

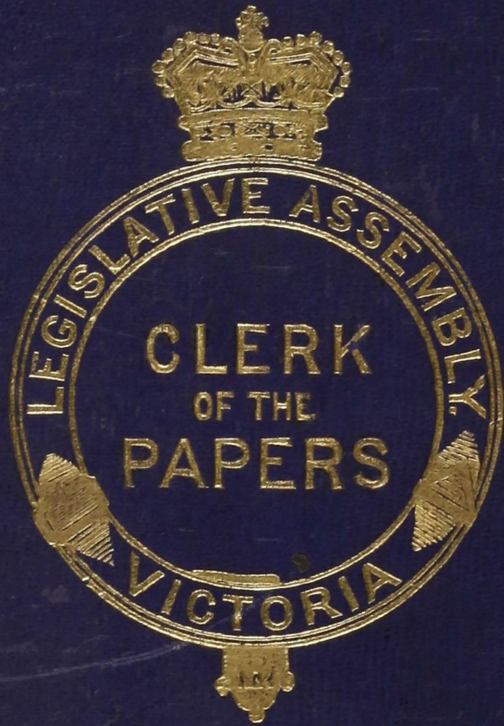
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MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the ninety-sixth and ninety-seventh sections of the *Marine Act 1890*—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1909, p. 32; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 Feb., p. 44; the Council's agreement notified, 25 Feb., p. 51. (*Assented to 2 March. Act No. 2172.*)

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OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Ouyen to Kow Plains—(*Mr. A. A. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 Feb., 1909, p. 44; read a second time and committed, 25 Feb., p. 51.

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PRAHRAN AND MALVERN TRAMWAYS TRUST ACT 1907 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust Act 1907*—(*Mr. Murray*).—On motion, all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills, including those relating to the payment of fees, dispensed with, with the view of introducing the Bill; Bill initiated and read a first time, 16 Feb., 1909, p. 30; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment;

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ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW GROUNDS: Bill to provide for improving the access to the Royal Agricultural Show Grounds at Flemington—(*Mr. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 Feb., 1909, p. 43.—Bill lapsed.

STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the law relating to State school teachers—(*Mr. Murray*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 5) recommending an appropriation from the Con-

solidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 9 Feb., 1909, p. 12; 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 Feb., p. 20; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Feb., p. 33; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; one amendment disagreed with and the other amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 Feb., p. 45; the Council's agreement notified, 26 Feb., p. 52. (*Assented to 2 March. Act No. 2175.*)

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK: Bill to authorize the raising of money for certain purposes by increasing the amount of Victorian three per cent. stock—(*Mr. Murray*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 9) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 10 Feb., 1909, p. 17; 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 Feb., p. 21; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Feb., p. 33; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Feb., p. 40. (*Assented to 2 March. Act No. 2161.*)

VOTING BY POST ACTS REVIVAL AND CONTINUANCE: Bill intituled "An Act to revive and continue the Voting by Post Acts"—(*Mr. Murray*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 17 Feb., 1909, p. 32; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 17 Feb., p. 33. (*Assented to 2 March. Act No. 2160.*)

WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for water supply in country districts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Feb., 1909, p. 26; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Feb., p. 40; the Council's agreement notified, 25 Feb., p. 50. (*Assented to 2 March. Act No. 2170.*)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "An Act to further amend the 'Weights and Measures Act 1890' and for other purposes"—(*Mr. Watt*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 25 Feb., 1909, p. 51; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 12) recommending an appropriation of 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; 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; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendment desired, 26 Feb., p. 53; the Council's agreement to the amendment notified, 26 Feb., p. 54. (*Assented to 2 March. Act No. 2182.*)

WIRE NETTING: Bill to provide for supplying owners of land with wire netting for vermin-proof fences—(*Mr. McKenzie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Feb., 1909, p. 19; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to, 17 Feb., p. 32; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; further consideration of amendments after third reading postponed, 18 Feb., p. 36; amendments after third reading further considered and again postponed, 24 Feb., p. 45; Message from His Excellency the

Governor (No. 11) 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; postponed amendments after third reading further considered and Bill further amended; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 25 Feb., pp. 48-9; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments agreed to, 26 Feb., p. 52. (*Assented to 2 March. Act No. 2181.*)

LIST OF MEMBERS.

SESSION 1909.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Under Section 20 of Act No. 1864, assented to 26th November, 1903, the Legislative Assembly consisted of Sixty-eight Members, but under Act No. 2075, assented to 26th January, 1907, the number of Members was reduced to Sixty-five.

TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT.

FIRST SESSION (7TH JANUARY, 1909, TO 26TH FEBRUARY, 1909).

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.				Informal.	Votes Polled for Sitting Member.*	Proportion of Electors who Voted.
			Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voters' Certificates.	Total.			
Anstey, Frank, Esquire ...	Brunswick ...	5,460	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed	
Argyle, Reginald Ivon, Esquire ...	Dalhousie ...	3,600	2,156	572	180	2,908	20	1,364	75·77
Bayles, Norman, Esquire ...	Toorak ...	4,910	1,989	284	137	2,410	8	1,221	46·29
Beazley, William David, Esquire ...	Abbotsford ...	4,462	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Bent, The Honorable Sir Thomas, K.C.M.G. ¹	Brighton ...	4,165	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Billson, The Honorable Alfred Arthur ²	Ovens ...	2,949	1,448	279	56	1,783	12	1,057	58·56
Billson, John William, Esquire ...	Fitzroy ...	4,057	1,921	251	70	2,242	15	1,105	53·53
Bowser, The Honorable John ³	Wangaratta ...	3,849	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Cameron, The Honorable Ewen Hugh	Evelyn ...	3,717	1,276	89	16	1,381	7	815	36·72
Campbell, The Honorable James † ...	Gippsland East	3,172	1,333	232	29	1,564	14	1,075	48·39
Campbell, Hugh John Munro, Esquire	Glenelg ...	3,633	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Carlisle, John Joseph, Esquire ...	Benalla ...	3,555	1,390	199	42	1,631	7	973	44·69
Cookson, George Arthur, Esquire ...	Upper Goulburn	3,763	1,863	301	76	2,240	8	1,120	57·50
Cotter, Edmund John, Esquire ...	Richmond ...	5,230	2,270	465	70	2,805	7	1,812	52·29
Craven, Albert William, Esquire ⁴	Benambra ...	2,793	1,463	123	28	1,614	7	930	56·78
Cullen, John, Esquire ...	Gunbower ...	3,104	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Cussen, Martin, Esquire ...	Waranga ...	2,929	1,879	232	90	2,201	16	604	72·07
Downward, The Honorable Alfred ⁵	Mornington ...	4,185	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Elmslie, George Alexander, Esquire ⁶	Albert Park ...	5,171	2,419	332	133	2,884	16	1,693	53·20
Farrer, James Farish, Esquire ...	Barwon ...	3,997	1,811	223	51	2,085	12	805	50·89
Forrest, Charles Lamond, Esquire ...	Polwarth ...	3,815	1,896	319	80	2,295	7	1,310	58·06
Glass, Thomas, Esquire ...	Bendigo East	4,013	1,973	269	84	2,326	10	1,230	55·86
Graham, The Honorable George ⁷	Goulburn Valley	3,273	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Gray, John, Esquire ⁸	Swan Hill ...	3,246	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Hannah, Martin, Esquire ...	Collingwood	4,436	2,222	249	116	2,587	21	984	55·70
Harris, Albert, Esquire ...	Walhalla ...	2,897	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Holden, George Frederick, Esquire ...	Warrenheip ...	2,891	1,544	218	49	1,811	6	947	60·94
Hutchinson, William, Esquire ⁹	Borong ...	2,948	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed

NOTES.

* The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1909; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 22 December, 1908, the "day of nomination," and in other cases 29 December, 1908, the "day of polling."

† Honorary Minister.

¹ The Hon. Sir Thomas Bent, Minister of Railways, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 10 June, 1902, to 21 July, 1903. Commissioner of Public Works, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works (without salary), from 6 February, 1903, to 21 July, 1903. Commissioner of Public Works, from 21 July, 1903, to 16 February, 1904. Minister of Health (without salary), from 6 February, 1903, to 16 February, 1904. Treasurer (Premier), also Minister of Railways (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 16 February, 1904, to 8 January, 1909.

² The Hon. A. A. Billson, vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 22 January, 1909; Minister of Public Instruction, also Minister of Railways (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 8 January, 1909.

