company's Act 1878' 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.
18. **REAL PROPERTY BILL.**—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. Bayles and Mr. Blackburn, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Law of Property and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 6th September next.
19. **COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.**—Mr. Cotter obtained leave, with Mr. Rogers, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for Compulsory Voting at Elections for the Legislative Assembly* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 6th September next.
20. **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ABOLITION BILL.**—Mr. Hannah obtained leave, with Mr. Blackburn, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to abolish the Legislative Council of the State of Victoria* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 27th September next.

21. **COMPULSORY VACCINATION ABOLITION BILL.**—Mr. Outtrim obtained leave, with Mr. Jewell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to abolish Compulsory Vaccination in Victoria.*"
Mr. Outtrim moved, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the consideration of the Bill in Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
Mr. Outtrim 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. Solly 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 Thursday, 16th August next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
22. **DAY BAKING BILL.**—Mr. J. W. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. Elmslie, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Establishment of Day Baking in the State of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 6th September next.
23. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.**—Mr. Blackburn obtained leave, with Mr. Jewell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Local Government Act 1915'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 16th August next.
24. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Nos. 3 and 4.
25. **INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL 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.
Mr. Elmslie 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. **FISHERIES 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.
Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.
27. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until Tuesday next.
28. **RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. H. McKenzie 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. Outtrim 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. H. McKenzie, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
29. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 9 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1917.

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

2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker reported that, as directed by this Honorable House, he had that day waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 25th July instant in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament. His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King I thank you for your expressions of loyalty to Our Most Gracious Sovereign contained in the Address which you have just presented to me.

I fully rely on your wisdom in deliberating upon the important measures to be brought under your consideration, and I earnestly hope that the results of your labours will be conducive to the advancement and prosperity of this State.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

31st July, 1917.

3. GEELONG ELECTION.—Mr. Speaker said—"The Elections and Qualifications Committee having, on the Petition lodged by Thomas Michael McCormick against the return of Robert Purnell, declared that the election for Geelong was wholly void, I, yesterday, gave notice of my intention to issue a Writ for the holding of another election for the Electoral District of Geelong."

4. 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 increase the Issue of Treasury Bonds issued under the Authority of the 'Treasury Bonds Act 1915 (No. 2),'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th July, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 5.

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 increase the Issue of Treasury Bonds issued under the Authority of the 'Treasury Bonds Act 1915 (No. 2).'*"

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 31st July, 1917.

6. PETITION.—Mr. Snowball presented a Petition from certain citizens of Victoria praying that the minimum length of whiting and schnapper that may be lawfully taken be reviewed, and that the minimum length of such fish be fixed at nine inches and eight inches respectively.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1915.—Accounts and Balance-sheets of each of the Undertakings of the Geelong Harbor Trust for the year 1916.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 6.

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 the Bill relating to Wheat Storage.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 31st July, 1917.

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

9. WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 6, having been read—On the motion of Mr. H. McKenzie, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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 relating to Wheat Storage.

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

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

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 purposes of the Bill to make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 31st July, 1917.

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

11. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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. Hutchinson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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 make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes.

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

12. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intitled "*A Bill to regulate the Qualifications of Trained Nurses and to provide for their Training and Registration and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

13. WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. H. McKenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.

15. **INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
 Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. McLeod, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until to-morrow.
17. **FISHERIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the 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. Mackey 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.
18. **FISHERIES BILL.—TROUT-FISHING LICENCES.**—Mr. McLeod moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be paid under section seven of the Fisheries Bill.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—
Resolved—That the following fees shall be paid under section seven of the Fisheries Bill, viz. :—
- | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------|
| <i>Licence Available for the Current Open Season.</i> | | | | | |
| Men | ... | ... | ... | ... | Ten shillings. |
| Boys under seventeen years of age and women | ... | ... | ... | ... | Five shillings. |
| <i>Licence Available for One Month.</i> | | | | | |
| Men | ... | ... | ... | ... | Five shillings. |
| Boys under seventeen years of age and women | ... | ... | ... | ... | Two shillings and sixpence. |
- And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
19. **FISHERIES 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. Mackey 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.
20. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 6 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
21. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 1st AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. McLeod presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Inebriate Institutions.—Report of the Inspector of Inebriate Institutions for the year 1916.
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:—
Justices Act 1915.—Rules under the *Justices Act* 1915.—Order in Council.
3. CRIMES BILL.—Mr. Lawson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Sir Alexander Peacock, obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Crimes Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. CLUNES LAND BILL.—Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Sir Alexander Peacock, obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Lands situate in the Municipal District of Clunes as Sites for Cricket and other Purposes of Public Recreation and to provide for the Sale of such Lands and the Application of the Proceeds thereof for the Improvement of certain other Lands in the said Municipal District temporarily reserved as a Site for a Public Garden*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read:—

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1916-17.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 8.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1916-17, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 31st July, 1917.

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

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after No. 9.
7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. WHEAT STORAGE 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. Carlisle moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "this debate be adjourned until a Select Committee of this House inquires into the scheme and reports to this House."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. H. McKenzie,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Chatham,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. A. Gray,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Farrer.

Tellers.

Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Toucher.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on the main question 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. Mackey reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive and No. 10 be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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No. 15.

THURSDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1917.

- 1 The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. WANDO VALE, DERGHOLM, HARROW, EDENHOPE, AND BOOROOKI DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. Barnes, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the districts around and between Wando Vale, Dergholm, Harrow, Edenhope, and Boorooki with the existing railway system by means of a railway; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Debate ensued.
 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; Mr. Mackey 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.
4. ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that, in pursuance of his intimation to this House on Tuesday, 31st July last, he had, that day, issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Geelong.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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No. 16.

TUESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
 Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Public Works Department during the period from 1st July, 1916, to 30th June, 1917.
 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 :—
 Mines Act 1915.—Regulations relating to Mining Leases, Tailings Licences, and Water Right Licences—Clause 50 amended.—Order in Council.
3. WAR IN EUROPE—THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF DECLARATION OF WAR.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That on this, its first meeting after the third anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria again records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies.
 And the motion having been seconded by Mr. Elmslie, and other Honorable Members having addressed the House in support of the motion—
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JOHN THOMSON.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of the Honorable John Thomson, and desires to place on record its sense of the devotion to duty, unselfishness, and unfailing good humour which characterized his long and honorable career as Member of this House and Honorary Minister, and caused him to be regarded by all with respect and affection.
 And the motion having been seconded by Mr. Elmslie, and other Honorable Members having addressed the House in support of the motion—
 Honorable Members rising in their places, the motion was put, and carried in silence.
 Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That the Clerk do enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was carried unanimously.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. McLeod, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made of fees, fines, and penalties for the purposes of the Bill to regulate the Qualifications of Trained Nurses and to provide for their Training and Registration and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 2nd August, 1917.

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

6. NURSES REGISTRATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 9, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McLeod, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made of fees, fines, and penalties for the purposes of the Bill to regulate the Qualifications of Trained Nurses and to provide for their Training and Registration and for other purposes.

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

7. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Hutchinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. J. W. Billson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1916-17.—Mr. Mackey reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £130,616 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1916-17, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Division No.		£	£
7.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates	51	
8.	Chief Secretary's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	30	
9.	„ „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c.	264	
11.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines	111	
13.	State Accident Insurance Office	54	
18.	Inebriates Institution	114	
20.	Mercantile Marine	32	
22.	Premier's Office	220	
25.	Audit Office	217	
27.	Hospitals for the Insane	540	
28.	Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	4,705	
29.	Penal Establishments and Gaols	1,445	
			7,783

III.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

34.	Education—Ordinary Expenditure	7	
35.	„ Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation	911	
37.	„ Endowments and Grants	150	
38.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	3	
			1,071

IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

41.	Prothonotary	42	
42.	Master in Equity and Lunacy	98	
			140

VI.—TREASURER.

52.	Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,854	
53.	„ Transport, Samples, and Marine Insurance	600	
54.	„ Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	1,100	
55.	„ Allowances to Railway Department	118	
56.	„ Grants	50	
58.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	32,222	
60.	Taxation Office—Income Tax Branch	300	
63.	Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	230	
64.	Government Printer	38	
			37,512

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.		£	£
Division No.			
67.	Survey, Land Settlement, Closer Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands	64	
68.	Immigration and Labour Bureau and Soldiers' Employment Bureau ...	84	
70.	Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	100	
74.	Exceptional Expenditure	251	
74A.	Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation... ..	270	
			769
VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.			
79.	Public Works—Works and Buildings	4,624	
81.	„ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c. ...	100	
			4,724
IX.—MINISTER OF MINES.			
82.	Mines—Salaries	107	
83.	„ Furtherance of Mining Industry	1,171	
85.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	2,773	
			4,051
X.—MINISTER OF FORESTS.			
86.	State Forests—Salaries	280	
87A.	„ „ Exceptional Expenditure	730	
			1,010
XII.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.			
90.	Agriculture... ..	7,605	
90A.	Exceptional Expenditure	340	
91.	Grants	592	
			8,537
XIII.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.			
94.	Public Health	24,812	
94A.	Endowments and Grants	350	
			25,162
XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.			
96.	Victorian Railways—Salaries and Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1916-17	11,885	
97.	„ „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c. ...	3,776	
99.	„ „ State Coal Mines	24,196	
			39,857
	Total		£130,616

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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.

11. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Mackey 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 1916-17 the sum of £130,616 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. McLeod do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and thirty thousand six hundred and sixteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and sixteen and One thousand nine hundred and seven/een*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Sir Alexander Peacock 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. Mackey reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock, 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 Nos. 4 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RAILWAY DEPARTMENT—SUPERNUMERARIES, WAY AND WORKS AND RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BRANCHES, AND PERMANENT EMPLOYÉS, RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BRANCH.—Mr. Hogan moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of supernumeraries employed by the Way and Works Branch of the Railway Department re-sleeping, re-laying, repairing, or on any other work on 30th June, 1916, on 30th June, 1917, and on 7th August, 1917, respectively.
 2. The number of supernumeraries employed by the Railway Construction Branch in railway construction or any other capital works on 30th June, 1916, on 30th June, 1917, and on 7th August, 1917, respectively.
 3. The number of permanent employés, engineers, draughtsmen, supervisors, clerks, time-keepers, &c., employed in the Railway Construction Branch on 30th June, 1916, on 30th June, 1917, and on 7th August, 1917, respectively.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. WHEAT STORAGE 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. Mackey 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.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

NOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 18.

THURSDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARDS TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in a shop dispensing, compounding, or selling medicines, drugs, or medicinal preparations.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.

Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in dispensing, compounding, or selling medicines, drugs, or medicinal preparations in a friendly society's or hospital dispensary.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.
3. **FISHERIES 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. McLeod 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.
4. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Hutchinson, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 10.

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 the Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Lands situate in the Municipal District of Clunes as Sites for Cricket and other Purposes of Public Recreation and to provide for the Sale of such Lands and the Application of the Proceeds thereof for the Improvement of certain other Lands in the said Municipal District temporarily reserved as a Site for a Public Garden.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th August, 1917.

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

5. **CLUNES LAND BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 10, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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 revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Lands situate in the Municipal District of Clunes as Sites for Cricket and other Purposes of Public Recreation and to provide for the Sale of such Lands and the Application of the Proceeds thereof for the Improvement of certain other Lands in the said Municipal District temporarily reserved as a Site for a Public Garden.

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

6. **MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Hutchinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

Mr. Prendergast addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until Tuesday next.

8. **GAME 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.

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. Mackey 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. McLeod, 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 Nos. 5 to 12 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Mr. H. McKenzie presented—
Railway Department—Supernumeraries, Way and Works and Railway Construction Branches, and Permanent Employés, Railway Construction Branch.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 8th August, 1917.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.
4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Mr. Downward obtained leave, with Mr. Robertson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Closer Settlement Act 1915’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
5. WHEAT STORAGE 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. Outtrim 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. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th August, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and thirty thousand six hundred and sixteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and sixteen and One thousand nine hundred and seventeen,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th August, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **WHEAT STORAGE 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. Mackey 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. H. McKenzie, read a third time.
Mr. Elmslie moved, That the following amendment be made in this Bill :—
Clause 16, sub-section (1), lines 41-2, omit the words “upon the average be equal to a wage of Nine shillings per day of eight hours” and insert the words “be the recognised standard rate of wages for the work performed for a maximum number of hours.”
And not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered that the further consideration of the amendment after third reading of this Bill be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for this day.
3. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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. Robertson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
4. **WHEAT STORAGE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the amendment after third reading of this Bill having been read—
Debate resumed on the following amendment :—
Clause 16, sub-section (1), lines 41-2, omit the words “upon the average be equal to a wage of Nine shillings per day of eight hours” and insert the words “be the recognised standard rate of wages for the work performed for a maximum number of hours.”
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired herein.
5. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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. Baird 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.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. McLeod moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 21.

THURSDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1917.

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 :—
- Neglected Children's Act 1915.—Amendment of Regulations Nos. 95 and 96.—Order in Council.
- Public Service Acts—
- Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
- General.
- Department of Chief Secretary.
- Public Service Act 1915 and Lunacy Act 1915—
- Alteration of Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter III. (3 papers).
- Chapter II.—Appointment and Promotions in the General Division.—Registration and Examination of Applicants.
3. METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS RECEIVING TREASURY GRANTS, AND PUPIL NURSES THEREIN.—
- Mr. Blackburn moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The names of all metropolitan hospitals receiving Treasury grants.
 2. For each of these hospitals—
 - (a) the number of days in each week worked by pupil nurses ;
 - (b) the number of hours in each day worked by—(1) day pupil nurses ; and (2) night pupil nurses ;
 - (c) the length of the annual leave (if any) granted to pupil nurses ;
 - (d) the pay of pupil nurses for each year of their employment ; and
 - (e) the premium (if any) required to be paid by pupil nurses.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. OFFICE OF STATE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Hannah moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the office of the State Governor of Victoria should be abolished.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Menzies moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
- Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Baird,	Mr. H. McKenzie,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Deany,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. A. Gray,	Mr. Snowball.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Angus,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. J. Gray.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday, 6th September next.

5. AGENT-GENERAL FOR VICTORIA IN LONDON.—Mr. Downward moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the office of Agent-General for Victoria in London should be abolished.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Downward,	
Mr. Hannah,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. Gray,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Rouget.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. A. F. Cameron,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. J. Gray.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Thursday next, and No. 3 until Thursday, 6th September next.

7. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, General Business, was read and discharged :—

Local Government Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 2).—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to extend the Powers of Municipalities with respect to Hawkers and Itinerant Traders and the Sale of Fish and Milk*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 1917.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
- 2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a return to the Writ he had issued on the 2nd August instant for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Geelong, by which it appeared that Robert Purnell had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
- 3. MEMBER SWORN.—Robert Purnell, Esq., was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
- 4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read:—

A. L. STANLEY,
 Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 11.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, 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 amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts.”
- “ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and thirty thousand six hundred and sixteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and sixteen and One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.”

The Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 21st August, 1917.

- 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 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55, during the year 1916–17.
 - Water Acts.—Declaration of the Minister of Water Supply under the Acts, with reference to the constitution of the proposed Werribee Irrigation and Water Supply District, together with Plan showing the area.
- 6. INCOME TAX PAYERS AND AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF TAX PAID, 1909 TO 1915–16.—Mr. Snowball moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - 1. The number of income tax payers and the aggregate amount of tax paid on returns made for 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1915–16.
 - 2. The number of farmers and graziers during those years and the aggregate income tax paid by them respectively.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

- 7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.
- 8. LICENSING BILL.—Mr. Snowball obtained leave, with Mr. Blackburn, to bring in a Bill intituled “ A Bill to amend the Licensing Acts ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 27th September next.

9. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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. Menzies 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS AND MATERIAL TO THE RAILWAY DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Mr. J. W. Billson moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Elmslie, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The names of the firms who have contracted to supply goods and materials to the Railway Department and Public Works Department for the years 1914–15–16–17, specifying the nature of such goods and materials and the prices quoted.
 2. The names of the firms who have supplied such goods and materials at contract price during that period.
 3. The names of the firms who have increased their prices, and the amount of such increase in each case during the currency of their contract.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PAPER.—Mr. McLeod presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Public Health Department during the period from 1st July, 1916, to 30th June, 1917.

Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
5. NURSES REGISTRATION 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.
Mr. Jewell 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.
6. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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. Mackey 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.
7. MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS 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. Mackey 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. 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 Local Government Acts,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st August, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. McLeod, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 24.

THURSDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
4. COMPULSORY VACCINATION 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. Mackey 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 Thursday, 13th September next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 25.

TUESDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Friendly Societies Act 1915 and Trade Unions Act 1915.—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1916.
3. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS AUTHORITY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Elmslie 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, 11th September next.
4. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Solly 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.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 12 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Prendergast, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Public Accounts (State Audit Office).
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

3. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented—

Metropolitan Hospitals receiving Treasury Grants, and Pupil Nurses therein.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 16th August, 1917.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Marine Act 1915—

Amendment of "The Passenger (Sailing and Motor) Boat Regulations 1915."

Amendment of the Regulations for the Equipment of Ships with Life-saving Appliances.

4. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE—ENDOWMENTS AND REVENUES, STUDENTS, AND DEGREES CONFERRED.—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The amount paid by the State to the endowment of the Melbourne University, specifying each year and each class of endowment separately.
2. The value placed upon direct services rendered to the State each year by the University, leaving out of account anything of only sentimental value, and indicating each service.
3. The value of the land or any other gift of that kind bestowed by the State upon the University.
4. The receipts each year from students' fees.
5. The receipts each year from bursaries, scholarships, or other private endowment.
6. Any other revenue, excluding such as indicated in State bestowals, students' fees, and paragraph 5.
7. The number of students each year.
8. The number of degrees conferred each year.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Wheat Storage*," 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, 28th August, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

6. **MIDWIVES BILL.**—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Livingston, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Midwives Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. **REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S FEES BILL.**—Mr. Lawson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Hutchinson, obtained leave, with Mr. Hutchinson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Fees payable in the Office of the Registrar-General*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—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 question of profits made and prices charged upon glucose by the Maize Products Proprietary Company.”
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after No. 9.
10. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—
Local Government Bill (No. 2)—Second reading.
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
11. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor 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 Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive and Nos. 10 and 11 be postponed until to-morrow.
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
Wheat Storage Bill—Amendments of the Legislative Council—To be considered.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 27.

THURSDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Snowball 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, "State Members' aid in the Recruiting Movement." Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—Mr. Snowball moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Member Named and Suspended.*—The Honorable Member for Collingwood (Mr. Hannah) having been named by Mr. Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the Honorable Member for Collingwood (Mr. Hannah) be suspended from the service of the House.
- Question—put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Chatham,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. M. K. McKenzie,	Mr. Pennington.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Clough,	
Mr. Cotter,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Whereupon Mr. Speaker stated that, in pursuance of the Standing Order, the Honorable Member was suspended for the remainder of the sitting. Thereupon Mr. Hannah withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate on the question—That the House do now adjourn—resumed.

Question—put and negatived.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 3).—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Livingston, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to extend the Powers of Municipalities with respect to Hawkers and Itinerant Traders and the Sale of Fish and the Sale or Supply of Milk*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

4. **STREET TRADING BILL.**—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Hutchinson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to regulate Street Trading in certain cases*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. **GAOLS BILL.**—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Employment of Prisoners and for o’her purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. **VOTING BY POST (WAR SERVICE) BILL.**—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to enable Electors on War Service outside Victoria but within the Commonwealth to Vote by Post at Parliamentary Elections*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.
8. **TOTALIZATOR BILL.**—Mr. Bayles obtained leave, with Mr. Pennington, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to Legalize the Totalizator and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 27th September next.
9. **WHEAT STORAGE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow:—
1. Clause 3, sub-clause (2), omit this sub-clause.
 2. Clause 4, sub-clause (1), line 17, omit “which” and insert “who.”
 3. Clause 16, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause.
- And, after debate, the said amendments were read a second time.
 Amendment 1 disagreed with.
 Amendment 2 agreed to.
 Amendment 3—
 Mr. H. McKenzie moved, That this amendment be agreed to.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Sinclair 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.
 Ordered—That the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be adjourned until Tuesday next.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 28.

TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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

2. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented—

Income Tax Payers and Aggregate Amount of Tax paid, 1909 to 1915-16.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 21st August, 1917.

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 30th June, 1917.

Education Act 1915.—Regulation rescinded and Regulation substituted.—Clause 1 of Regulation XLI.—Establishment of Subsidized Schools.—Order in Council.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1915.—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet ; together with Schedule of Contracts, for year ended 30th June, 1917.

Neglected Children's and Reformatory Schools Department.—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1916.

3. WHEAT STORAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the amendment postponed on Thursday last for further consideration was read and is as follows :—

3. Clause 16, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause.

Debate resumed on the motion, That Amendment 3 be agreed to.

Question—That this amendment be agreed to—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gordon,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Snowball.
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. Keast.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Amendment 3 agreed to.

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

4. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Solly 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.
5. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

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VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1917-18.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 12.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the months of September and October in the year 1917-18, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th August, 1917.

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

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 return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Game Act 1915,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 4th September, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 29.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Judges.—Report of the Council of Judges under section 28 of the *Supreme Court Act* 1915.
 Mr. H. McKenzie presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
 Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission during the period from 1st July, 1916, to 30th June, 1917.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

<p>A. L. STANLEY, <i>Governor of Victoria.</i></p> <p>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, fines, penalties, and forfeitures for the purposes of the Bill relating to Metropolitan Tramways and other Undertakings.</p> <p>Government Offices, Melbourne, 30th August, 1917.</p>	<p><i>Message No. 13.</i></p>
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Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
4. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS AUTHORITY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 13, having been read—On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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, fines, penalties, and forfeitures for the purposes of the Bill relating to Metropolitan Tramways and other Undertakings.
 And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
5. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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. Mackey 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. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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.

7. SUPPLY.—Mr. Mackey reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,318,138 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1917-18, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	192
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,619
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	144
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	298
5. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	144
6. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	223
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ..	783
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,785
9. " " Pensions, &c.	3,404
10. " " Grants	1,200
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	782
12. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	732
13. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	348
14. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	659
15. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	115
16. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	56
17. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	177
18. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	571
19. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	684
20. Mercantile Marine—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	113
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	491
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	622
23. Training Ship—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,042
24. Agent-General—Staff and Office	900
25. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,292
26. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,251
27. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	30,550
28. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	30,218
29. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	10,122
30. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	57,400
31. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,236
32. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	501
33. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,780
34. Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	168,881
35. " Pensions, &c.	116
36. " Works and Buildings	7,000
37. " Endowments and Grants	13,900
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	11,215
40. " " Pensions, &c.	35
41. " " Ordinary Expenditure	3,428
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	8,556
43. " " Ordinary Expenditure	4,188
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,852
45. " Transport, &c.	750
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure	750
47. " Allowances to Railway Department	1,334
48. " Grants	18,500
49. " Pensions, &c.	77
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	5,000
52. Taxation Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,531
53. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,495
54. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	193
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	730
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	15,120
57. " " Exceptional Expenditure	150
58. " " Advertising	250
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	14,085
60. Intelligence and Labour Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,351
61. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	100
62. " " Grants	500
63. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,704

Division No.	£
64. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	5,447
65. Works and Buildings	300
66. " " Exceptional Expenditure	100
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,767
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,028
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	11,930
74. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,985
75. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	4,692
77. " Exceptional Expenditure	1,000
78. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,617
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	19,500
81. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,385
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,482
84. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,090
85. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,490
86. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,610
88. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	715,000
89. " Pensions	3,697
90. " Railway Construction Branch	992
91. State Coal Mine	45,801
Total	£1,318,138

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Mackey 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 1917–18 the sum of £1,318,138 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. McLeod do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

10. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and eighteen thousand one hundred and thirty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Sir Alexander Peacock 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. Mackey reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

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

Sir Alexander Peacock 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker

VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 30.

THURSDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. REAL PROPERTY 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.
Mr. Lawson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.
3. COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Cotter moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. McLeod moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Bowser,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Rouget.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. M. K. McKenzie,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Toutcher.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Hannah,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Webber.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday, 27th September instant.

4. DAY BAKING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—
Mr. J. W. Billson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until Thursday, 27th September instant, and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, until Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 31.

TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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 Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 14.

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 amend the ‘ Game Act 1915. ’ ”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th September, 1917.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Education Act 1915.—Regulation added to, Regulations rescinded, Regulation substituted.—Regulation XXI.—Scholarships.—Order in Council.
 - Tramway Board Act 1915.—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Tramway Board for the period from 28th January, 1916, to 30th June, 1917.
4. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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. Mackey 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.
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 amend the Lunacy Acts,* ” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council, JNO. M. DAVIES,
Melbourne, 4th September, 1917. President.
6. LUNACY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. McLeod, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was 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 concurred with the Legislative Assembly in agreeing to the following resolution, viz. :—

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in a shop dispensing, compounding, or selling medicines, drugs, or medicinal preparations.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th September, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in agreeing to the following resolution, viz. :—

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in dispensing, compounding, or selling medicines, drugs, or medicinal preparations in a friendly society's or hospital dispensary.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th September, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 32.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RAILWAY LINES—FINANCIAL RESULTS COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND WORKING EXPENSES SUBMITTED BY RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS (GHERINGHAP TO MAROONA, AND THE TOCUMWAL EXTENSION).—Mr. Barnes, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the financial results for each year since the date of opening of the Gheringhap to Maroona Railway, and of the Tocumwal Extension, as compared with the estimates of revenue and working expenses submitted by the Railways Commissioners to the Committee.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 15.

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 extend the Operation of Section Twenty-four of the *University Act 1915* for a further period of Ten Years.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd August, 1917.

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

4. UNIVERSITY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 15, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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 extend the Operation of Section Twenty-four of the *University Act 1915* for a further period of Ten Years.