³ The Hon. J. Bowser, Minister of Public Instruction, from 31 October, 1908, to 8 January, 1909. One of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 16 February, 1909.

⁴ Mr. A. W. Craven, Chairman of Committees, from 12 July, 1904.

⁵ The Hon. A. Downward, Minister of Water Supply, also Minister of Agriculture (without salary), from 31 October, 1908, to 8 January, 1909.

⁶ Mr. G. A. Elmslie, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 September, 1908.

⁷ The Hon. G. Graham, vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 22 January, 1909; Minister of Water Supply, also Minister of Agriculture (without salary), from 8 January, 1909.

⁸ Mr. J. Gray, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 16 February, 1909.

⁹ Mr. W. Hutchinson, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 16 February, 1909.

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.				Informal.	Votes Polled for Sitting Member.*	Proportion of Electors who Voted.
			Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voters' Certificates.	Total.			
Keast, William Stephen, Esquire ...	Dandenong ...	4,365	1,972	150	65	2,187	10	1,197	48·61
Langdon, The Honorable Thomas ...	Korong ...	2,710	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Lawson, Harry Sutherland Wightman, Esquire	Castlemaine and Maldon	3,417	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Lemmon, John, Esquire ...	Williamstown	6,148	2,516	479	241	3,236	9	2,332	48·71
Livingston, Thomas, Esquire ...	Gippsland South	3,898	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Mackey, The Honorable John Emanuel ¹⁰	Gippsland West	3,262	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Mackinnon, The Honorable Donald ...	Prahran ...	4,969	2,222	405	109	2,736	6	1,170	52·86
Madden, The Honorable Frank ¹¹ ...	Boroondara ...	6,333	2,447	211	109	2,767	11	1,329	41·97
McBride, The Honorable Peter ¹² ...	Kara Kara ...	3,288	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
McCutcheon, Robert George, Esquire	St. Kilda ...	5,010	1,656	195	75	1,926	17	1,139	36·94
McGrath, David Charles, Esquire ...	Grenville ...	3,582	1,869	396	176	2,441	28	1,610	63·23
McGregor, The Honorable Robert ...	Ballaarat East	4,153	2,207	266	140	2,613	12	1,291	59·53
McKenzie, The Honorable Hugh ¹³ ...	Rodney ...	3,542	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
McKissock, Andrew Nelson, Esquire	Ballaarat West	3,986	2,059	261	133	2,453	5	1,198	58·20
McLachlan, James Weir, Esquire ...	Gippsland North	3,157	1,820	160	51	2,031	19	870	62·75
McLeod, The Honorable Donald ¹⁴ ...	Daylesford ...	3,235	1,833	242	65	2,140	12	1,001	64·13
Membrey, John George, Esquire ...	Jika Jika ...	6,039	2,673	209	149	3,031	10	1,569	47·72
Murray, The Honorable John ¹⁵ ...	Warrnambool	3,217	1,594	246	35	1,875	10	1,238	57·19
Oman, David Swan, Esquire ...	Hampden ...	4,025	1,684	342	28	2,054	9	1,229	50·33
Outtrim, The Honorable Alfred Richard ¹⁶	Maryborough	3,940	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G.	Allandale ...	3,145	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Plain, William, Esquire ...	Geelong ...	4,486	2,274	273	119	2,666	7	1,406	56·77
Prendergast, George Michael, Esquire	North Melbourne	5,362	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Robertson, The Honorable Andrew Robert †	Bulla ...	3,936	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Rogers, Alexander, Esquire ...	Melbourne ...	5,636	1,852	354	14	2,220	14	781	39·14
Sangster, George, Esquire ...	Port Melbourne	5,405	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Smith, David, Esquire ...	Bendigo West	4,321	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Solly, Robert Henry, Esquire ...	Carlton ...	4,222	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Stanley, Robert, Esquire ...	Lowan ...	3,021	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Swinburne, The Honorable George ...	Hawthorn ...	5,999	2,566	290	72	2,928	12	1,425	47·60
Thomson, The Honorable John ‡ ...	Dundas ...	3,234	1,877	292	158	2,327	12	1,122	67·06
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Stawell and Ararat	3,330	1,696	428	147	2,271	8	943	63·78
Tunnecliffe, Thomas, Esquire ...	Eaglehawk ...	3,729	2,182	305	197	2,684	6	1,333	66·69
Wall, Jeremiah, Esquire ...	Port Fairy ...	3,644	2,032	469	81	2,582	21	1,318	68·63
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ...	Flemington ...	5,444	2,430	329	134	2,893	17	1,439	50·67
Watt, The Honorable William Alexander ¹⁷	Essendon ...	6,200	2,956	281	185	3,422	12	1,469	52·21
Weedon, Sir Henry ...	East Melbourne	4,266	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed

For note (*) see page xxix.

† Honorary Minister to 8 January, 1909.
‡ Honorary Minister.

- ¹⁰ The Hon. J. E. Mackey, President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, from 17 August, 1906, to 31 October, 1908. Chief Secretary and Minister of Labour (without salary), from 11 December, 1906, to 4 January, 1907; Solicitor-General from 28 February, 1908, to 8 September, 1908; Chief Secretary and Minister of Labour from 31 October, 1908, to 2 January, 1909.
- ¹¹ The Hon. F. Madden, Speaker, from 29 June, 1904.
- ¹² The Hon. P. McBride, vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 22 January, 1909; Minister of Mines, also Minister of Forests (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 8 January, 1909.
- ¹³ The Hon. H. McKenzie, vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 22 January, 1909; President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, from 8 January, 1909.
- ¹⁴ The Hon. D. McLeod, Minister of Mines, from 16 February, 1904, to 8 November, 1904; a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 16 February, 1904, to 3 March, 1904; and Minister of Water Supply (without salary), from 10 March, 1904, to 26 April, 1904. Minister of Mines and Forests, from 8 November, 1904, to 8 January, 1909.
- ¹⁵ The Hon. J. Murray, vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected 29 January, 1909, polling 1,495 votes; Chief Secretary (Premier), also Minister of Labour (without salary), from 8 January, 1909.
- ¹⁶ The Hon. A. R. Outtrim, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 16 February, 1909.
- ¹⁷ The Hon. W. A. Watt, vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected 29 January, 1909, polling 2,149 votes; Treasurer, from 8 January, 1909.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i> ...	...	The Honorable FRANK MADDEN.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i> ...	...	ALBERT WILLIAM CRAVEN, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</i> ...	...	THOMAS GREENLEES WATSON, Esquire, C.M.G., J.P.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i> ...	...	HIBBERT HENRY NEWTON, Esquire.
<i>Clerk of Committees and Serjeant-at-Arms</i> ...	...	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

The Parliament of Victoria begun and held at the City of Melbourne on Thursday, the seventh day of January, in the eighth year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh; and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and nine.

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

FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, 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 fix Thursday, the seventh day of January, 1909, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Parliament of Victoria for the despatch of business, at the hour of Three 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 thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign.

(I.S.)

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

By His Excellency's Command,

TH. BENT.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Several of the Members repaired to their seats.

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

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

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

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

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

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

Then the said Letters Patent were read as follows :—

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

WHEREAS by Proclamation made the thirty-first day of December last by His Excellency Sir THOMAS DAVID GIBSON CARMICHAEL, Baronet, 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, Thursday, the seventh day of January instant was fixed as the time for the commencement and holding of the first Session of the twenty-second Parliament of Victoria, at Three of the clock in the afternoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne : And forasmuch as for certain causes the said Sir THOMAS DAVID GIBSON CARMICHAEL cannot conveniently be present in person in the said Parliament at that time : NOW KNOW YE THAT WE, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved His Honour Sir JOHN MADDEN, Chief Justice, and His Honour JOSEPH HENRY HOOD, Justice of Our Supreme Court of Victoria, do give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto you the said JOHN MADDEN and JOSEPH HENRY HOOD, or either of you, full power in Our name to begin and hold the said Session of Our said Parliament, and to do everything which for and by Us, or the said Sir THOMAS DAVID GIBSON CARMICHAEL shall be there to be done ; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it may concern to meet Our said Parliament, and to the said JOHN MADDEN and JOSEPH HENRY HOOD, or either of them, that they diligently attend in the premises and form aforesaid. In testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said State to be hereunto affixed

WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved Sir THOMAS DAVID GIBSON CARMICHAEL, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
(L.S.) Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c., at Melbourne, this sixth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and nine, and in the eighth year of Our reign.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

By His Excellency's Command,
TH. BENT.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 24,
page 334, this sixth day of January, One thousand nine
hundred and nine.