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

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

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to extend the Operation of Section Twenty-four of the 'University Act 1915' for a further period of Ten Years*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. RAILWAY DEPARTMENT—SUPERNUMERARIES AND PERMANENT EMPLOYÉS, CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER'S BRANCH, AND PERMANENT EMPLOYÉS, WAY AND WORKS BRANCH.—Mr. Jewell moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Hogan, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The number of supernumeraries employed in the Chief Mechanical Engineer's Branch at Newport and elsewhere on 30th June, 1915; 30th June, 1916; 30th June, 1917; and on 10th September, 1917, respectively.
2. The number of permanent employés—engineers, draughtsmen, supervisors, clerks, time-keepers, artisans, &c., employed in the Chief Mechanical Engineer's Branch on 30th June, 1915; 30th June, 1916; 30th June, 1917; and on 10th September, 1917, respectively.
3. The number of permanent employés—engineers, draughtsmen, supervisors, clerks, time-keepers, artisans, &c., employed in the Way and Works Branch on 30th June, 1916; 30th June, 1917; and on 10th September, 1917, respectively.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, 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 to-morrow.
7. ENEMY PROPERTY BILL.—Mr. Lawson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Hutchinson, obtained leave, with Mr. Hutchinson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Enemy Property Act 1915’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, General Business.
9. STATE PRODUCE AGENCY BILL.—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill for the Establishment and Regulation of a State Produce Agency and for purposes incidental thereto*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 27th September instant.
10. FARM PRODUCE AGENTS BILL.—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Licensing of Farm Produce Agents and for purposes incidental thereto*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 27th September instant.
11. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Bill—Consideration of Report.
 Mr. Hutchinson moved, That this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 14, 18, 23, and 35, and in respect of new clauses AA, and A, B, and C.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with further 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.
 Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. 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 ‘Electric Light and Power Act 1915,’*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
 Legislative Council,
 Melbourne, 11th September, 1917. JNO. M. DAVIES,
 President.
13. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Livingston, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
14. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and eighteen thousand one hundred and thirty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
 Legislative Council,
 Melbourne, 12th September, 1917. JNO. M. DAVIES,
 President.
- MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act relating to Wheat Storage,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council do not insist on their amendment with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.
 Legislative Council,
 Melbourne, 12th September, 1917. JNO. M. DAVIES,
 President.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
 Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 33.

THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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 Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 16.*

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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and eighteen thousand one hundred and thirty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th September, 1917.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 31st December, 1916.
4. FRUIT BILL.—Mr. Hutchinson obtained leave, with Mr. H. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Fruit Act 1915’ 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.
5. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 34.

TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. McLeod presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
 Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Chief Secretary's Department during the period from 1st July, 1916, to 30th June, 1917.
 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 1915.—Report of the Council of Public Education for the period 1st July, 1916, to 30th June, 1917.
 Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year ending 30th June, 1917.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 17.

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 relating to Wheat Storage*" :—

In clause 4, sub-section (2), at the end of the sub-section insert "and any such lease may be entered into by the Minister of Agriculture and his successors in office acting as or on behalf of the said Commission."

Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 18th September, 1917.

On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the House, after debate, 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.

4. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT 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. Lawson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Snowball moved, That the following amendment be made in this Bill:—

Clause 2, page 2, line 9, in the definition of “Dependant,” after the word “Commonwealth” insert the words “or who has served on the staff of any hospital ship troopship or store ship in the Australian branch of His Majesty’s transport service.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Snowball moved, That the following amendment be made in this Bill:—

Clause 3, page 3, line 40, after the word “war” insert the words “or an infant dependant who makes such application within one year after reaching the age of eighteen years and is then otherwise eligible.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.

Mr. Snowball moved, That the following amendment be made in this Bill:—

Clause 3, page 3, line 43, after the word “aforesaid” insert the words “unless the Board in any exceptional case determines that those privileges should extend to dependants (not exceeding three in all) of any deceased person aforesaid.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.

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

Clause 21, sub-section (1), lines 7–8, after the word “who” omit the words “has been” and insert the word “is.”

„ sub-section (1), line 9, after the word “Act” insert the figures “1915.”

Clause 23, sub-section (2), page 13, line 6, after the word “owner” omit the word “who” and insert the word “while”; and after the word “war” insert the word “he.”

Mr. Bailey moved, That the following further amendment be made in this Bill:—

Clause 23, page 13, insert the following new sub-section to follow sub-section (2):—

“(2A) (a) In respect of land compulsorily acquired and taken by the Board under this Act the maximum the Board shall pay as compensation shall be computed as follows:—

To the capital value of land certified by the Commissioner of Taxes under the *Land Tax Act* 1915 there shall be added a sum equivalent to ten per centum of such capital value.

(b) If the land so taken or any part thereof is not separately valued under the *Land Tax Act* 1915 but is only a part of a larger area which is so valued the capital value of the part so taken shall be deemed to be such proportion of the capital value of the said larger area as shall be determined to be fairly attributable to the part so taken.

(c) The determination referred to in this sub-section shall be made by a County Court Judge appointed to act as arbitrator by the Governor in Council.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-section proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. M. K. McKenzie,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Hogan.

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Mr. Angus,	Mr. H. McKenzie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Chatham,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Rouget.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Baird,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Gordon.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Clause 23, page 13, line 37, after the word “residence” insert the words “or business.”

Clause 29, sub-section (3), page 17, line 2, omit the words “said fund” and insert the words “Discharged Soldiers Settlement Fund.”

Clause 33, lines 36–38, after the word “soldiers” omit all the words to the end of the clause.

Clause 35, sub-section (2), page 19, line 2, after the word “a” insert the word “preferable”; and after the word “Acts” insert the words “with such modifications as are prescribed.”

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

AA. (1) The privileges conferred by this Act on discharged soldiers shall also apply to any discharged soldier—

- (a) to whom the interest in a conditional purchase lease under the Land Acts or the *Closer Settlement Act 1915* has been duly transferred or assigned ; or
 (b) who is a lessee under the Land Acts or the *Closer Settlement Act 1915*—

and who makes application to the Board for the purpose.

(2) In every such case the original lease shall be surrendered and a new lease may be issued, and may be ante-dated so as to cover the period of residence or occupation under the surrendered lease ; and the lessee shall be entitled to have all substantial and permanent improvements valued by the Board and to be credited with the same as if made under and pursuant to the covenants and conditions of the new lease.

(3) The Governor in Council may—

- (a) credit the lessee in respect of the new lease with such portion as the Governor in Council thinks fit of the principal moneys or rent paid in respect of the land ; and
 (b) make all necessary adjustments for the purposes of this section.

(4) After the surrender of any lease aforesaid under the *Closer Settlement Act 1915* the full liability of such discharged soldier to the Board in respect of the land and any advances thereon under this Act shall cease to be a charge upon The Closer Settlements Fund and shall be a charge upon the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Fund.

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

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

A. Where any land is the property of the Crown and such land was not purchased under the provisions of any Closer Settlement Act any discharged soldier who has received a certificate under section eight of this Act shall have the right to select therefrom an area not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres of first class land, six hundred and forty acres of second class land, or one thousand two hundred and eighty acres of third class land whether in one or more allotments, and shall receive in priority to any applicant who is not also a discharged soldier a lease giving him the right to occupy such land or lands for a period of ten years subject to such conditions of residence and improvements as the regulations may prescribe and no rent shall be payable to the Crown under such lease, and if the Board of Land and Works is satisfied at the end of the period stated herein that the discharged soldier has complied with the conditions of residence and improvements, such improvements to be of the value of at least One pound for each acre occupied, the lessee shall receive the Crown grant of such land or lands without any payment being made to the Crown for the fee-simple of such land or lands.

Mr. Keast moved, That new clause A be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. Sinclair.
Mr. Bowser,	
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. McGregor.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Baird,	Mr. H. McKenzie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Blackburn,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Chatham,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

- B. (1) (a) No land disposed of to a discharged soldier under this Act or otherwise ; and
 (b) no materials implements live stock (including pigs and poultry) upon such land ; and
 (c) no produce of such live stock upon such land,

shall except to satisfy any debt due to the Board or for rates or taxes legally imposed be attached levied nor distrained upon nor taken in execution nor vest in any official assignee or trustee in insolvency nor be in any other way taken for the satisfaction of any debt or liability under process or constraint of law.

(2) This section shall not apply to any land nor to any materials implements or live stock or produce of such live stock upon any land unless such land is occupied by the discharged soldier to whom it has been disposed of or by his widow father mother or child.

(3) In this section "discharged soldier" includes—

- (a) any person to whom this Act applies ;
- (b) any dependant of any person to whom this Act applies ;
- (c) any person to whom this Act applies to whom land has been disposed of under this Act or otherwise by any person (including any person to whom this Act applies).

Mr. Blackburn moved, That new clause B be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Lawson moved, That the further consideration of amendments after third reading of this Bill be postponed until to-morrow.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Message from His Excellency the Governor recommending an amendment in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Wheat Storage*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor in this Bill.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 18th September, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 23 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 35.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the Session be granted to William Kennedy Smith, Esq., the Honorable Member for Dundas.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. LICENSING (REGISTRATION OF BARMAIDS) BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Barnes, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to extend the Time for the Registration of Barmaids under the Licensing Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. PORT MELBOURNE LAND BILL.—Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. H. McKenzie, obtained leave, with Mr. H. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Town of Port Melbourne as a Site for Drainage Purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. WODONGA LAND BILL.—Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. H. McKenzie, obtained leave, with Mr. H. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Town of Wodonga as a Site for a Literary Institute and Free Library*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of amendments after third reading of this Bill having been read—

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

C. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act or the *Closer Settlement Act 1915* before any private land is acquired or taken for the Crown (either by agreement or compulsorily) for the purposes of this Act, the Minister on receiving the report of the Board under sub-section (3) of section twenty-six of the *Closer Settlement Act 1915* shall (if the value of the estate as stated in such report exceeds Ten thousand pounds) forthwith appoint three competent persons having a knowledge of land values within the area in which the land is situated (hereinafter called the “referees”) not being members of the public service to report to him upon the suitability or otherwise of the land for the said purposes and as to whether in their opinion the value thereof fixed by the Board is or is not reasonable and what in their opinion is the value thereof.

(2) For the purposes of this section the referees or any of them may enter the land and remain thereon during daylight for such time as is necessary.

(3) The Minister shall take into consideration the report of the referees and decide whether or not it is advisable that the land shall be acquired or taken.

(4) If in any case the Minister decides that it is advisable that the land be acquired or taken but at a value less than that fixed by the Board the provisions of section twenty-seven of the *Closer Settlement Act 1915* shall apply and be read and construed as if for any reference therein to the value fixed by the Board there were substituted a reference to the value decided upon by the Minister.

(5) If in any case the Minister decides that it is advisable that any such land be acquired or taken—

- (a) at a value above that deemed reasonable by the referees ; or
- (b) where the referees have reported that the land is not suitable for the said purposes ; or
- (c) where the price paid for the land is greater than the value as shown on the State Land Tax Register,

the Minister shall cause a report of his decision to be presented to both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof if Parliament is then sitting, but if Parliament is not then sitting then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.

(6) Nothing in this section shall apply to land acquired or taken pursuant to section twenty of the *Closer Settlement Act 1915*.

Mr. Oman moved, That new clause C be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Gordon.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. D. Smith.
Mr. Deany,	
Mr. Farrer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. Farthing,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Livingston.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—New clause C read a second time.

Mr. Hogan moved, as an amendment, That the words “(if the value of the estate as stated in such report exceeds Ten thousand pounds),” in lines 4 and 5 of sub-section (1), be omitted from the clause.

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

Mr. Oman moved, as a further amendment, That paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-section (5) be transposed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Mackey moved, as a further amendment, That sub-section (6) be omitted from the clause.

Question—That sub-section (6) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and negatived.

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

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

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 23 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Alexander Peacock 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.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 36.

THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **LAW INSTITUTE BILL.**—Mr. Lawson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. McLeod, obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Law Institute of Victoria 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.
3. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.
4. **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL.**—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan and Mr. Blackburn, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Weights and Measures Act 1915' 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.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS AMENDMENT 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. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. McLeod, read a third time.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
6. **MIDWIVES 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.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.
7. **MIDWIVES BILL—FEES.**—Mr. McLeod moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be paid under the Midwives Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution:—
Resolved—That in addition to the fees provided for by section sixteen of the Principal Act there shall also be paid to the Board by every midwife a fee of Two shillings and sixpence during the month of December in each year subsequent to the year in which her registration is effected; and if any midwife in any year makes default in paying such fee her name may be removed from the register, but if she gives a satisfactory explanation of such default her name may be restored to the register on payment of such fee (if any) not exceeding Ten shillings as the Board directs.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

8. MIDWIVES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the 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. Mackey 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. McLeod, read a third time.

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

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 3).—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. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. McLeod, read a third time.

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

10. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read and discharged:—

Enemy Property Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 22 inclusive and Nos. 24 and 25 and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 37.

TUESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

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 Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 18.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, 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 Wheat Storage.* ”
“ *An Act to amend the Local Government Acts.* ”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1917.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Legal Profession Practice Act 1915.—Council of Legal Education.—Rules relating to the Qualification of Candidates to Practise as Barristers and Solicitors.

Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of James Harnetty, Arthur Thomas Thompson, and Herbert Stewart from the Fourth to the Third Class, in the Department of Treasurer.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Farthing 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 steps necessary for the suppression of street rioting, with which are linked the questions of the numerical strength and payment of the police force.”

Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

5. PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Purchase of Goods Machinery or Materials for Works undertaken by or on behalf of certain Local Authorities*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. 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.

7. **VOTING BY POST (WAR SERVICE) 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. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. McLeod 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.
8. **MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. H. McKenzie,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Chatham,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Clough,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. A. Gray,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Webber.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Pennington.

Noes, 2.

*Tellers.*Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Sinclair.