W. A. CALLAWAY.

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

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

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

And the Members of the Assembly being returned—

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

By His Excellency Sir THOMAS DAVID GIBSON CARMICHAEL, Baronet, 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.

To Sir JOHN MADDEN, G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of our Supreme Court in Our said State of Victoria :

GREETING :

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

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State, at Melbourne, in the said State, this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and nine, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,

By His Excellency's Command,
TH. BENT.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 24,
page 334, this sixth day of January, One thousand
nine hundred and nine.

W. A. CALLAWAY.

4. WRITS.—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor 65 Writs issued under the hand of His Excellency, for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, and that by the returns indorsed on the several Writs it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly elected for the districts set opposite their respective names, viz. :—

Abbotsford	...	...	William David Beazley, of Bath-street, Abbotsford, agent.
Albert Park	...	...	George Alexander Elmslie, stonemason, of 9 Merton-crescent, Albert Park.
Allandale	...	...	Sir Alexander James Peacock, legal manager, of Creswick.
Ballaarat East	...	...	Robert McGregor.
Ballaarat West	...	...	Andrew Nelson McKissock.
Barwon	...	...	James Farish Farrer.
Benalla	...	...	John Joseph Carlisle, of Yarrowonga, vigneron.
Benambra	...	...	Albert William Craven, Moonee Ponds, surveyor.
Bendigo East	...	...	Thomas Glass.
Bendigo West	...	...	David Smith.
Boroondara	...	...	Frank Madden, of Carson-street, Studley Park, Kew, solicitor.
Borung	...	...	William Hutchinson, of East Malvern, watchmaker.
Brighton	...	...	Thomas Bent, of Bay-street, Brighton, valuer.
Brunswick	...	...	Frank Anstey, labourer, of Howard-street, Brunswick.
Bulla	...	...	Andrew Robert Robertson, farmer, Bacchus Marsh.
Carlton	...	...	Robert Henry Solly, 451 Drummond-street, Carlton, bootmaker.
Castlemaine and Maldon	...	...	Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson, of Barker-street, Castlemaine, barrister and solicitor.
Collingwood	...	...	Martin Hannah.
Dalhousie	...	...	Reginald Ivon Argyle, farmer, Kyneton.
Dandenong	...	...	William Stephen Keast.
Daylesford	...	...	Donald McLeod, accountant, of Daylesford.
Dundas	...	...	John Thomson, of Monivac, sheep farmer.
Eaglehawk	...	...	Thomas Tunnecliffe, of West Melbourne, bootmaker.
East Melbourne	...	...	Henry Weedon.
Essendon	...	...	William Alexander Watt, Kiora-street, Essendon, produce merchant.
Evelyn	...	...	Ewen Hugh Cameron, Kangaroo Ground, farmer.
Fitzroy	...	...	John William Billson, secretary, of No. 7 Michael-street, North Fitzroy.
Flemington	...	...	Edward Coughlan Warde.
Geelong	...	...	Mr. William Plain.
Gippsland East	...	...	James Cameron.
Gippsland North	...	...	James Weir McLachlan, of Sale, saddler.
Gippsland South	...	...	Thomas Livingston, of 126 Hambleton-street, Middle Park, Melbourne, farmer.
Gippsland West	...	...	John Emanuel Mackey.
Glencelg	...	...	Hugh John Munro Campbell.
Goulburn Valley	...	...	George Graham, farmer, of Wunghnu, Victoria.
Grenville	...	...	David Charles McGrath, storekeeper, Sebastopol.
Gnubower	...	...	John Cullen, farmer, Kerang.
Hampden	...	...	David Swan Oman, of Derrinallum, grazier.
Hawthorn	...	...	George Swinburne.
Jika Jika	...	...	James George Membrey.
Kara Kara	...	...	Peter McBride, of St. Arnaud, merchant.
Korong	...	...	Thomas Langdon, of 144 Kerferd-road, Albert Park, gentleman.
Lowan	...	...	Robert Stanley, of Pimpinio, farmer.
Maryborough	...	...	Alfred Richard Outtrim, of Maryborough, commission agent.
Melbourne	...	...	Alexander Rogers.
Mornington	...	...	Alfred Downward, of Mornington, grazier.
North Melbourne	...	...	George Michael Prendergast, traveller, 91 Flemington-road, North Melbourne.
Ovens	...	...	Alfred Arthur Billson, of Beechworth, managing director.
Polwarth	...	...	Charles Lamond Forrest, of Irrewarra, grazier.
Port Fairy	...	...	Jeremiah Wall.
Port Melbourne	...	...	George Sangster, of Spring-street, Port Melbourne, engine-driver.
Prahran	...	...	Donald Mackinnon.
Richmond	...	...	Edmund John Cotter, of 122 Cremorne-street, Richmond, cooper.
Rodney	...	...	Hugh McKenzie, of Dickson-street, Echuca, auctioneer.
St. Kilda	...	...	Robert George McCutcheon.
Stawell and Ararat	...	...	Richard Frederick Toucher, of Shoobra-road, Elsternwick, auctioneer.
Swan Hill	...	...	John Gray, farmer, of Swan Hill.
Toorak	...	...	Norman Bayles.
Upper Goulburn	...	...	George Arthur Cookson, of Alexandra, auctioneer and grazier.
Walhalla	...	...	Albert Harris, Esq., of Hawthorn, merchant.
Wangaratta	...	...	John Bowser, Wangaratta, journalist.

Waranga ...	...	Martin Cussen, gentleman, Melbourne.
Warrenheip ...	...	George Frederick Holden, of Wallace, merchant.
Warrnambool ...	...	John Murray, of Manningtree-road, Hawthorn, gentleman.
Williamstown ...	...	John Lemmon, cutter, of 99 North-road, Newport.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—W. D. Beazley, Esq., G. A. Elmslie, Esq., The Honorable Sir Alexander Peacock, K.C.M.G., The Honorable R. McGregor, A. N. McKissock, Esq., J. F. Farrer, Esq., J. J. Carlisle, Esq., A. W. Craven, Esq., T. Glass, Esq., D. Smith, Esq., The Honorable F. Madden, W. Hutchinson, Esq., The Honorable Sir Thomas Bent, K.C.M.G., F. Anstey, Esq., The Honorable A. R. Robertson, R. H. Solly, Esq., H. S. W. Lawson, Esq., M. Hannah, Esq., R. I. Argyle, Esq., W. S. Keast, Esq., The Honorable D. McLeod, J. Thomson, Esq., T. Tunnecliffe, Esq., Sir Henry Weedon, The Honorable W. A. Watt, The Honorable E. H. Cameron, J. W. Billson, Esq., E. C. Warde, Esq., W. Plain, Esq., J. Cameron, Esq., J. W. McLachlan, Esq., T. Livingston, Esq., The Honorable J. E. Mackey, H. J. M. Campbell, Esq., The Honorable G. Graham, D. C. McGrath, Esq., J. Cullen, Esq., D. S. Oman, Esq., The Honorable G. Swinburne, J. G. Membrey, Esq., P. McBride, Esq., The Honorable T. Langdon, R. Stanley, Esq., The Honorable A. R. Outtrim, A. Rogers, Esq., The Honorable A. Downward, G. M. Prendergast, Esq., A. A. Billson, Esq., C. L. Forrest, Esq., J. Wall, Esq., G. Sangster, Esq., The Honorable D. Mackinnon, E. J. Cotter, Esq., H. McKenzie, Esq., R. G. McCutcheon, Esq., R. F. Toucher, Esq., J. Gray, Esq., N. Bayles, Esq., G. A. Cookson, Esq., A. Harris, Esq., The Honorable J. Bowser, M. Cussen, Esq., G. F. Holden, Esq., The Honorable J. Murray, J. Lemmon, Esq., took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

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

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. J. Cameron, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker The Honorable Frank Madden, and moved, That the Honorable Frank Madden do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Gray.

And thereupon Mr. Madden addressed himself to the House.

Then Mr. Watt, addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker Mr. William David Beazley, and moved, That Mr. William David Beazley do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Elmslie.

And thereupon Mr. Beazley addressed himself to the House.

Debate ensued.

The Question—That The Honorable Frank Madden do take the Chair of this House as Speaker—was put by the Clerk.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Langdon,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Outtrim,	
Sir Alexander Peacock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Keast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Frank Madden was then taken out of his place by Mr. J. Cameron and Mr. Gray and conducted to the Chair, where, standing upon the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be their Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid on the Table.