- And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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.
9. **LUNACY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Lawson 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. Mackey 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. Lawson, 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.
- 10 **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 two minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 38.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
- 2. PAPER.—Mr. H. McKenzie presented—
 Railway Department—Supernumeraries and Permanent Employés, Chief Mechanical Engineer's Branch, and Permanent Employés, Way and Works Branch.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 12th September, 1917.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
- 3. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
- 5. LICENSING (REGISTRATION OF BARMAIDS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor 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 Sir Alexander Peacock, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
- 6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 19.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has caused the Bills entitled "An Act to provide for the Exercise by Deputy of certain Powers and Authorities vested in the Governor" and "An Act to amend Schedule D to The Constitution Act and to make provision with respect to the Salary of any Future Master-in-Equity," which were reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and which received His Majesty's assent on the 13th June last, to be proclaimed in the Victoria Government Gazette, a copy of which Proclamation is hereto annexed.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 26th September, 1917.

THE ROYAL ASSENT TO RESERVED BILLS.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

I, THE Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in pursuance of provisions contained in *An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land* (5 and 6 Vict.), also in *An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies* (13 and 14 Vict.), and in *The Constitution Act*, do by this my Proclamation signify that the Bills, the titles whereof are herein set forth, that is to say :—

“ *An Act to provide for the Exercise by Deputy of certain Powers and Authorities vested in the Governor* ” and

“ *An Act to amend Schedule D to The Constitution Act and to make provision with respect to the Salary of any Future Master-in-Equity,* ”

which were reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, have been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that by an Order in Council made at the Court at Buckingham Palace, and bearing date the thirteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, a copy whereof is hereto appended, His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria, at Melbourne, this twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

A. L. STANLEY.

(L.S.)

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of June, 1917.

PRESENT :

The King's Most Excellent Majesty ;

Earl of Derby
Earl of Rosebery
Lord Claud Hamilton
Lord Chamberlain
Mr. Neil Primrose
Sir Frederick Ponsonby

Mr. H. W. Forster
Mr. E. G. Pretyman
Mr. Evelyn Cecil
Mr. H. Pike Pease
Mr. J. H. Thomas
Mr. Thomas Ashton.

WHEREAS on the 28th day of December, 1916, the Governor of the State of Victoria (being one of the States constituting the Commonwealth of Australia) reserved certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of the said State, entitled respectively “ *An Act to provide for the Exercise by Deputy of certain Powers and Authorities vested in the Governor* ” and “ *An Act to amend Schedule D to The Constitution Act and to make provision with respect to the Salary of any Future Master-in-Equity,* ” for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon :

And whereas the said Bills so reserved as aforesaid have been laid before His Majesty in Council, and it is expedient that the said Bills should be assented to by His Majesty :

Now, therefore, His Majesty doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, declare His assent to the said Bills.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 20.

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 make provision for Developmental Roads and to amend the Country Roads Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 26th September, 1917.

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

8. **DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 20, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Livingston, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor 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. McGregor 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 make provision for Developmental Roads and to amend the Country Roads Acts.

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

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

Mr. Livingston then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision for Developmental Roads and to amend the Country Roads Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 21.

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 the Bill to amend the *Fruit Act* 1915 and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 25th September, 1917.

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

10. **FRUIT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 21, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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 amend the *Fruit Act* 1915 and for other purposes.

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

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1, 2, and 4 be postponed until after Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive.

12. **CLUNES LAND BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Hutchinson 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. Mackey 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—

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

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. McLachlan moved, That the following amendment be made in this Bill:—

Clause 3, add the following new sub-section:—

"(3) The land described in the Second Schedule hereto shall be deemed to have been permanently reserved for the purposes of public recreation."

Debate ensued.

Question—That new sub-section (3) proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. M. K. McKenzie,	Mr. Angus,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. D. Smith.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Baird,	Mr. H. McKenzie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Keast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

13. PORT MELBOURNE LAND BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Hutchinson 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. Mackey 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. Hutchinson, read a third time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Campbell,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. Keast.

Noes, 9.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. D. Smith.
Mr. Blackburn,	
Mr. Clough,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Sinclair,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Hutchinson, read a third time.

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

15. MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS 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. Mackey reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.

Mr. Hutchinson moved, That this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 13.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 4 be postponed until Tuesday next.

17. REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S FEES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Lawson 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.

Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.

18. REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S FEES BILL—FEES.—Mr. Lawson moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be paid under the Registrar-General's Fees Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution:—

Resolved—

1. That in lieu of or in addition to the several sums or fees chargeable or payable under the enactments hereinafter specified or any corresponding previous enactments or under any rule regulation or Order in Council framed thereunder or pursuant thereto there shall be chargeable or payable such sums or fees as the Governor in Council may appoint but so that in any case where it is expressly provided in any enactment aforesaid that any sum or fee shall not exceed a specified amount no sum or fee so appointed in lieu thereof shall exceed such amount:—

Sections eight, nine, and ten of the *Banks and Currency Act 1915*.

Sub-section (1) of section two hundred and thirty-eight, sections two hundred and thirty-nine and two hundred and fifty-three, sub-section (10) of section two hundred and seventy, sub-section (2) of section three hundred and two, and section four hundred and sixty-four of and Table B in the Second Schedule to the *Companies Act 1915*.

Sections sixty and sixty-six of the *Evidence Act 1915*.

Sections two hundred and sixty-seven to two hundred and sixty-nine of and the Third Schedule to the *Insolvency Act 1915*.

Section one hundred and twenty-nine (as amended by the *Instruments Act 1916*) and sections one hundred and thirty-one, one hundred and thirty-four, one hundred and forty, one hundred and forty-three, one hundred and forty-four, one hundred and forty-six, one hundred and forty-eight, one hundred and fifty, one hundred and fifty-two, one hundred and sixty-three, one hundred and seventy-six, one hundred and eighty-one, one hundred and eighty-two, one hundred and eighty-three, one hundred and ninety-one, two hundred and ten, two hundred and nineteen, two hundred and twenty, and two hundred and twenty-two of and the Nineteenth Schedule to the *Instruments Act 1915*.

Section seven of the *Money Lenders Act 1915*.

Sections sixty-three and sixty-five of and the Fourth Schedule to the *Partnership Act 1915*.

Sections one hundred and twelve, one hundred and thirteen, one hundred and sixteen to one hundred and eighteen, one hundred and thirty-three, one hundred and thirty-six, and one hundred and thirty-seven of and the Fifth Schedule to the *Real Property Act 1915*.

2. That there shall be payable and chargeable in respect of the several matters and things hereinafter mentioned the sums or fees respectively hereinafter set forth opposite such matters or things or such other sums or fees as the Governor in Council may hereafter appoint in lieu thereof or in addition thereto but not exceeding the amounts respectively hereinafter specified:—

	£	s.	d.
For registering a copy of the charter or of the deed of co-partnership and settlement of a banking company or firm, pursuant to section 8 or section 9 of the <i>Banks and Currency Act 1915</i>	2	2	0
For recording list of the names and places of abode and descriptions of the proprietors or members of banking companies or firms, pursuant to section 10 of the <i>Banks and Currency Act 1915</i>	0	5	0

	£	s.	d.
On lodgment of memorandum, pursuant to sub-section (3) of section 298 or paragraph (ii.) of section 414 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	2	2	0
On forwarding copies of newspapers and the <i>Government Gazette</i> , pursuant to sub-section (3) of section 298 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
On forwarding, pursuant to sub-section (3) of section 298 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i> , any copy of the rules proposed to be made by a company	0	5	0
On filing notice of situation of registered office or of change therein, pursuant to section 306 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
On filing notice of name of manager or of any change of manager, pursuant to section 310 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
On giving notice of situation of office where any branch register is kept, or of any change therein, or of the discontinuance thereof, pursuant to section 328 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
On service of printed copy of half-yearly statement and statutory declaration, pursuant to section 329 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
On lodgment of notice of resolution for increase of capital and statutory declaration, pursuant to section 338 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
On filing copy of every rule made or altered, pursuant to section 355 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
On filing statutory declaration, pursuant to paragraph (i.) of section 414 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
On lodgment of memorandum and statutory declaration under section 441 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	2	2	0
On forwarding copy of the <i>Government Gazette</i> containing copy of memorandum and statutory declaration, pursuant to section 441 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
For certificate of registration referred to in section 444 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
For any change of registration, pursuant to sub-section (2) of section 445 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	1	0	0
On lodgment of memorandum as to increase of amount of secured assets, pursuant to section 446 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
On lodgment of notice of change of chairman, director, principal officer, or agent in Victoria of a company, pursuant to section 450 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
On deposit of any statement or abstract or declaration or certified copy referred to in sections 457 and 462 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i> , pursuant to the said sections respectively	0	5	0
On inspection, pursuant to section 464 of the <i>Companies Act 1915</i>	0	2	6
On lodging application for withdrawal of a caveat, pursuant to section 137 of the <i>Instruments Act 1915</i>	0	1	0
On filing satisfaction piece, pursuant to section 147 of the <i>Instruments Act 1915</i>	0	1	0
For registering copy of receipt from mortgagee of stock, pursuant to section 177 of the <i>Instruments Act 1915</i>	0	1	0
For filing statutory declaration, pursuant to section 177 of the <i>Instruments Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
For entering caveat against registration of an assignment or transfer of book debts, pursuant to section 184 of the <i>Instruments Act 1915</i>	0	1	0
On giving notice of the withdrawal of a caveat, pursuant to section 188 of the <i>Instruments Act 1915</i>	0	1	0
Upon giving notice to the registrar-general, under section 4 or section 6 of the <i>Printers and Newspapers Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
For certificate of registrar-general, under section 4 or section 6 of the <i>Printers and Newspapers Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
Upon depositing an affidavit with the registrar-general, under section 13 of the <i>Printers and Newspapers Act 1915</i>	0	10	0
Upon depositing an affidavit with the registrar-general, under section 15 of the <i>Printers and Newspapers Act 1915</i>	0	5	0
On depositing any will, pursuant to section 132 of the <i>Real Property Act 1915</i>	0	1	0
On depositing any deed or document, pursuant to section 133 of the <i>Real Property Act 1915</i>	0	1	0
On filing or depositing with the registrar-general any deed or document for which a fee is not otherwise provided	0	5	0

3. There shall be payable and chargeable in respect of the several matters and things provided for in the enactments hereinafter set forth the sums or fees that would be payable or chargeable under the said enactments if amended as hereinafter indicated or such other sums or fees as the Governor in Council may hereafter appoint in lieu thereof or in addition thereto but so that if any such sum or fee is expressed to be a sum or fee not exceeding a specified amount no sum or fee so appointed in lieu thereof shall exceed such amount:—

Sub-section (8) of section one hundred and one of the *Companies Act 1915*—as if for the words “One shilling” there were substituted the words “Five shillings.”

Sub-section (2) of section two hundred and twenty-two of the said Act—as if after the words “the prescribed fee” there were inserted the words “not exceeding the sum of One shilling.”

Sub-section (1) of section two hundred and thirty-eight of the said Act—as if for the words “one hundred words” there were substituted the words “seventy-two words.”

Sub-section (2) of section three hundred and two of the said Act—as if for the words “One shilling” there were substituted the words “Five shillings.”

Table B in the Second Schedule to the said Act—as if after the words and figures “the Registrar-General .. 0 5 0” (wherever occurring) there were inserted the words and figures following :—

“ For every Order in Council changing the name of a company 5 5 0 ”
 Section sixty of the *Evidence Act* 1915—as if for the words “ ninety words ” there were substituted the words “ seventy-two words.”
 Item (1) of the Third Schedule to the *Insolvency Act* 1915—as if the words “ and the registration thereof ” were repealed.
 Item (3) of the Third Schedule to the said Act—as if for the figures “ 0 0 3 ” there were substituted the figures “ 0 0 6.”
 Item (4) of the Third Schedule to the said Act—as if for the figures “ 0 0 2 ” there were substituted the figures “ 0 0 3.”
 The Third Schedule to the said Act—as if at the end of the said Third Schedule there were inserted the following words and figures :—

“ (5) On the registration of a deed of arrangement pursuant to sections two hundred and fifty-three and two hundred and fifty-four of the said Act—

- (i) if the total estimated amount of property included in the deed as stated in the affidavit by the debtor required by the said section two hundred and fifty-four to be filed is under £100.. 3 0 0
 (ii) if the total estimated amount of the said property as stated in the said affidavit is or exceeds £100 5 0 0.”

Section one hundred and forty-four of the *Instruments Act* 1915—as if for the words “ one shilling ” there were substituted the words “ Three shillings and sixpence.”

Section one hundred and forty-six of the said Act—as if for the words “ one shilling ” there were substituted the word “ Sixpence.”

Section one hundred and forty-eight of the said Act—as if for the words “ one shilling ” there were substituted the words “ Three shillings and sixpence.”

Section one hundred and fifty-two of the said Act—as if for the words “ one shilling and no more ” there were substituted the words “ Three shillings and sixpence and no more ” ; and for the words “ one shilling per folio ” there were substituted the words “ Sixpence per folio.”

Section one hundred and eighty-one of the said Act—as if for the words “ one shilling ” there were substituted the words “ Three shillings and sixpence.”

Item 10 of the Fifth Schedule to the *Real Property Act* 1915—as if for the words and figures “ ninety words 0 8 ” there were substituted the words and figures “ seventy-two words 0 6.”

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

19. REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S FEES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the 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. Mackey 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.

20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 9 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

21. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock 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 Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 39.

TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Prendergast, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Public Accounts (Finance Statement—Auditor-General's Annual Report).
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—
Finance 1916–17.—Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1917, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General and by the Documents specified in the Fifty-sixth Section of the Audit Act.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
4. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Housing of the People Commission—
Second Progress Report from the Royal Commission on the Housing Conditions of the People in the Metropolis and in the Populous Centres of the State (Sanitary Law and Administration, Sanitation of Houses, Ships, and Vessels).
Minutes of Evidence taken by the Commission, 19th May, 1914, to 23rd June, 1915.
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 :—
Fungicides Act 1916.—Regulations under the *Fungicides Act* 1916.—Order in Council.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after Nos. 2 and 3.
6. MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS 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. Hutchinson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
On the motion of Mr. Hutchinson, the House agreed to the following amendments in this Bill :—
Clause 2, line 31, omit the word "Eleventh" and insert the word "Tenth."
Clause 4, line 24, omit the word "Eleventh" and insert the word "Tenth."
Clause 6, page 6, line 16, omit the word "Eleventh" and insert the word "Tenth."
Clause 9, omit this clause.
Clause 10, line 10, omit the word "Ninth" and insert the word "Eighth."
Clause 13, line 30, omit the word "Tenth" and insert the word "Ninth."
Eighth Schedule, omit this Schedule.
Ninth Schedule, in the headline, omit the word "Ninth" and insert the word "Eighth."

- Tenth Schedule, in the headline, omit the word "Tenth" and insert the word "Ninth."
- " in the first line, omit the word "ratepayers" and insert the word "citizens."
- Eleventh Schedule, in the headline, omit the word "Eleventh" and insert the word "Tenth."
- In the Preamble, page 3, lines 11-16, omit the words "And whereas the land described in the Eighth Schedule hereto forms portion of a street known as Grattan-street, which portion of the said street on the north side thereof abuts on the land referred to in the Sixth Schedule hereto and on the south side thereof abuts on the land described in the Seventh Schedule hereto."
- " " line 17, omit the word "Ninth" and insert the word "Eighth."
- " " line 19, omit the word "Tenth" and insert the word "Ninth."
- " " line 20, omit the word "Ninth" and insert the word "Eighth."
- " " line 31, omit the word "Eleventh" and insert the word "Tenth."
- " " line 33, omit the words "part of."
- " " line 38, after the word "Fulton-street" insert the word "and."
- " " lines 38-9, omit the words "and Grattan-street."
- " " line 39, after the word "Third" insert the word "and"; and omit the words "and Eighth."
- " " lines 40-42, omit the words "and that the said portion of Grattan-street after the same has been closed should be and be deemed to be unalienated land of the Crown."
- " " line 44, omit the word "Tenth" and insert the word "Ninth."
- " " line 45, omit the word "Ninth" and insert the word "Eighth."
- " page 4, line 2, omit the word "Tenth" and insert the word "Ninth."
- " " line 5, omit the word "Tenth" and insert the word "Ninth."

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

7. UNIVERSITY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—

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

Mr. Lemmon 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. FRUIT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Hutchinson 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. Mackey 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.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Lunacy Acts*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the amendment made in such Bill by the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 2nd October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Infectious Diseases Hospital Acts*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 2nd October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 18 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 40.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. UPPER YARRA LOAN BILL.—Mr. Livingston obtained leave, with Mr. Barnes, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Council of the Shire of Upper Yarra to apply certain Surplus Moneys from the No. 4 Loan in defraying part of the Cost of constructing a Bridge over the Yarra River at Warburton*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. REDBANK RECREATION RESERVE BILL.—Mr. Hutchinson obtained leave, with Mr. Livingston, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Redbank Recreation Reserve Act 1906*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. COUNTY COURTS BILL.—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. Barnes, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Discontinuance of County Courts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 22.

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 amend the Geelong Harbor Trust Acts and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 3rd October, 1917.

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

6. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 22, having been read—On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey 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 amend the Geelong Harbor Trust Acts and for other purposes.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Hutchinson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Geelong Harbor Trust Acts and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.
8. **STATE COAL MINE—LOSS IN TONS AND VALUE OF COAL THROUGH MINERS' STRIKES, FINANCIAL YEAR 1916-17.**—Mr. McPherson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the loss in tons and value of coal suffered by the State Coal Mine through miners' strikes during the year ended 30th June, 1917.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. **FRUIT 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. Mackey 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. Hutchinson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS AUTHORITY 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. J. Cameron 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 ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until to-morrow.
12. **REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S FEES 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. McGregor 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. Lawson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5 be postponed until to-morrow.
14. **SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Lawson 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. McGregor 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.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
16. **LIMITATION OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.**—Mr. Lawson moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session, so as to allow fresh business to be called on at any time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 41.

THURSDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RAILWAY LINES—FINANCIAL RESULTS COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND WORKING EXPENSES SUBMITTED BY RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS (ELTHAM TO HURST'S BRIDGE).—Mr. J. W. Billson, on behalf of Mr. Barnes, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the financial results for each year since the date of opening of the Eltham to Hurst's Bridge Railway, as compared with the estimates of revenue and working expenses submitted by the Railways Commissioners to the Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
4. UNIVERSITY 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. McGregor 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. Hutchinson, read a third time.
On the motion of Mr. Hutchinson, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—
In the Title, omit the word "Ten" and insert the word "Five."
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. UPPER YARRA LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said, In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.
Mr. Livingston moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Livingston 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. McGregor 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. Livingston, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable Electors on War Service outside Victoria but within the Commonwealth to Vote by Post at Parliamentary Elections*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 4th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

7. REDBANK RECREATION RESERVE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Hutchinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Sir Alexander Peacock 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.

8. SECOND-HAND DEALERS 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. McGregor 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.

9. SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL—FEES.—Mr. McLeod moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be paid under the Second-hand Dealers Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor 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. McGregor reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—

Resolved—That the following fees shall be paid under the Second-hand Dealers Bill, namely :—

For every licence to carry on the business of a second-hand dealer in the premises in respect of which the licence is granted	...	...	One pound
For every duplicate of a licence lost or destroyed	...	...	Five shillings
For transfer of a licence to new premises	...	...	Five shillings
For transfer of a licence to a transferee	...	...	Five shillings

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

10. SECOND-HAND DEALERS 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. McGregor 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. McLeod, 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. 6 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock 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 Nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 42.

TUESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1917.

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 Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 23.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, 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 amend the Lunacy Acts.”

“ An Act to amend the Infectious Diseases Hospital Acts.”

“ An Act to enable Electors on War Service outside Victoria but within the Commonwealth to Vote by Post at Parliamentary Elections.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th October, 1917.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. H. McKenzie presented—

State Coal Mine.—Loss in Tons and Value of Coal through Miners' Strikes, Financial Year 1916-17.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 3rd October, 1917.

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 :—

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarters ended 30th June, 30th September, 31st December, 1915 ; 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, 31st December, 1916 ; and the 31st March, 1917.

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

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ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1917-18.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 24.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1917-18, in lieu of the Estimates of Expenditure for the first four months of the year 1917-18, transmitted on the 3rd July, 1917, and 29th August, 1917, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 4th October, 1917.

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

5. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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 ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
7. **REDBANK RECREATION RESERVE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. Hutchinson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. **LAW INSTITUTE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—
Mr. Speaker said, In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.
Mr. Lawson moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Lawson 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. Mackey 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. Lawson, 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. 5 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 43.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lemmon 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 recent judgment of the Full Court upon the case of *Thompson v. Arnold* under the Workers' Compensation Act, and to urge the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Act mentioned."
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Mr. Lemmon moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. RAILWAYS BILL.—Mr. H. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. Barnes, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Generation Supply and Use of Electricity by the Victorian Railways Commissioners for certain purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
4. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. H. McKenzie, obtained leave, with Mr. H. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to extend the Operation of and to amend the 'Wheat Marketing Act 1915' and the 'Wheat Marketing Act 1916'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. MALVERN LOAN BILL.—Mr. Livingston, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Barnes, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the City of Malvern to construct and provide certain Permanent Works and Undertakings in lieu of certain other Permanent Works and Undertakings*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
6. COUNTY COURTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—
Mr. Lawson 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. Mackey 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. Lawson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. PUBLIC SERVICE 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. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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. McLeod, 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 return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes,*" and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggest that the Legislative Assembly amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed schedule.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1917.

A. O. SACHSE,
Acting-President.

Ordered—That the said suggested amendments be taken into consideration this day.

9. PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Keast 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.

10. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council suggesting amendments in this Bill having been read, the said suggested amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. Clause 11, page 7, lines 2-5, omit "not exceeding the amount repaid but if the security has depreciated in value the amount of the further advance shall be proportionately less" and insert "up to a total of Five hundred pounds."

2. Clause 36, sub-clause (1), line 40, omit "One" and insert "Two."

Mr. Hutchinson moved, That this House do make the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly, having considered the Message of the Legislative Council suggesting, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, that this House make certain amendments in such Bill, have decided to make the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council.

11. PUBLIC CONTRACTS 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. Mackey 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 Sir Alexander Peacock, read a third time.

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

12. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Hutchinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Solly addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for 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 return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same, as amended by the Legislative Assembly on the suggestion of the Legislative Council, with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1917

A. O. SACHSE,
Acting-President.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Town of Wologga as a Site for a Literary Institute and Free Library,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1917.

A. O. SACHSE,
Acting-President.

15. 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.

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

Railways Bill—Second reading.
Malvern Loan Bill—Second reading.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 44.

THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1917.

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 :—
Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year 1916.
3. ADJOURNMENT (FRIDAY SITTING).—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, Friday, at half-past Ten o'clock, that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business, and that fresh business may be called on at any hour.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. TRAMWAY BOARD BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to extend the Operation of the 'Tramway Board Act 1915' and to amend the Law relating to Drivers or Conductors of or attendant upon Carriages of the Tramway Board*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—
 1. Clause 2, page 2, line 2, after "brother" insert "or an orphan sister."
 2. Clause 3, paragraph (a), lines 38-40, omit "within two years after the termination of the present war" and insert "during the present war or within two years after the termination thereof."
 3. Clause 4, paragraph (a), line 22, before "buildings" insert "of."
 4. Clause 7, line 26, omit "section ten of."
 5. " lines 28-9, omit "reserved either temporarily or permanently for township purposes" and insert "proclaimed as a township."
 6. " lines 34-5, omit "and as if the said portion were unalienated land of the Crown" and insert "Upon receipt of any such application the Board shall forthwith give notice thereof to the council of the municipality wherein such land is situate."
 7. Clause 8, line 38, after "committee" where first occurring insert "one of whom at least shall be a returned soldier."
 8. " page 6, add the following new sub-clause :—
"(3) The Minister may also appoint a qualification committee in Great Britain."
 9. Clause 11, page 7, line 19, before "not exceeding" insert "to an amount."
 10. " page 7, line 36, omit "or."
 11. " page 7, line 37, after "agreement" insert "or other security."
 12. Clause 14, paragraph (b), at the end of the paragraph add "Provided that in the case of land acquired and taken as aforesaid under the said section twenty the Minister may, where such land had not theretofore been under cultivation, direct that no instalment of purchase money and interest or rent shall be payable by the discharged soldier for the first three years of his occupation thereof and may extend the term of the lease accordingly or where a lease has not issued issue a lease for the extended term."

13. Clause 19, line 12, before "or implements" insert "materials."
14. Clause 23, sub-clause (1), line 8, after "Victoria" insert "but only to such an extent as is actually required for the purposes of this Act."
15. ,, sub-clause (3), line 3, after "nineteen" insert "and."
16. ,, sub-clause (3), line 3, omit "and seventy-four."
17. ,, sub-clause (3), lines 16-20, omit—
 "and
 (b) section thirty-six of the said Act shall be read and construed as if in the said section the words 'and subject to the provisions of Division thirteen of this Part' were omitted."
18. Clause 23, sub-clause (3), paragraph (c), omit this paragraph.
19. Clause 25, omit this clause.
20. Clause 26, line 27, omit "millions" and insert "million."
21. Clause 36, line 35, after "share-farming" insert "or leasing."
22. ,, line 38, after "share-farming" insert "or leasing."
23. ,, line 42, after "implements" insert "and for such other purposes as the Board thinks fit."
24. ,, line 43, after "share-farming" insert "or leasing."
25. Clause 37, line 9, after "Victoria" insert "may in the case of any such person."
26. ,, line 9, omit "may."
27. *Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 25 :—*

A. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act or the *Closer Settlement Act 1915* where the value of any private land to be acquired for the purposes of this Act (either by agreement or compulsorily) is fixed by the Board at an amount exceeding Five thousand pounds the Minister before directing the Board in accordance with section twenty-seven of the last-mentioned Act as amended by this Act shall obtain a report upon the suitability or otherwise of the land from a body of persons consisting of three Members of the Legislative Council appointed each Session of Parliament by the Legislative Council and four Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed each Session of Parliament by the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The said persons or a majority of them shall inspect the said land and report to the Minister accordingly.

(3) For the purposes of this section such persons or any of them may enter the land and remain thereon during daylight for such time as is necessary.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 6—

Amendment to omit words agreed to ; amendment to insert words in place thereof disagreed with.

Amendment 7—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this amendment be agreed to with the following amendment :—Omit the word "returned" and insert the word "discharged" in place thereof.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hogan moved, as an amendment, That the word "discharged" be inserted before the word "returned."

And, after debate—

Question—That the word "discharged" proposed to be inserted before the word "returned" be so inserted—put and negatived.

Question—That the amendment be agreed to with the following amendment :—Omit the word "returned" and insert the word "discharged" in place thereof—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 7, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment 8—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Amendment 8 disagreed with.