Then Mr. Beazley, Sir Thomas Bent, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Graham congratulated Mr. Speaker.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Sir Thomas Bent stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker at the Government Offices immediately. Whereupon Mr. Speaker, with the House, proceeded to the Government Offices, and being returned—Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor as the choice of the Legislative Assembly, and that His Excellency had been pleased to address him in the following terms:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I congratulate you upon your election as Speaker.

You will, I feel sure, do your duty in that high office with firmness and impartiality, and will constantly uphold the dignity and the privileges of the House which has conferred on you so signal a mark of its esteem.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th January, 1909.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

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

1909.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1908-9.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 1908-9, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th January, 1909.

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

9. PAPERS.—Sir Thomas Bent presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Tolmie Railway Act 1907.—Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the proposed Railway to Toombullup and Tolmie.

Mr. Mackey presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1907—
Part IX.—Interchange.
Part X.—Production.

Mr. Downward 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 showing particulars of Importations of Goods, Material, or Machinery by the Department of Agriculture, Sub-Departments and Branches connected therewith, and the amount of Duty paid thereon, since 17th October, 1905, classified according to financial year.

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 :—

Fire Brigades Act 1890—
Country Fire Brigades Board.—Regulations.—Order in Council.
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Regulations.—Order in Council.

Fisheries Act 1890—
Notice of Proclamation.—Definition of Salt Creek, Portland, and prohibiting Netting within Area adjacent thereto.

Notice of Proclamation.—Defining Mouth of Tarwin River.

Notice of Proclamation.—Prohibiting Fishing in and the taking of Fish from certain parts of Tambo River, Marass Creek, Big River, and Bundara River.

Land Act 1901.—Regulations substituted.—Part I., Chapter V.—Survey.—Order in Council.

Marine Act 1890.—Additional Regulations relating to the Examination of Masters and Mates.

Medical Act 1890.—Part III.—The Pharmacy Board of Victoria.—Additional Regulations.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Chief Secretary.

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Public Instruction.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.

10. SPECIAL REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Speaker presented a Special Report of the Auditor-General of Victoria, dated 30th December, 1908, reporting that the result of an examination that day of the Treasury Book intitled "Account current between Orders and Warrants" showed that Orders had been made without the sanction of Parliament for the issue of sums exceeding the total amount of the Warrants.

The Report was read by Mr. Speaker.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

11. COMMITTEES OF SUPPLY AND WAYS AND MEANS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Sir Thomas Bent 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.

12. SUPPLY.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That this House will, this day, 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.

14. **ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That the Member for Evelyn, the Honorable Ewen Hugh Cameron, act as Chairman of Committees for this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
15. **SUPPLY.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Thomas Bent 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. E. H. Cameron 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. E. H. Cameron also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
16. **SUPPLY.**—Mr. E. H. Cameron reported from the Committee of Supply a resolution granting to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,355,247 on account for or towards defraying certain services for the year 1908–9.
The resolution having been read, the House ordered that the resolution be now recommitted to the Committee of Supply for reconsideration.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. E. H. Cameron having reported that the Committee had agreed to the resolution with an amendment, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. E. H. Cameron 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.
17. **SUPPLY.**—Mr. E. H. Cameron reported from the Committee of Supply the resolution, as amended, which was read and is as follows:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,355,248 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1908–9, viz.:—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries	300
3. Legislative Assembly—Salaries	1,635
4. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	600
5. Railways Standing Committee—Salaries	105
6. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	70
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries	660
11. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries	180
12. " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	290
13. Refreshment Rooms—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	190
14. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries	1,620
15. " " Ordinary Expenditure, Miscellaneous Items	600
16. " " " General Items	600
17. " " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	3,000
18. " " Grants	11,000
19. Board for Protection of Aborigines—Salaries	60
20. " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	900
22. Explosives—Salaries	570
23. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	225
24. Inspector of Factories and Shops—Salaries	1,640
25. " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	700
26. Friendly Societies—Salaries	640
27. " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	100
28. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries	475
29. " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	50
30. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	50
31. Inebriates' Institution—Salaries	240
33. Marine Board—Salaries	675
34. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	360
35. Mercantile Marine—Salaries	210
36. " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	20
37. Observatory—Salaries	600
39. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	450
40. Premier's Office—Salaries	410
41. " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	250
42. Agent-General—Agent-General, Staff, &c.	2,150
43. " " Agent-General, Works and Buildings	4,000
44. Audit Office—Salaries	1,910
45. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	210
46. Government Statist—Salaries	1,760
47. " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,160
48. Hospitals for Insane—Salaries	18,060
49. " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	23,000

Division No.		£
50.	Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools—Salaries	1,540
51.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, Maintenance	15,080
52.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	910
53.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries	9,045
54.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,370
55.	Police—Salaries	61,980
56.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	10,020
57.	Public Library, Museum, and National Gallery—Salaries	2,850
58.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,100
60.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries	255
61.	" " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	90
62.	Education, Director, &c.	151,131
63.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	23,862
64.	" Pensions, &c.	408
65.	" Works and Buildings	15,800
66.	" Endowments	13,000
67.	Supreme Court—Salaries	789
69.	Law Officers—Salaries	2,115
70.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	300
71.	" " Pensions, &c.	54
72.	Crown Solicitor—Salaries	990
74.	Prothonotary—Salaries	384
76.	Master-in-Equity, &c.—Salaries	1,076
78.	Registrar-General—Salaries	7,204
79.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	200
80.	Sheriff—Salaries	1,014
82.	Comptroller of Stamps, &c.—Salaries	681
83.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	260
84.	County Courts, &c.—Salaries	1,859
85.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,000
85A.	" " Non-recurring	9
86.	Police Magistrates, &c.—Salaries	3,027
87.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	640
88.	Clerk of Courts—Salaries	5,361
89.	Coroners—Salaries	27
90.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	200
91.	" " Pensions, &c.	51
92.	Treasury—Salaries	8,000
93.	" Ordinary Expenditure	1,600
94.	Transport	900
96.	To Railway Department for Carriage and Use of Victorian Coal	3,000
97.	Payment to Railway Department for issue of Free Passes to State Governor and Staff, Members of Parliament, &c, Executive Councillors, and Members of Parliaments of other States	1,670
98.	Treasury—Grants, Charitable Institutions, &c.	46,000
99.	" " Pensions, Compensation, and Gratuities, &c.	1,360
102.	Income Tax—Salaries	2,332
103.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	455
104.	Land Tax—Salaries	63
105.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	750
106.	Curator—Salaries	509
107.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	35
108.	Government Printer—Salaries	10,748
109.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	10,000
110.	Advertising	1,150
111.	Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries... ..	12,680
114.	Public Parks—Salaries	46
115.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	300
116.	" Non-recurring	110
117.	" Grants	3,000
118.	Botanical, &c., Gardens—Salaries	1,470
119.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	750
120.	Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries	123
121.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	6,150
122.	Closer Settlement—Salaries	318
123.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	310
126.	Village Settlements, &c.	350
127.	Works and Buildings	800
128.	Road Works	150
130.	Public Works—Salaries	6,474
131.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	4,700
132.	" " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	33
133.	Ports and Harbors—Salaries	3,923

Division No.	£
134. Ports and Harbors—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,000
135. " " Non-recurring	225
136. Public Works—Works and Buildings	90,460
137. " " Road Works and Bridges	3,000
138. " " Endowments and Grants	1,000
139. " " Non-recurring	1,100
140. Mines—Salaries	4,536
141. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	6,300
142. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,500
142A. " Works and Buildings	4,000
143. " Non-recurring	600
144. Forests—Salaries	1,698
145. " Ordinary Expenses, General Items	2,650
146. Water Supply—Salaries	970
147. " " Survey, &c.	240
148. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	210
148A. " " Endowments and Grants	600
149. " " Non-recurring	200
150. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	21,403
151. Agriculture and Industries—Salaries, &c.	1,671
152. " " Ordinary Expenditure, Mafira Beet Sugar Factory	40
153. " " Publishing Reports	500
154. " " Development of Export Trade	2,900
156. " " General Items	1,800
156A. " " Works and Buildings	1,000
157. Grants	1,570
158. Non-recurring	200
159. Stock and Dairy Supervision	2,456
160. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	900
161. Vegetation Diseases	756
162. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	800
163. Technical Agricultural Education	1,030
164. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	6,000
165. Viticulture Industry	195
166. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,250
167. Public Health—Salaries	1,902
168. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,960
169. Victorian Railways	627,285
170. Miscellaneous	2,745
171. Chief Engineer for Railway Construction—Working Expenses	930
	£1,355,248

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

18. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Sir Thomas Bent 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. E. H. Cameron 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. E. H. Cameron 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.

19. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. E. H. Cameron 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 1908–9 the sum of £1,355,248 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 Thomas Bent and Mr. McLeod do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

20. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—Sir Thomas Bent then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and fifty-five thousand two hundred and forty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. E. H. Cameron 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 Thomas Bent, read a third time.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and fifty-five thousand two hundred and forty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th January, 1909.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 9th February next, at two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 9th February next.

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor the following Commission:—

By His Excellency Sir THOMAS DAVID GIBSON CARMICHAEL, Baronet, 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.

To The Honorable FRANK MADDEN, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria:

GREETING:

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

(L.S.) Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State, at Melbourne, in the said State, this seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and nine, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL

By His Excellency's Command,
J. MURRAY.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 24,
page 338, this ninth day of January, One thousand
nine hundred and nine.

W. A. CALLAWAY,
Under Secretary.

3. ISSUE OF WRITS.—Mr. Speaker announced that, on Friday, the 15th January last, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve for the following Electoral Districts, viz.:—

Warrnambool, in the place of the Honorable John Murray,
Goulburn Valley, in the place of the Honorable George Graham,
Essendon, in the place of the Honorable William Alexander Watt,
Echuca, in the place of the Honorable Hugh McKenzie,
Ovens, in the place of the Honorable Alfred Arthur Billson,
Kara Kara, in the place of the Honorable Peter McBride,
who had severally accepted offices of profit under the Crown.

4. RETURNS TO WRITS.—Mr. Speaker also announced that he had received returns to these Writs, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen had been duly elected for the respective districts set opposite their several names :—

John Murray, of Manningtree-road, Hawthorn, gentleman, for the Electoral District of Warrnambool.

George Graham, farmer, Wunghnu, Victoria, for the Electoral District of Goulburn Valley.

William Alexander Watt, for the Electoral District of Essendon.

Hugh McKenzie, of Dickson-street, Echuca, auctioneer, for the Electoral District of Rodney.

Alfred Arthur Billson, of Beechworth, managing director, for the Electoral District of Ovens.

Peter McBride, of St. Arnaud, merchant, for the Electoral District of Kara Kara.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—The following Members were then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law, viz. :—The Honorable John Murray, the Honorable George Graham, the Honorable William Alexander Watt, the Honorable Hugh McKenzie, the Honorable Alfred Arthur Billson, and the Honorable Peter McBride.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—A Message was delivered by the Usher of the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 2.

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 fifty-five thousand two hundred and forty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th January, 1909.

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to increase for One Year the Total Sum appropriated for Old-age Pensions.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th February, 1909.

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

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
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 a Bill to further amend the *Closer Settlement Act 1904*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th February, 1909.

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

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the Law relating to State School Teachers.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th February, 1909.

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

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
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 a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and Irrigation Works and Water Supply.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th February, 1909.

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

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

Reginald Ivon Argyle, Esquire,
William David Beazley, Esquire,
John Cullen, Esquire,
George Alexander Elmslie, Esquire,
The Honorable Donald Mackinnon,
Robert George McCutcheon, Esquire, and
The Honorable Alfred Richard Outtrim

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

Given under my hand this twelfth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and nine.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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

Education Department.—Preliminary Report of the Director of Education upon Observations made during an Official Visit to Europe and America; with Recommendations referring to State Education in Victoria.

Mr. Graham 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, or Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, purchased or contracted for by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission during the period 1st May, 1906, to 30th June 1908, in substitution for return presented 30th September, 1908.

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 1896.—Rules under Division VII.—Return by Prothonotary of Business of the Supreme Court.

Education Acts.—Regulation rescinded, Regulation made.—Regulation X.—Continuation School for the Training of Junior Teachers.—Order in Council.

Fisheries Act 1890—

Notice of Proclamation prohibiting Fishing and Netting in Anderson's Inlet for portion of the year, and between Point Hughes and Point Smythe during the whole year.
Regulation of Netting, Western Port.

Forests Act 1907.—Copies of proposed Orders in Council—

Recommendation for Excision for purposes of Settlement from the State Forest in the County of Gunbower, Parish of Kerang.—Order in Council No. F.55053.

Recommendation for Excision for the purposes of a Place of Natural Beauty or Interest from the State Forest in the County of Borung, Parish of Boroka.—Order in Council No. F.60121.

Recommendation for Excision for purposes of Settlement from certain State Forest Areas.—Order in Council Nos. F.61633, F.56697, F.63741, F.63741A, F.63741B, F.61735, F.61735A, F.61624, F.57608.

Marine Act 1890.—Additional Regulations relating to the Examination of Masters and Mates.

Public Service Act 1890—

Regulations amended.—Chapter IV., Clause 3 (a).

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Chief Secretary.

Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Law.

Public Service Act 1901.—

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Robert McIntyre Weldon from the Third to the Second Class in the Department of Treasurer.

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of John Scott from the Fourth to the Third Class in the Department of Chief Secretary.

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Frederick Wedderburn Mabbott from the Fourth to the Third Class in the Department of Chief Secretary.

Pure Food Act 1905.—Further Regulations as to Beverages and Exemptions.

University Act 1890.—Report of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne, from 31st July, 1907, to 31st July, 1908; together with Five Appendices, containing—A. List of Contributions to Literature and Science, published by Members of University Staff and Students working in the University Laboratories; B. List of Donations to the Libraries; C. Summary Report of the Work conducted by the Bacteriological Department for the year 1907; D. Amendments of Statutes and Regulations made during the year; E. Statement of Accounts for the year 1907.

14. MOE AND WALHALLA RAILWAY COMPLETION BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. A. A. Billson, to bring in a Bill intuled "*A Bill to provide for the Completion of the Moe and Walkalla Railway*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
15. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Spcaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I have called you together for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance at the earliest period permitted by the arrangements consequent upon the retirement of the late Administration.

The requisite provision for the Public Service of this year remains still to be made. It is not necessary to call your attention to the variety of causes which have brought about this delay; but, in view of this pressing circumstance, I have felt it my duty to summon Parliament together for the despatch of public business as soon as possible after the elections had taken place.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates of Expenditure for the year will be laid before you at once, and it will be imperative at the earliest possible period to make adequate provision for the Public Service. These Estimates will, I have no doubt, receive your immediate and careful consideration.

My Advisers, while noting with some concern the falling revenue from Customs receipts by the Commonwealth, are hopeful that other sources of revenue, which are showing a welcome buoyancy, will enable them to close the financial year with a small surplus.

As the Government has decided to pursue an active policy of reproductive works and railway construction, it will be necessary for My Advisers to ask Parliament for additional borrowing powers, so that a loan may be floated at the first favorable opportunity.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

It is deemed by My Advisers desirable that this Session of Parliament should be principally occupied in making due provision for the services of the year, thus enabling Ministers, after a brief recess, to meet Parliament in accordance with constitutional practice, at the proper time for the introduction of the Estimates for the ensuing financial year, when important measures of the Government policy will be introduced.

Several other matters of urgency will also be submitted for your consideration. Among these will be the Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill, the Wire Netting Bill, the Chaff Sale Regulation Bill, the Voting by Post Acts Further Continuance Bill, the Artificial Manures Acts Further Amendment Bill, the Moe and Walkalla Railway Completion Bill, the Prahran and Malvern Tramway Act Amendment Bill, the Old-age Pensions Increase Bill, the Bill to improve the Salaries of State School Teachers, and a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Veterinary School in connexion with the Melbourne University.

The various general questions which were before the Railways Standing Committee, and were partly completed at the end of last Session, will be again referred to the Committee, in order that its reports on the questions may be completed as early as possible. The final resolutions required under the existing law for the construction of the Beeac to Newtown Railway, Ouyen to Kow Plains Railway, and Noradjuha to Toolondo Railway will be submitted for consideration.

Resolutions appointing Special Boards under the Factories and Shops Acts will be duly submitted to you.

A short measure will also be laid before you to amend the Gold Buyers Act, which has been found to operate harshly in regard to some individuals about whose *bona fides* there can be no doubt.

A Water Supply Loan Application Bill and a Railway Loan Application Bill, authorizing the expenditure of certain loan funds, will also be submitted for your consideration.

You will further be asked to consider Bills to increase the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, and to amend the Closer Settlement Acts.

Steps will be taken to institute an inquiry into the River Murray Waters question with a view to an amicable and equitable settlement of that involved subject at an early date with South Australia and New South Wales.