And, after debate—

Amendments 9 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 12—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Further consideration of Amendment 12 postponed until this day.

Amendments 13 and 14 agreed to.

Amendments 15 to 18 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendment 19—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Further consideration of Amendment 19 postponed until this day.

Amendment 20 agreed to.

Amendments 21 and 22 disagreed with.

Amendment 23 agreed to.

Amendment 24 disagreed with.

Amendments 25 and 26 agreed to.

Amendment 27—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this amendment be disagreed with.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hannah,*	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. Toutcher.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Sinclair.
Mr. Downward,	
Mr. Farthing,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Jewell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Amendment 27 disagreed with.

Amendment 12—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this amendment be agreed to with the following amendment:—After the words “Minister may” omit the words “where such land had not theretofore been under cultivation” and insert the words “where such land at the date of the acquisition and taking thereof is not being used for cultivation purposes or has not thereon a dwelling-house or other improvements which in the opinion of the Board is or are substantial and permanent.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 12, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment 19—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Baird,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Barnes,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Snowball.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. H. McKenzie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. McGregor.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Jewell,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Rogers
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Farrer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it passed in the negative.—Amendment 19 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 amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, have disagreed with others, and have agreed to others of the said amendments with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to incorporate the Law Institute of Victoria and for other purposes,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1917.

A. O. SACHSE,
Acting-President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to extend the Time for the Registration of Barmvids under the Licensing Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1917.

A. O. SACHSE,
Acting-President.

7. 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 make further and better provision for the Melbourne General Market and to extend the Area thereof and to provide for the closing of portions of certain Streets in the City of Melbourne and for re-vesting in the Crown certain Lands in the said City and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1917.

A. O. SACHSE,
Acting-President.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Lands situate in the Municipal District of Clunes as Sites for Cricket and other Purposes of Public Recreation and to provide for the Sale of such Lands and the Application of the Proceeds thereof for the Improvement of certain other Lands in the said Municipal District temporarily reserved as a Site for a Public Garden,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1917.

A. O. SACHSE,
Acting-President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Town of Port Melbourne as a Site for Drainage Purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1917.

A. O. SACHSE,
Acting-President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Midwives Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1917.

A. O. SACHSE,
Acting-President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Children's Courts,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1917.

A. O. SACHSE,
Acting-President.

10. CHILDREN'S COURT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

11. WHEAT MARKETING 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. Mackey 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. MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. Clause 2, sub-clause (3), line 23, omit "So much of the said lands as is described" and insert "The lands described in the said Second Schedule and which are comprised."
2. Clause 5, sub-clause (3), lines 7-8, omit "so much of the said lands as is" and insert "the lands described in the Third and Fourth Schedules hereto and which are."
3. Clause 10, sub-clause (1), at the end of the sub-clause add "One of such persons shall be nominated by the Fruit Growers' Association one by the Market Gardeners' Association and one by the Market Buyers' Association and such representatives shall be appointed for three years."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendments 1 and 2 agreed to.

Amendment 3, after debate, 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 amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, and have disagreed with one of the said amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Fees payable in the Office of the Registrar-General*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,

Melbourne, 11th October, 1917.

A. O. SACHSE,

Acting-President.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

16. SUPPLY.—Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £675,167 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1917-18, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	96
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	799
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	72
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	149
5. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	72
6. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	109
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	322
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	892
9. " " Pensions, &c.	1,707
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	369
12. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	364
13. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	175
14. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	317
15. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	58
16. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	25
17. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	93
18. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	268
19. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	339
20. Mercantile Marine—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	58
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	243
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	290
23. Training Ship—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	529
24. Agent-General—Staff and Office	459
25. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,137
26. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,646
27. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	20,282
28. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	14,460
29. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,934

Division No.		£
30.	Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	27,805
31.	Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,003
32.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	300
33.	Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,899
34.	Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	86,091
35.	„ Pensions, &c.	491
36.	„ Works and Buildings	3,166
37.	„ Endowments and Grants	1,000
39.	Attorney-General—Salaries	5,479
40.	„ „ Pensions, &c.	18
41.	„ „ Ordinary Expenditure	1,250
42.	Solicitor-General—Salaries	4,254
43.	„ „ Ordinary Expenditure	1,300
44.	Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,926
45.	„ Transport, &c.	375
46.	„ Unforeseen Expenditure	375
47.	„ Allowances to Railway Department	700
48.	„ Grants	5,000
49.	„ Pensions, &c.	22
52.	Taxation Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,265
53.	„ „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,262
54.	„ „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	96
55.	Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	352
56.	Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,067
57.	„ „ Exceptional Expenditure	79
58.	„ „ Advertising	220
59.	Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,877
60.	Intelligence and Labour Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,040
61.	Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	50
62.	„ „ Grants	250
63.	Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	852
64.	Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,224
65.	Works and Buildings	150
66.	„ „ Exceptional Expenditure	50
67.	Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,895
68.	Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,464
69.	„ „ Shipbuilding	10,000
71.	Public Works—Works and Buildings	6,372
72.	„ „ Road Works and Bridges	500
74.	Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,952
75.	„ Furtherance of Mining Industry	13,950
78.	State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,918
80.	State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	9,750
81.	Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	812
82.	„ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,233
84.	Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,600
85.	Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,162
86.	Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,319
88.	Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	340,556
89.	„ Pensions	1,849
90.	„ Railway Construction Branch	496
91.	State Coal Mine	40,787
	Total	<u>£675,167</u>

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

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

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

18. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Solly 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 1917–18 the sum of £675,167 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 Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. McLeod do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

19. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).**—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and seventy-five thousand one hundred and sixty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
- Sir Alexander Peacock 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. Solly 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 Sir Alexander Peacock, read a third time.
- Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

20. **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 make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes*,” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council do not insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, do insist on others of the said amendments, do not insist on the insertion of certain words in clause 7 disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Assembly on the amendment of the Legislative Council in clause 8, and have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Assembly on the amendment of the Legislative Council in clause 14 with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1917.

A. O. SACHSE,
Acting-President.

Ordered—That the said Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

21. **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The following Orders of the Day, Government Business, were read and discharged :—

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Authority Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
Metropolitan Gas Company's Act Amendment Bill—Second reading.
Crimes Bill—Second reading.
Street Trading Bill—Second reading.
Gaols Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

22. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 and 7, 9, 11, and 13 and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow,

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

Tramway Board Bill—Second reading.
Children's Court Act 1915 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

23. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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OF THE
 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 45.

FRIDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Keast, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Printing Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. WHEAT AGENTS OPERATING IN VICTORIA—NAMES OF, DOCKAGES BY, AND WHEAT RECEIVED BY.—
Mr. Oman moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The names of the wheat agents operating in Victoria.
 2. The total sum represented by dockages made by agents operating in Victoria on wheat under f.a.q. standard.
 3. The amount of dockages by each agent in Victoria on wheat under f.a.q. standard.
 4. The quantity of wheat received by each.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PRAHRAN AND MALVERN TRAMWAYS TRUST BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to increase the Amount which the Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust may borrow by Way of Overdraft*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. McLeod presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1916—
 Part II.—Law, Crime, &c.
 Part IV.—Population.
 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:—

Closer Settlement Act 1915.—Report of the Lands Purchase and Management Board for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Fisheries Act 1915—

Notice of Intention to prohibit Fishing, &c., in Devil's Creek and portion of the Moorabool River and the Moorabool Reservoir at Bolwarrah.

Notice of Intention to prescribe Minimum Lengths for certain Species of Fish.

Notice of Intention to prohibit Fishing in or taking of Fish from the No. 2 Storage and Reserve of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust, in the Parish of Moreep, County of Grant, until 30th June, 1918.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—

Department of Agriculture.

Part II.—Allowances to Certain Officers.

Regulations—Temporary Employment, Chapter VIII.—Amendment of Clause 10.

Regulations—Chapter XI.—Appointment, Promotion, &c., of Certain Officers of the General Division.—Additions to Clauses 1 and 3.

Workers' Compensation Act 1915.—State Accident Insurance Office.—Report, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-sheet for period ended 30th June, 1917.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Mackey 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.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. TRAMWAY BOARD BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Lemmon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Hannah.

Noes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. McLachlan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: Mr. Mackey 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.

Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

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

Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust Bill—Second reading.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Livingston moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 46.

TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. NEERIM SOUTH TO TOORONGO RIVER RAILWAY EXTENSION.—Mr. Toutcher, on behalf of Mr. Barnes, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of extending the Neerim South to Toorongo River railway for a distance of not more than one and three-quarter miles, so as to bring the terminus nearer to Fumina; together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. FINES UNDER DAIRY, HEALTH (PURE FOOD), FACTORIES, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND BAKERS AND MILLERS ACTS.—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return up to the 30th September, 1917, in continuation of the previous return, showing separately all fines imposed under (a) The Dairy Supervision Act; (b) The pure food provisions of the Health Act; (c) The Factories and Shops Act; (d) The Weights and Measures Act; (e) The Bakers and Millers Act, specifying—

Name of Person or Firm fined.	Nature of Offence.	Amount of Fine.	Locality where Offence committed.

Together with totals and with summary of offences, fines, &c., under each Act, as furnished on page 2 of the return presented to this House on the 27th June, 1917.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. ALBERT PARK LAND BILL.—Mr. Hutchinson, pursuant to motion moved, by leave, on his behalf by Mr. Livingston, obtained leave, with Mr. Livingston, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of Portion of certain Land situate in the Municipal Districts of the City of South Melbourne and the City of St. Kilda as a Site for a Public Park*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. McLeod presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons.—Report and Statistical Tables for the year 1916.

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

Land Acts.—Report for the financial year ended 30th June, 1917, with Appendices.

Sir Alexander Peacock presented—

University of Melbourne—Endowments and Revenues, Students, and Degrees conferred.—
Return to an Order of the House, dated 29th August, 1917.

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 :—

Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—State Coal Mines.—Annual Report of the General Manager of State Coal Mines to the Honorable H. McKenzie, M.P., Minister of Railways for Victoria ; including the State Coal Mines Balance-sheet, and Statement of Accounts duly audited, &c., for the year 1916-17.

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Twelfth Annual Report, 1916-17.

State Savings Bank Act 1915.—The State Savings Bank of Victoria.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Voting by Post (War Service) Act 1917.—Regulations under the *Voting by Post (War Service) Act 1917*.

6. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES—RESOLUTION SUBSTITUTED FOR PREVIOUS RESOLUTION.**—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—

- (a) making males' or females' hats, caps, or bonnets ;
(b) trimming females' hats, caps, or bonnets :

Provided that persons subject to the Felt Hatters Board or the Knitters Board and persons employed making machine-made straw hats shall not be subject to this Board ; and that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by this Assembly on the seventh day of August, 1906, and by the Legislative Council on the fourteenth day of August, 1906, respectively, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates of payment to be paid for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing, either inside or outside a factory or work-room, the following articles, that is to say :—

Women's, girls', and infants' bonnets, caps, and hats other than straw hats not made on wire shapes or frames, and other than felt hats, but including the trimming of straw hats and felt hats.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.

7. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the Legislative Assembly that they insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, and have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Assembly on the amendment of the Legislative Council in clause 14 with an amendment, having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

12. Clause 14, paragraph (b), at the end of the paragraph add "Provided that in the case of land acquired and taken as aforesaid under the said section twenty the Minister may, where such land had not theretofore been under cultivation, direct that no instalment of purchase money and interest or rent shall be payable by the discharged soldier for the first three years of his occupation thereof and may extend the term of the lease accordingly or where a lease has not issued issue a lease for the extended term."

Agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendment, viz. :—After "Minister may" omit "where such land had not theretofore been under cultivation" and insert "where such land at the date of the acquisition and taking thereof is not being used for cultivation purposes or has not thereon a dwelling-house or other improvements which in the opinion of the Board is or are substantial and permanent."

Amendment of the Assembly agreed to by the Council with the following amendment :—After "improvements" insert "including boundary fences."

15. Clause 23, sub-clause (3), line 3, after "nineteen" insert "and."

16. " sub-clause (3), line 3, omit "and seventy-four."

17. " sub-clause (3), lines 16-20, omit—

"and (b) section thirty-six of the said Act shall be read and construed as if in the said section the words 'and subject to the provisions of Division thirteen of this Part' were omitted."

18. " sub-clause (3), paragraph (c), omit this paragraph.

19. Clause 25, omit this clause.

Disagreed with by Assembly. —Insisted on by Council.

Amendment 12—

Mr. Lawson moved, That the amendment of the Legislative Council on the amendment of the Legislative Assembly be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Amendments 15 to 17 inclusive—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with these amendments.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 18—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this House do insist on disagreeing with this amendment, but that the following amendments be made in the paragraph :—

After the word “homestead” (where it occurs for the first time) omit the words “as if” to “Six thousand pounds” inclusive and insert “as if in the said sub-section (1) after the word ‘land’ (where it occurs for the second time) there were inserted the words ‘(comprising the homestead)’; and.”

After the word “omitted” on page 15 omit all words to the end of the paragraph.

And the following consequential amendment made in the next preceding paragraph (b):—At the end of paragraph (b) add “or (if so determined thereunder by the judge) exceeds Six thousand pounds but does not exceed Ten thousand pounds.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 30.	
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Bailey,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Oman,	Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Purnell,	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Chatham,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Rouget.	Mr. Clough,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Livingston,		Mr. Deany,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Downward,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. J. Gray.	Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Warde,
		Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Webber.
		Mr. Hogan,	
		Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Keast,	Mr. Lemmon,
		Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Lawson moved, That this House do insist on disagreeing with this amendment.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Disagreement insisted on.