During the recess a Conference of Federal and State Ministers is to be held at Hobart, at which Victoria is to be represented. Many subjects of importance are to be discussed, notably, the question of the financial relationship of the Commonwealth and the States. It is confidently hoped that, as the result of the Conference, a definite settlement of this difficult and intricate problem will be made.

I rejoice that the favorable season with which we have been favoured has resulted in a most bountiful harvest, and has also been an inestimable boon to our pastoral interests.

I commend to your careful consideration these and other measures that may be brought before you, and I pray that your labours may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, materially conduce to the welfare of the people of Victoria.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

16. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Cookson 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. Prendergast moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And, after debate—

Question—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.

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

Supply—To be further considered in Committee.

Ways and Means—To be further considered in Committee.

Old-age Pensions Increase Bill—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.

Closer Settlement Act 1904 further Amendment Bill—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.

State School Teachers Law further Amendment Bill—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.

Railways Irrigation and Water Supply Loan Bill—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Graham, and the same was read :—
 THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
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 a Bill to provide for the Establishment of a Veterinary School in the University of Melbourne.
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 10th February, 1909.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Murray, and the same was read :—
 THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 8.*
 In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and other purposes.
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 10th February, 1909.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Murray, and the same was read :—
 THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
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 from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for certain purposes by increasing the amount of Victorian Three per cent. Stock.
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 10th February, 1909.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890.—Part IX.—Statement of Appointment and Alteration in Classification in the Department of the Legislative Council.
 Fisheries Act 1890.—Notice of Proclamation.—Fishing in Hunt's Dam, Castlemaine.—Proclamation revoked.

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—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

7. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 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, Two o'clock on Wednesday and Thursday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Friday; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after half-past Ten o'clock on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and after Four o'clock on Friday.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That during the present Session Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS—ENCOURAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCERS.—

Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the compliance by the several Departments of the State with the Order of the House contained in the resolution agreed to on the 17th October, 1905, relative to Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers, such Committee to consist of Mr. Beazley, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McGregor, and Mr. Oman, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the Minutes of Evidence from time to time; three to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS—ENCOURAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers, appointed on the 1st October, 1908, be laid before this House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—
Minutes of Evidence.—Return to the foregoing Order.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be referred to the Select Committee on Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.

12. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray 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. Beazley, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. McBride; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beazley, Sir Thomas Bent, Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Craven, Mr. Mackey, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Murray, 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.

14. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray 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. E. H. Cameron, Mr. Elmslie, Mr. Lemmon, 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.

15. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bowser, Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holden, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Keast, Mr. Langdon, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Outtrim, and Mr. Prendergast; 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.

16. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray 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. Carlisle, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Ward, and Sir Henry Weddon; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

17. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice. That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session:—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Campbell, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. Membrey, Mr. Swinburne, and Mr. Toutcher; 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.

18. LINES OF RAILWAY REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the following questions be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report:—

- (1) The question of connecting Lake Bolac and Lismore by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (2) The question of connecting the Dookie and Katamatite and the Benalla and Yarrawonga lines by means of a railway, and the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (3) The question of connecting Netherby and Yanac-a-Yanac by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (4) The question of connecting Bulla by means of a steam or electric railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (5) The question of developing the East Gippsland country by means of a railway to eventually connect with the New South Wales railway system, and in the meantime open up the Crown lands between Bairnsdale and the New South Wales border to promote settlement and tap the timber and mineral resources of the district, and also the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (6) The question of developing the country north of the Latrobe River by means of a railway to the junction of the Latrobe and Toorongo Rivers to promote settlement and tap the timber resources of the district, and also the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (7) The question of connecting Carrajung, Bulga, Jumbuk, and Dollar by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (8) The question of connecting Cousens' Corner and Newbridge by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (9) The question of connecting Port Campbell by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (10) The question of connecting Moonee Vale Village Home Settlements and West Brunswick with the existing railway system by means of an electric or steam railway, and the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (11) The question of connecting Durham Ox by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (12) The question of connecting Strathbogrie by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate.
- (13) The question of connecting the Mornington and Great Southern railways by means of a railway, and the provision of a deficiency rate.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

19. CHILLINGOLLAH AND MURRAY RIVER RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of extending the Chillingollah railway to the River Murray, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

20. BEEAC TO NEWTOWN RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5ft. 3in. line of railway from Beeac to Newtown.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

21. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways:—Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. E. H. Cameron, Mr. Cullen, and Mr. Warde.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

22. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McBride obtained leave, with Mr. A. A. Billson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Gold Buyers Act 1907'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

23. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUST BILL.—Mr. Graham obtained leave, with Mr. A. A. Billson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the First Mildura Irrigation Trust*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

24. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Watt obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

25. WIRE NETTING BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. A. A. Billson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for supplying Owners of Land with Wire Netting for Vermin-proof Fences*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

26. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE DISSOLUTION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will cause to be placed before this House the whole of the correspondence between His Excellency and the Government, and all other papers relating to the dissolution of the Twenty-first Parliament; also praying that he will communicate to the House the reasons that may have influenced him in granting such dissolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

27. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Murray moved, That the Honorable Member for Benambra, Mr. Albert William Craven, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

28. 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 to 6 inclusive.

29. OLD-AGE PENSIONS INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 3, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Murray, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to increase for One Year the Total Sum appropriated for Old-age Pensions.

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

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

Mr. Murray then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to increase for One Year the Total Sum appropriated for Old-age Pensions*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

30. CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT 1904 FURTHER AMENDMENT 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. Murray, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the *Closer Settlement Act 1904*.

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

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

Mr. Murray then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Closer Settlement Act 1904'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

31. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 5, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Murray, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the Law relating to State School Teachers.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Murray and Mr. A. A. Billson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Murray then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Law relating to State School Teachers*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

32. RAILWAYS IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY LOAN 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. Murray, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and Irrigation Works and Water Supply.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Murray and Mr. A. A. Billson do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Murray then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and Irrigation Works and Water Supply*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Murray then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

34. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK 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. Murray, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for certain purposes by increasing the amount of Victorian Three per cent. Stock.

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

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

Mr. Murray then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for certain purposes by increasing the amount of Victorian Three per cent. Stock*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

35. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (VETERINARY SCHOOL) 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. Graham, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the Establishment of a Veterinary School in the University of Melbourne.

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

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

Mr. Graham then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Establishment of a Veterinary School in the University of Melbourne*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

36. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES for 1908-9.—RESOLUTIONS RESCINDED.—Mr. Watt moved, by leave—

1. That the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply on the 8th July last, granting to His Majesty the following sums on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1908-9, viz. :—

Division No.	£
9. The Library—Salaries	156
10. „ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	63
109. Government Printer—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	11,622
113. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Surveys, &c.	1,400
115. Public Parks—Ordinary Expenditure, General Item	67
122. Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Closer Settlement—Salaries	579
124. Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Small Improved Holdings— Salaries	328
125. Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Small Improved Holdings— Ordinary Expenditure, General Item	100
143. Mines—Non-recurring	4,950
149. Water Supply Department—Non-recurring	2,700
Total	<u>21,965</u>

be read and rescinded.

2. That the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply on the 30th September last, granting to His Majesty the following sums on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1908-9, viz. :—

Division No.	£
9. The Library—Salaries	104
10. „ Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	40
109. Government Printer—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	639
113. Survey, &c., Crown Lands, Surveys, &c.	700
115. Public Parks—Ordinary Expenditure—General Item	100
122. Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Closer Settlement—Salaries	357
124. Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Small Improved Holdings— Salaries	213
125. Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Small Improved Holdings— Ordinary Expenditure, General Item	67
Total	<u>2,250</u>

be read and rescinded.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

37. SUPPLY.—The House according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Craven 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.