Amendment 19—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with this amendment.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Mr. Lawson moved, That this House do insist on disagreeing with this amendment, but that the following amendment be made in the clause :—

Sub-section (1), line 19, before the word “forthwith” insert the words “(if the value of the estate as stated in such report exceeds Ten thousand pounds).”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Lawson moved, That the following further amendment be made in the clause :—

Sub-section (5), page 16, omit paragraph (c).

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Lawson moved, That the following further amendment be made in the clause :—

Sub-section (5), page 16, paragraph (c), after the word “price” insert the words “agreed to be.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Lawson moved, That the following further amendment be made in the clause :—

Insert the following new sub-section :—

“(6) Nothing in this section shall apply to land acquired or taken pursuant to section twenty of the *Closer Settlement Act 1915*.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with some of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in such Bill, insist on disagreeing with one of the said amendments, have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Council on the amendment of the Legislative Assembly in the proviso added by the Legislative Council in paragraph (b) of clause 14, and insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Legislative Council to omit clause 25, but have made amendments in the said clause, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Shire of Upper Yarra to apply certain Surplus Moneys from the No. 4 Loan in defraying part of the Cost of constructing a Bridge over the Yarra River at Warburton,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Redbank Recreation Reserve Act 1906,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

9. 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 make further and better provision for the Melbourne General Market and to extend the Area thereof and to provide for the closing of portions of certain Streets in the City of Melbourne and for re-vesting in the Crown certain Lands in the said City and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, but have amended the same, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

Amendment made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

3. Clause 10, sub-clause (1), at the end of the sub-clause add "One of such persons shall be nominated by the Fruit Growers Association, one by the Market Gardeners Association, and one by the Market Buyers Association, and such representatives shall be appointed for three years."

Disagreed with by Assembly.
—Insisted on by Council, but the following amendments have been made :—
Omit "One of such persons shall be nominated by the Fruit Growers Association, one by the Market Gardeners' Association, and one by the Market Buyers Association," and after the words "shall be appointed for" insert "a period of."

Mr. Lawson moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with this amendment, but agree to the same as now amended by the Legislative Council.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in clause 10 of such Bill, and have agreed to the same as now amended by the Legislative Council.

10. TRAMWAY BOARD BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—

Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. A. Gray,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Webber.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Lemmon.

Tellers.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. McLachlan.

Tellers.

Mr. Chatham,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was 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. PRAHRAN AND MALVERN TRAMWAYS TRUST BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said, In my opinion, this is a Private Bill. Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill. Debate ensued. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Solly 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 Sir Alexander Peacock, read a third time. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4 be postponed until after No. 5.
13. MALVERN LOAN 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. Livingston moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Mr. Livingston 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. Bayles 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. Livingston, read a third time. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. ALBERT PARK LAND BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Hutchinson 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. Bayles 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. Hutchinson, read a third time. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and seventy-five thousand one hundred and sixty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Discontinuance of County Courts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

16. 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 the Custody of Infants,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

17. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 6 be postponed until after No. 7.
19. CHILDREN'S COURT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Lawson 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. Mackey 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. Lawson, read a third time.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
20. WHEAT MARKETING 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. Mackey 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.
21. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 6 and Nos. 8 to 13 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 :—
Custody of Infants Bill—Second reading.
22. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Eleven o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir Alexander Peacock 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.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 47.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. McLeod presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1916.— Part III.—Finance.
Mr. Hutchinson presented—
Wheat Agents operating in Victoria—Names of, Dockages by, and Wheat received by.—
Return to an Order of the House, dated 12th October, 1917.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ASSEMBLY NOMINATIONS (WAR SERVICE) BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Nominations of Persons on War Service as Candidates at the next ensuing General Election for the Legislative Assembly*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
4. WHEAT MARKETING 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. Mackey 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. Hutchinson 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. 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 extend the Operation of Section Twenty-four of the 'University Act 1915' for a further period of Five Years,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
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 transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Section Twenty-four of the 'Conveyancing Act 1915' and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

7. CONVEYANCING BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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 relating to the Purchase of Goods Machinery or Materials for Works undertaken by or on behalf of certain Local Authorities,*" 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, 16th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

1. Clause 3, line 5, after "Acts" insert "any trust within the meaning of the Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts or the governing body of any urban section thereunder."
2. Clause 4, line 14, omit "One" and insert "Five."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendment 1 agreed to.

Amendment 2—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Lawson moved, That this amendment be disagreed with, but that the following amendments be made in the clause :—Line 14, omit the word "One" and insert the word "Two," and after the word "hundred" insert the words "and fifty."

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to one of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in such Bill, and have disagreed with the amendment in clause 4, but have made amendments in the said clause, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

9. 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 make provision for the Settlement of Discharged Soldiers on the Land and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council do not now insist on their amendment to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23 with which the Legislative Assembly insist on disagreeing, but have amended the said paragraph and have made a consequential amendment in the next preceding paragraph (b) of the said sub-clause ; and do not now insist on their amendment to omit clause 25 and have agreed to one of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the said clause and have disagreed with the other of the said amendments, but have made an amendment in the said clause, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

10. ASSEMBLY NOMINATIONS (WAR SERVICE) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

11. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council acquainting the Legislative Assembly that they do not now insist on their amendment to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23 with which the Legislative Assembly insist on disagreeing, but have amended the said paragraph and have made a consequential amendment in the next preceding paragraph (b) of the said sub-clause; and do not now insist on their amendment to omit clause 25 and have agreed to one of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the said clause and have disagreed with the other of the said amendments, but have made an amendment in the said clause, having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the
Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

18. Clause 23, sub-clause (3), paragraph (c), omit this paragraph. { Disagreed with by Assembly.—
Insisted on by Council.
Disagreement insisted on by Assembly.

(Amendment to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23 not now insisted on by Council, but the following amendments made in the said paragraph, viz. :—

After "homestead" (where it occurs for the first time) omit the words "as if" and all words down to and including "Six thousand pounds" and insert in place thereof the words "as if in the said sub-section (1) after the word 'land' (where it occurs for the second time) there were inserted the words '(comprising the homestead)' and"; and

After the word "omitted" on page 15, line 4, omit all the words to the end of the paragraph,

and the following consequential amendment made in the next preceding paragraph (b) of the said sub-clause, viz. :—

At the end of the said paragraph (b) add the words "or (if so determined thereunder by the judge) exceeds Six thousand pounds but does not exceed Ten thousand pounds."

19. Clause 25, omit this clause.

{ Disagreed with by Assembly.—
Insisted on by Council.
Disagreement insisted on by Assembly, but the following amendments made in the clause :—

Sub-section (1), line 19, before the word "forthwith" insert the words "(if the value of the estate as stated in such report exceeds Ten thousand pounds)."

Sub-section (5), paragraph (c), line 10, after the word "price" insert the words "agreed to be."

{ Omission of clause not now insisted on by Council.

Agreed to by Council.

{ Disagreed with by Council, but the following amendment made in sub-clause (5) :—

Omit paragraph (c) and insert the following paragraph :—

"(c) at a value greater than the capital value as shown in the valuation register under the Land Tax Acts."

Amendment 18—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this House agree to the amendments of the Legislative Council in paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23, and to the consequential amendment in the next preceding paragraph (b) of the said sub-clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,	Mr. Bailey,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLeod,	Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,	Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,	Mr. Chatham,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Clough,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Pennington,	Mr. Deany,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Purnell,	Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. A. Gray,	Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Rouget,	Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Snowball.	Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Livingston,		Mr. Keast,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Carlisle,		
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. J. Gray.		
Mr. McDonald,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 19—

Mr. Lawson moved, That this House agree to the amendment of the Legislative Council to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (5) of clause 25 and to insert a new paragraph (c) in place thereof.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendments of the Legislative Council in paragraph (c) of sub-clause (3) of clause 23 and to the consequential amendment in the next preceding paragraph (b) of the said sub-clause (3), and have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Council to omit paragraph (c) of sub-clause (5) of clause 25 of such Bill and to insert a new paragraph (c) in place thereof.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to extend the Operation of and to amend the 'Wheat Marketing Act 1915' and the 'Wheat Marketing Act 1916,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to extend the Operation of the 'Tramway Board Act 1915' and to amend the Law relating to Drivers or Conductors of or attendant upon Carriages of the Tramway Board,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Fruit Act 1915' and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

1. Clause 33, omit this clause.
2. Clause 34, at the end of the clause add "and a copy of any proposed regulations shall be posted to each Member of Parliament at least twenty-one days before such regulations are approved by the Governor in Council."

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Purchase of Goods Machinery or Materials for Works undertaken by or on behalf of certain Local Authorities*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council do not insist on their amendment in clause 4 disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly and have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the said clause.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to increase the Amount which the Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust may borrow by Way of Overdraft*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the City of Malvern to construct and provide certain Permanent Works and Undertakings in lieu of certain other Permanent Works and Undertakings*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of Portion of certain Land situate in the Municipal Districts of the City of South Melbourne and the City of St. Kilda as a Site for a Public Park*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

15. CONVEYANCING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—
Mr. Lawson 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. Mackey 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. Lawson, read a third time.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Service Acts*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

17. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Lawson 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. Mackey 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.

18. 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 concurred with the Legislative Assembly in agreeing to the following resolution, viz. :—

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—

- (a) making males' or females' hats, caps, or bonnets;
- (b) trimming females' hats, caps, or bonnets:

Provided that persons subject to the Felt Hatters Board or the Knitters Board and persons employed making machine-made straw hats shall not be subject to this Board; and that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by this Assembly on the seventh day of August, 1906, and by the Legislative Council on the fourteenth day of August, 1906, respectively, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates of payment to be paid for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing, either inside or outside a factory or work-room, the following articles, that is to say :—

Women's, girls', and infants' bonnets, caps, and hats other than straw hats not made on wire shapes or frames, and other than felt hats, but including the trimming of straw hats and felt hats.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the ' Fisheries Act 1915 ' and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

1. Clause 7, omit this clause.
2. Schedule, omit the Schedule.

And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

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

20. 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 Nominations of Persons on War Service as Candidates at the next ensuing General Election for the Legislative Assembly,*" 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 October, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

1. Clause 2, lines 10-12, omit " immediately before the end of the present Session of Parliament is a member of the Assembly for any district, and."
2. ,, , page 2, line 1, after " for " omit " that " and insert " any."
3. ,, , page 2, line 1, omit " next ensuing."
4. ,, , page 2, line 2, after " Assembly " insert " to be held next after the passing of this Act."
5. ,, , page 2, line 3, after " officer " omit " and shall not " and insert " of such district or."
6. ,, , page 2, line 11, after " has " insert " before the passing of this Act."
7. ,, , page 2, line 12, after " by " insert " or through."
8. ,, , page 2, line 16, after " written " insert " before the passing of this Act."
9. ,, , page 2, line 17, after " sent " insert " before the passing of this Act."

And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

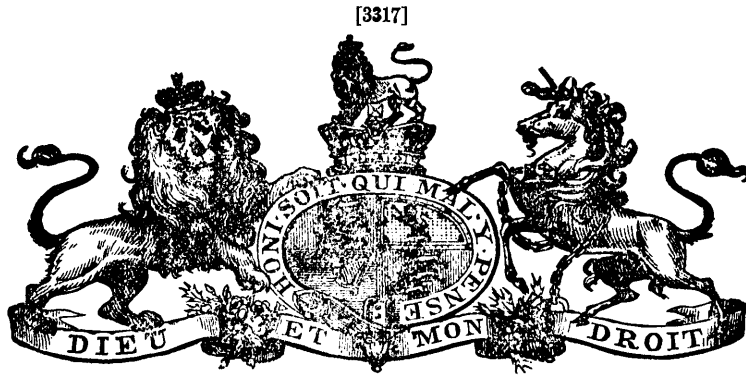
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.

21. CUSTODY OF INFANTS 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. Mackey 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. Lawson, read a third time.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
22. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 30th October instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
23. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 9 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, 30th October instant.
24. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifty-two minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 30th October instant.

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.



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[1917.]

PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

I, THE Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation prorogue The Parliament of Victoria until Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of October, 1917.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-third day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

A. L. STANLEY.
By His Excellency's Command,
A. J. PEACOCK.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

DISCHARGING MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM ATTENDANCE AND DISSOLVING THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria," stand prorogued until Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of October, 1917: And whereas it is expedient to dissolve the Legislative Assembly: Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in exercise of the power in me vested in this behalf, do by this my Proclamation discharge the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council from their meeting and attendance on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of October, 1917; and I do dissolve the Legislative Assembly, such dissolution to take effect on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of October, 1917: And I do hereby declare that I have this day given Order that Writs be issued in due form, and according to law, for the election of Members to be duly returned to serve in the Legislative Assembly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-third day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

A. L. STANLEY.
By His Excellency's Command,
A. J. PEACOCK.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

GENERAL ELECTION, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor will issue Writs for a General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, and that the following arrangements for the Election have been made, viz.:-

Day of Issue of Writs	...	...	...	...	...	Saturday, 27th October, 1917.
Day of Nomination	...	...	...	...	...	Tuesday, 6th November, 1917.
Day of Polling	...	...	...	...	...	Friday, 16th November, 1917.
Return of Writs	...	...	...	...	...	Friday, 23rd November, 1917.

By Command,

F. W. MABBOTT,
Official Secretary.

State Governor's Office,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1917.

NOTE.—For alteration of Election arrangements, see following page.

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SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SESSION 1917.

1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed by Mr. Speaker's Warrant, 27th June, 1917.)

Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Mackinnon,

Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Solly,
Mr. Warde.

2.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 26th July, 1917.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hannah,

Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

3.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 26th July, 1917.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Bayles,
Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Lemmon,

Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Outtrim,
Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Robertson.

4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 26th July, 1917.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Angus,
Mr. Bailey,

Mr. Jewell,
Mr. McGregor.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 26th July, 1917.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Blackburn,
Mr. Bowser,
Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Farthing,
Mr. A. Gray,

Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Keast,
Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Snowball.

6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 26th July, 1917.)

Mr. A. F. Cameron,
Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Pennington,

Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Solly.

7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 26th July, 1917.)

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Keast,
Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Menzies,

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Mr. Oman,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

8.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

(Appointed 26th July, 1917.)

Mr. Blackburn,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Mackey,

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Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Snowball.

9.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT).

(Appointed 15th December, 1914.)

Mr. Barnes,
Mr. J. W. Billson,

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Mr. Solly,
Mr. Toutcher.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1917.

No. 1.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 9TH AUGUST, 1917.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1917.

No. 1.—*Wheat Storage Bill*—Clause 3.

The Victorian Railways "Commissioners" shall erect and construct all silos to be erected in Victoria pursuant to the Commonwealth Act together with all necessary works in connexion therewith or incidental thereto, and make any necessary alterations to rolling-stock; all of which silos works and alterations are together referred to in this Act as "Works authorized by this Act to be executed by the Victorian Railways Commissioners."—(*Mr. H. McKenzie.*)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "Commissioners," in line 1, the words "through the Way and Works Branch" be inserted.—(*Mr. Elmslie.*)

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

Committee divided—

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. H. McKenzie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Snowball.
Mr. Farrer,	
Mr. Gordon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Livingston,	

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1917.

No. 2.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 16TH AUGUST, 1917.

TUESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1917.

No. 1.—*Wheat Storage Bill*—Clause 7.

(1) For the purposes of this Act the Victorian Railways Commissioners shall have and may exercise the like rights powers duties and authorities as are in regard to the making of railways conferred or imposed upon them for the purposes of the *Railways Act 1915* by sections seventy-nine "and ninety-one to ninety-four" of that Act.

* * * * *

—(Mr. H. McKenzie.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "and ninety-one to ninety-four," in line 4. be omitted.—
(Mr. Blackburn.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. H. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. F. Cameron.	Mr. Mitchell.
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock.
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Rouget.
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. A. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. J. Gray.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Clough.	Mr. Solly.
Mr. Cotter,	
Mr. Etnslie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan.	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1917.

No. 3.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

No. 1.—*Discharged Soldiers Settlement Bill*—Clause 21 as amended.

(1) In the application of the *Closer Settlement Act* 1915 or the Land Acts to any land disposed of to a discharged soldier (including a discharged soldier *who has been a conditional purchase lessee under the Closer Settlement Act* or who has been permitted to occupy any Crown land in anticipation of the passing of this Act)—

(a) the *Closer Settlement Act* 1915 shall be read and construed—

(i) as if section one hundred and twenty-five thereof were omitted ;

(ii) as if in sub-section (1) of section one hundred and seven thereof the words "grant or" and the words "or grant" were omitted ; and

(iii) as if in sub-section (2) of section one hundred and seventeen thereof the words "one hundred and twenty five" were omitted ; and

(b) the Land Acts shall be read and construed as if paragraph (a) of section two hundred and forty-nine of the *Land Act* 1915 were omitted.

(2) The provisions of this section shall extend and apply to land under section five of this Act disposed of to a discharged soldier.—(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

Question—That clause 21, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bowser,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. M. K. McKenzie,	Mr. J. Gray.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly.
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—Clause 22.

For the purposes of this Act the Land Acts shall be read and construed as if for section twenty-five of the *Land Act 1915* there were substituted the following section :—

* * * * *

(3) Any person who at any such inquiry wilfully—

(a) makes a false statement ;

“ (b) refuses to answer any question lawfully put to him by the chairman ” ; or

(c) gives a false answer to any such question—

shall be liable to a penalty of not less than Ten pounds and not more than Fifty pounds, or to imprisonment for a term of not less than fourteen days and not more than six months.—
(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (b) of sub-section (3) be omitted.—(*Mr. Solly.*)

Question—That paragraph (b) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Snowball.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. H. McKenzie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Baird,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. J. Gray.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1917.

No. 4.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

No. 1.—*Discharged Soldiers Settlement Bill*—Clause 23 as amended.

* * * * *

(3) For the purposes of this section the provisions of Part III. of the *Closer Settlement Act* 1915 (except sections nineteen thirty-five and seventy-four) shall so far as applicable and with such alterations modifications and substitutions as are necessary be deemed and taken to be incorporated with this Act :

Provided that in the construction of Part III. of the *Closer Settlement Act* 1915 for the purposes of this section—

- (a) any reference in the said Part to the notification in the *Government Gazette* mentioned in section thirty-six of the said Act or to the publication thereof shall be read and construed as if it were a reference to the notification mentioned in sub-section (2) of this section or the publication thereof ; and
- (b) section thirty-six of the said Act shall be read and construed as if in the said section the words “ and subject to the provisions of Division thirteen of this Part ” were omitted :

Provided further that in the construction of the provisions of section thirty-nine of the *Closer Settlement Act* 1915 for the purposes of this section the said section thirty-nine shall be read and construed and given effect—

- (a) as if the said section thirty-nine applied only to land on which there is a homestead ;
- (b) as if instead of the right therein mentioned to select and retain for the purposes of residence land of the unimproved value specified therein or determined as therein provided there were substituted the right to select and retain for those purposes land (comprising the homestead) the unimproved value of which does not exceed “ Four ” thousand pounds ;

* * * * *

—(Mr. Hutchinson.)

Amendment proposed—That the word “ Four,” in line 23 of sub-section (3), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word “ Six.”—(Mr. Oman.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Lemmon,	
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Tellers.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deany,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. M. K. McKenzie,	Mr. Keast.

Tellers.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2—

Further amendment proposed—That the word “Five” be inserted in place of the word “Four” omitted.—(*Mr. McLachlan.*)

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Lemmon,	
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. McPherson,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

Tellers.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deany,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. M. K. McKenzie,	Mr. Keast.

Tellers.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

No. 3.—*Discharged Soldiers Settlement Bill*—Clause 3 as amended on recommittal.

This Act—

(a) shall apply to—

- (i) discharged soldiers whose appointments have been terminated or who have received their discharges whether before or after the commencement of this Act;
- (ii) discharged soldiers who have been permitted to occupy any Crown land in anticipation of the passing of this Act; or

* * * * *

(b) shall not apply to—

- (i) any discharged soldier if the termination of his appointment or his discharge from service was due to misconduct or incapacity resulting from his own default; or
- (ii) the dependants of any such deceased person as aforesaid if before his death his appointment was terminated or he was discharged from service owing to misconduct or incapacity resulting from his own default.—(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following new sub-paragraph be inserted in paragraph (a) in place of sub-paragraph (iii) omitted:—

- (iii) dependants who are otherwise eligible and make application for land under this Act within two years after the termination of the present war: Provided that the privileges conferred on dependants by this Act shall not extend to more than one dependant of any deceased person aforesaid; but.—(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

Question—That the new sub-paragraph proposed to be inserted in place of sub-paragraph (iii) omitted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Campbell,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. D. Smith.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. M. K. McKenzie,	Mr. Oman.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Baird,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Rogers.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—Clause 9 *on recommitment*.

(1) In considering applications by discharged soldiers for land under this Act the Board shall take into consideration the advisability of assisting applicants with respect to any of the following matters (whether such assistance has been requested or not):—

- (a) the clearing fencing supplying with water draining grading preparing for irrigation and general improvement of the land in respect of which the application is made ;
- (b) the erection of buildings on any such land ; and
- (c) the purchase of implements live stock (including pigs and poultry) seeds plants trees and such other things as are deemed necessary for the successful occupation and cultivation of the land.

(2) If in the opinion of the Board it is advisable that any such assistance should be given to any applicant the Board may “take such action thereon as it thinks fit in accordance with this Act and the regulations.”—(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “take such action thereon as it thinks fit in accordance with this Act and the regulations,” in lines 2-3 of sub-section (2), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “give to such applicants such assistance as it thinks fit not exceeding the sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds and may if it thinks fit remit the payment by any applicant of interest or rent or of any instalment of purchase money for any period not exceeding the first five years of his occupation of the land.”—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe.*)

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

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Deany,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Pennington.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Cotter,	
Mr. Hannah,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Farthing.
Mr. Rogers,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—Clause 23 *on recommitment*.

(2A) (a) In respect of land compulsorily acquired and taken by the Board under this Act the Board shall pay compensation computed as follows:—

To the capital value of land certified by the Commissioner of Taxes under the *Land Tax Act 1915* there shall be added a sum equivalent to ten per centum of such capital value.

- (b) If the land so taken or any part thereof is not separately valued under the *Land Tax Act 1915* but is only a part of a larger area which is so valued the capital value of the part so taken shall be deemed to be such proportion of the capital value of the said larger area as shall be determined to be fairly attributable to the part so taken.
- (c) The determination referred to in this sub-section shall be made by a County Court Judge appointed to act as arbitrator by the Governor in Council.

—(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

Amendment proposèd—That sub-section (2A) be omitted.—(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

Question—That sub-section (2A) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. M. K. McKenzie,	
Mr. Prendergast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Farthing,
Mr. Sinclair,	Mr. McGregor.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Rouget.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Pennington.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1917.

No. 5.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1917.

No. 1.—*Wodonga Land Bill*—Clause 2.

The permanent reservation of the land described in the Schedule to this Act is hereby revoked and the said land shall be deemed to be and may be dealt with as unalienated land of the Crown.—(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

Question—That clause 2 stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Keast.
Mr. H. McKenzie,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. Blackburn,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Chatham,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Hannah,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—*Melbourne General Market Lands Bill*—Ninth Schedule as amended.

* EIGHTH SCHEDULE.

Portion of Grattan-street to be closed.

County of Bourke, parish of Jika Jika, city of Melbourne: Commencing at the intersection of the west side of Sydney-road and the south side of Grattan-street; bounded thence by the Haymarket bearing west seven chains fifty-three links; thence by Flemington-road bearing N. 53° 40' W. two chains fifty-three links; thence by the Horse and Cattle Market bearing east nine chains forty-five links; and thence by Sydney-road aforesaid bearing S. 3° 0' E. one chain fifty links to the point of commencement.—(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

Question—That the Schedule, as amended, be a Schedule to the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Baird,	Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Angus,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGregor,	Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. H. McKenzie,	Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Clough,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Campbell,	Sir Alexander Peacock.	Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Deany,		Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Gordon,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Hannah,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. A. Gray,	Mr. J. Gray,	Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Keast,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Lawson,		Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Lemmon.

The Chairman of Committees said—“The result of the division being a tie, it is necessary for me to give my casting vote. As there will be other opportunities, namely, on the report and after the third reading, to test the question again, I record my vote with the Ayes.”

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1917.

No. 6.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 4TH OCTOBER, 1917.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1917.

No. 1.—*Fruit Bill*—Clause 29.

(1) Where a vendor is charged with an offence he shall be entitled upon information duly laid by him to have any other person whom he charges as the actual offender brought before the court at the hearing of the charge and if after the commission of the offence has been proved the vendor proves to the satisfaction of the court—

- (a) that he used due diligence to enforce the execution of the provisions of this Part of this Act and the regulations ; and
 (b) that the said other person committed the offence in question without his knowledge consent or connivance and in contravention of his orders—

the said other person shall be summarily convicted of such offence and the said vendor shall be exempt from any penalty. The person so convicted shall in the discretion of the court be also liable to pay any costs incidental to the proceedings.

(2) Where it is made to appear to the satisfaction of any inspector at the time of discovering an offence—

- (a) that the vendor has used all due diligence to enforce the execution of the provisions of this Part of this Act and the regulations ; and
 (b) by what person the offence has been committed ; and
 (c) that it has been committed without the knowledge consent or connivance of the said vendor and in contravention of his orders—

the inspector shall proceed against the person whom he believes to be the actual offender without first proceeding against the said vendor.—(*Mr. Hutchinson.*)

Amendment proposed—That sub-section (2) be omitted.—(*Mr. J. W. Billson.*)

Question—That sub-section (2) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Rouget,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Snowball.
Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Gordon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. J. Gray,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Keast.

Noes, 6.

Mr. J. W. Billson,
 Mr. Blackburn,
 Mr. Elmslie,
 Mr. Warde.

Tellers.

Mr. Hannah,
 Mr. Sinclair.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1917.

No. 7.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 17TH OCTOBER, 1917.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1917.

No. 1.—*Wheat Marketing Bill*—New clause A.

No agent appointed or employed by the Minister under the Wheat Marketing Acts shall be subject to any limitation as to the quantity of wheat to be received by or on behalf of such agent at any place.—(*Mr. Bowser.*)

Question—That new clause A be read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Sinclair,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. D. Smith,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Webber.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. M. K. McKenzie,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Chatham,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. A. Gray,	Mr. Rouget.
Mr. J. Gray,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bayles,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Pennington.
Mr. McDonald,	

And so it passed in the negative.