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

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY—*continued.*

Division No.		£	£
42.	Agent-General—Staff and Office	500	
43.	" Works and Buildings	697	
44.	Audit Office—Salaries	3,737	
45.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	285	
46.	Government Statist—Salaries	2,558	
47.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,902	
48.	Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries	26,179	
49.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	29,066	
50.	Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools—Salaries	1,999	
51.	Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools—Ordinary Expenditure, Maintenance of Children	17,730	
52.	Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,170	
53.	Penal Establishments and Gaols—Salaries	12,018	
54.	" " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,336	
55.	Police—Salaries	75,614	
56.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	12,855	
57.	Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Salaries	3,760	
58.	Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,480	
59.	Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Works and Buildings	14,450	
60.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries	270	
61.	" " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	50	
			232,075

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

Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Supply the details of Divisions Nos. 9 and 10, which were read and are as follow :—

Number.	Classification.	THE LIBRARY.				£
		DIVISION No. 9.				
		SALARIES.				
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.				
1	S. & L.	The Librarian, Class D	...	...	...	432
		Subdivision No. 2.				
		CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	5	Clerk	...	...	...	188
2		Total SALARIES				620
		ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.				
		DIVISION No. 10.				
		GENERAL ITEM.				
		Temporary Assistance	...	...	...	240
		Total THE LIBRARY				860
		To be recouped by the Commonwealth Parliament				860

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1908–9 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

II.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Division No.		£	£
62.	Education—Salaries	200,904	
63.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	21,608	
64.	" Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation	541	
65.	" Works and Buildings	5,000	
66.	" Endowments and Grants	8,472	
			236,525

III.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Division No.	£	£
67. Supreme Court—Salaries	786	
68. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	179	
69. Law Officers of the Crown—Salaries	2,116	
70. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,435	
71. " " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	51	
72. Crown Solicitor—Salaries	1,069	
73. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	130	
74. Prothonotary—Salaries	381	
75. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	10	
76. Master-in-Equity and Lunacy—Salaries	1,100	
77. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	219	
78. Registrar-General and Registrar of Tities—Salaries	7,288	
79. " " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,327	
80. Sheriff—Salaries	1,007	
81. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,818	
Comptroller of Stamps and Collector of Imposts under Stamps Acts 1890 and 1892—		
82. Salaries	687	
83. Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	822	
	<hr/>	21,425

IV.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions, and Children's Courts—		
84. Salaries	1,849	
85. Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,141	
86. Police Magistrates and Wardens—Salaries	3,022	
87. " " Ordinary Expenditure	960	
88. Clerks of Courts—Salaries	5,444	
89. Coroners—Salaries	26	
90. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,700	
91. " " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	48	
	<hr/>	17,150

V.—TREASURER.

92. Treasury—Salaries	6,525	
93. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,358	
94. " " Transport, Samples, and Marine Insurance	100	
95. " " Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	2,000	
96. " " Allowance to Railway Department for Carriage and Use of Victorian Coal	2,200	
97. " " Payment to Railway Department for issue of Free Passes to State Governor and Staff, Members of Parliament, &c., Executive Councillors, and Members of Parliaments of other States	1,245	
98. " " Grants	19,750	
99. " " Pensions, Compensations, and Gratuities, &c.	267	
100. " " Non-recurring	61	
102. Income Tax Office—Salaries	3,978	
103. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,195	
104. Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Acts—Salaries	79	
105. " " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	5	
106. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons—Salaries	674	
107. " " " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	60	
108. Government Printer—Salaries	13,472	
109. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	620	
110. " " Advertising	790	
	<hr/>	54,379

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

138. Public Works—Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	78,825
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VIII.—MINISTER OF MINES AND FORESTS.

140. Mines—Salaries	6,139	
141. " " Furtherance of Mining Industry	10,022	
142. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	150	
142A. " " Works and Buildings	300	
143. " " Non-recurring	450	
144. State Forests—Salaries	2,266	
145. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,934	
	<hr/>	24,261

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

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

4. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Murray, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Murray, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Water Supply in Country Districts and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 11 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

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 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 10th February instant, in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament, and that 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 the Address you have just presented to me.

I am well assured of your continued loyalty to Our Most Gracious Sovereign, and I trust that the measures which may be submitted to you will receive your careful consideration, and will result in much good to this State.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 16th February, 1909.

3. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating the Temporary Chairmen of Committees, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

The Honorable John Bowser,
George Alexander Elmslie, Esquire,
John Gray, Esquire,
William Hutchinson, Esquire, and
The Honorable Alfred Richard Outtrim,

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

Given under my hand this sixteenth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and nine.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

4. TRACTION ENGINE AND PLANT PURCHASED AT TINTINARA.—Mr. FARRER moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The amount paid for the traction engine and plant purchased at Tintinara.
 2. The date on which the plant was taken over.
 3. The amount that has been expended since the purchase on (a) repairs, (b) working expenses ; also the details of such expenditure.
 4. The area of Crown land rolled down by the engine since it has been under State management.
 5. The wages paid for working the plant.
 6. The total cost to the State to date of the engine and plant.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Graham presented—

Traction Engine and Plant purchased at Tintinara.—Return to the foregoing Order.

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

Aborigines.—Forty-fourth Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

6. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1908-9.—Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow :—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1908-9 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

VI.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

Division No.		£	£
111.	Survey, Land Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands—Salaries ...	16,335	
112.	Survey, Land Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands—Ordinary Expenditure ...	410	
114.	Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves—Salaries ...	190	
115.	” ” ” Ordinary Expenditure, General Item ...	127	
117.	” ” ” Grants ...	2,950	
118.	Botanical and Domain Gardens—Salaries ...	2,004	
119.	” ” ” Ordinary Expenditure, General Items ...	780	
120.	Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals—Salaries ...	170	
121.	” ” ” Ordinary Expenditure, General Items ...	11,666	
123.	Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Closer Settlement—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items ...	22	
126.	Village Settlements and Labour Colonies ...	33	
127.	Works and Buildings ...	48	
128.	Road Works ...	25	
129.	Non-recurring ...	2,750	
			37,510

And, after debate, the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House. Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Supply the details of Divisions Nos. 124 and 125, which were read and are as follow :—

Number.	Classification.	ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF SMALL IMPROVED HOLDINGS.	£
		DIVISION No. 124.	
		SALARIES.	
		Subdivision No. 1.	
		CLERICAL DIVISION.	
1	2	Clerk* ...	415
1	3	Clerk† ...	304
5	5	Clerks ...	590
7			1,309
		Subdivision No. 2.	
		GENERAL DIVISION.	
1		Junior Messenger... ..	42
8			
		Total SALARIES ...	1,351
		ORDINARY EXPENDITURE.	
		DIVISION No. 125.	
		GENERAL ITEM.	
		Expenses generally and additional assistance... ..	400
			1,751
		To be repaid by Small Improved Holdings Fund	1,751

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1908-9 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Division No.		£	£
130.	Public Works—Salaries ...	8,670	
131.	” ” Ordinary Expenditure, General Items ...	4,015	
132.	” ” Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation ...	39	
133.	Ports and Harbors, Immigration, and Fisheries—Salaries ...	5,692	
134.	” ” ” ” Ordinary Expenditure, General Items ...	9,300	
135.	” ” ” ” Non-recurring ...	425	
136.	Public Works—Works and Buildings ...	94,070	
137.	” ” Road Works and Bridges ...	3,992	
139.	” ” Non-recurring ...	9,300	
			135,503

Division No.		£	£
IX.—MINISTER OF WATER SUPPLY.			
146.	Water Supply Department—Salaries	...	1,366
147.	" " " Ordinary Expenditure, Surveys, &c.	...	310
148.	" " " " " General Items	...	295
148A.	" " " Endowment and Grants	...	600
149.	" " " Non-recurring	...	300
150.	State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	...	6,470
			9,341

X.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

151.	Agriculture and Industries—Salaries	...	4,087
152.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, Maffra Beet Sugar Factory...	...	163
153.	" " " " Publishing Reports...	...	1,500
154.	" " " " Development of the Export Trade ...	...	15,311
155.	" " " " Travelling Exhibit in London and Pro- vinces...	...	200
155A.	" " " " Fisheries ...	...	10,350
156.	" " " " General Items	...	328
156A.	" " " Works and Buildings	...	4,300
157.	" " " Grants	...	4,256
158.	" " " Non-recurring	...	102
159.	Stock and Dairy Supervision—Salaries	...	5,811
160.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	...	1,645
161.	Vegetation Diseases—Salaries	...	1,160
162.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	...	3,215
163.	Technical Agricultural Education, Experimental Stations, &c.—Salaries	...	1,966
164.	Technical Agricultural Education, Experimental Stations, &c.—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	...	6,555
165.	Viticultural Industry—Salaries	...	255
166.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	...	840
			62,044

XI.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

167.	Public Health—Salaries	...	2,663
168.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items...	...	7,300
168A.	" " Endowment and Grants	...	250
			10,213

XII.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

169.	Victorian Railways—Salaries and Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1908-9	...	684,011
170.	" " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	...	3,772
171.	" " Construction Branch	...	1,221
			689,004

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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. Craven reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1909, the sum of £1,384,080 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

8. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Mr. Watt then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Mr. Watt 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. Craven 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. PRAHRAN AND MALVERN TRAMWAYS TRUST ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL—SUSPENSION OF PRIVATE BILL STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills, including those relating to the payment of fees, be dispensed with, with a view of introducing a Bill to amend the *Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust Act 1907*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Bayles, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust Act 1907’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. BALLAARAT EAST LANDS (SOUTH-STREET SOCIETY) BILL—SUSPENSION OF PRIVATE BILL STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills, including those relating to the payment of fees, be dispensed with, with a view of introducing a Bill to provide for the vesting of certain Lands for the purposes of the South-street Society and for reducing the Width of certain Streets in the Town of Ballaarat East and for other purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the vesting of certain Lands for the purposes of the South-street Society and for reducing the Width of certain Streets in the Town of Ballaarat East and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 14 inclusive be postponed until after No. 15.
12. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt 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. Craven 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. Watt, 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. 3 to 5 inclusive be postponed until after No. 6.
14. RAILWAYS IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive, Nos. 7 to 14 inclusive, and No. 16 be postponed until to-morrow.
16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

 WEDNESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

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 :—
Vegetation Diseases Act 1906.—Regulation authorizing Inspectors to Charge Fees and Expenses for inspecting any Tree, Plant, or Vegetable.—Order in Council.
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARDS TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Mr. Murray 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 person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a grocer, including a seller of tea.
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.
- Mr. Murray 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 person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind and articles of male attire), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing.
Mr. Lemmon moved, as an amendment, That the words “and articles of male attire” be omitted.
And, after debate—
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion—put and negatived.
Question—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing—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.
- Mr. Murray 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 person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of all kinds of rubber goods, including rubber tyres of every description.
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.
- Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient for the Special Board heretofore appointed with regard to articles of furniture (known as the Furniture Board) to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to female workers employed as upholstresses, whether as carpet hands, table hands, or drapery hands; also to male persons employed in planning and laying carpets, or linoleums, or floorcloths, or fixing draperies.
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.

4. OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, moved, pursuant to notice, That the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Ouyen to Kow Plains be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY) BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for a Half-holiday every Saturday in Shops in the Metropolitan District*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. DRAINAGE AREAS ACTS AMENDMENT (EUMERELLA) BILL.—Mr. Graham obtained leave, with Mr. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Drainage Areas Acts so far as regards the Eumerella Drainage Area*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Ninety-sixth and Ninety-seventh Sections of the ‘Marine Act 1890’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
9. CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT 1904 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McKenzie, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. APPROPRIATION 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, 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. 3 to 12 inclusive be postponed until after No. 13.
12. WIRE NETTING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. 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. Craven 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.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled “*An Act to revive and continue the Voting by Post Acts,*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.
H. J. WRIXON,
President.
14. VOTING BY POST ACTS REVIVAL AND CONTINUANCE BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Murray, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.

16. OLD-AGE PENSIONS INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after No. 5.
18. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Watt, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
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 further amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.
H. J. WRIXON,
President.
- Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.
20. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Prendergast 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.
21. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—
Clause 4, line 20, after "and" insert "after the insertion of such advertisements as such Judge may direct and."
" line 21, after "may" insert "after the expiration of six calendar months."
And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.
22. VOTING BY POST ACTS REVIVAL AND CONTINUANCE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Murray, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.

23. RAILWAY LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—
Mr. Watt 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments and with an amended title, which title is as follows:—
“*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Railways Public Works and other purposes.*”
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. Watt, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
24. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt 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. Craven 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.
25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 7, Nos 9 to 12 inclusive, and Nos. 14 and 15 be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

 THURSDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Toutcher 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 extraordinary conduct of the Crown Law Department in its relation to one of its judicial officers, Mr. Read Murphy, police magistrate."
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Mr. Toutcher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
And the Honorable Member not having concluded his speech at the expiration of the thirty minutes permitted by Standing Order No. 8B—
On the motion of Mr. Prendergast, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Honorable Member to continue his speech for ten minutes longer.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. CAPITAL INVESTED AND RECEIPTS FROM SUBURBAN RAILWAYS SYSTEM.—Mr. Warde moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The amount of capital invested in the suburban railways up to the 30th June, 1907.
 2. The receipts from all sources upon the suburban system for the year 1907.
 3. The amount of interest paid in 1907 upon the capital invested and the working expenses, each amount to be shown separately, in the suburban system.
 4. The amount of estimated profit upon the suburban system for the year 1907 after all charges have been fairly met.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. FORESTS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McBride obtained leave, with Mr. Thomson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Forests Act 1907'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. BEEAC TO NEWTOWN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. A. A. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. McKenzie, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Beeac to Newtown*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1905—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Mr. Murray 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 person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business connected with or incidental to the manufacturing, making, or repairing of—
 - (a) Carriages, carts, and other vehicles (other than perambulators) or any part or parts thereof, such as the ironwork or bodies, hoods, cushions, springs, axles, wheels, tyres, rims, hubs, or spokes.
 - (b) Motor car bodies, or any part or parts thereof, such as the hoods or cushions.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. SPECIAL REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to notice, That the Special Report of the Auditor-General, presented to the Legislative Assembly on the 7th January, 1909, relating to the expenditure of public money without the sanction of Parliament, be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts for inquiry and report.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. WIRE NETTING 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. McKenzie 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. Mackey, the House, after debate, agreed to the following amendment in this Bill:—

Clause 8, paragraph (a), line 7, after the word "licence" insert the words "or conditional purchase lease."

Mr. Tunnecliffe moved, as a further amendment, That the words "or is not included in a municipality," in clause 8, paragraph (b), line 11, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Plain,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House ordered that the further consideration of amendments after third reading be postponed until this day.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.

10. BALLAARAT EAST LANDS (SCUTH-STREET SOCIETY) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

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

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

11. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION 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. Craven 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. Watt 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, after debate—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Lawson.

Tellers.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Plain,	

Tellers.

Mr. McGrath,
Mr. Warde.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive, and Nos. 9 to 12 inclusive, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

Forests Act 1907 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Wire Netting Bill—Further consideration of amendments after third reading.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Murray, and the same was read :—
 THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 10.*
 In accordance with the request contained in their Address dated 10th February instant, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a memorandum and therewith papers relating to the Dissolution of the Twenty-first Parliament.
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 18th February, 1909. .
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Ouyen to Kow Plains ; together with Minutes of Evidence.
 Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.
4. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS—ENCOURAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCERS.—Mr. Beazley, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee on Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers ; together with Minutes of Evidence.
 Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
5. ELECTRICAL POWER, ITS PRODUCTION AND USE.—Mr. Warde moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report upon the Production and Use of Electrical Power, by Mr. Charles H. Merz.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. PAPER.—Mr. A. A. Billson presented—
 Electrical Power, its Production and Use.—Return to the foregoing Order.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—SPECIAL REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the Committee of Public Accounts, to which was referred the Special Report of the Auditor-General presented to the Legislative Assembly on the 7th January, 1909, have leave to report the Minutes of Evidence in connexion therewith from time to time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Closer Settlement Acts.—Regulations for the Disposal of Lands acquired.—Order in Council.
 Land Act 1901.—Amendments of the Regulations.—Part II.—Crown Lands other than Mallee Lands.—Chapter X., Miscellaneous.—Transfer or Mortgage of Leaseholds.—
 Order in Council.
 Mines Act 1904.—Suspension of Labour Covenants granted during 1908.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow.

10. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—
Mr. Watt 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. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to increase for One Year the Total Sum appropriated for Old-age Pensions*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for certain purposes by increasing the Amount of Victorian Three per cent. Stock*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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 regulate the Sale of Chaff and other Foods for Stock*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

13. CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Graham, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time 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 authorize the raising of Money for Railways and Irrigation Works and Water Supply*," 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, 23rd February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

Clause 3, lines 13-14, omit "and the aforesaid estimate shall be submitted for the sanction of the Legislative Assembly."

Mr. Watt moved, That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued.

Ordered—That the further consideration of the suggested amendment be postponed until this day.

15. **GOLD BUYERS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McBride moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Murray moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
16. **VISITORS.**—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That chairs be provided on the floor of the House for J. H. Cann, Esq., M.L.A., formerly Chairman of Committees, Legislative Assembly, New South Wales, and J. S. T. McGowen, Esq., M.L.A., the Leader of the Opposition, New South Wales.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
17. **RAILWAYS IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY LOAN BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read—
Motion, That this House do make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council, by leave, withdrawn.
Mr. Watt moved, That this House do not make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have considered the Message of the Legislative Council suggesting that this House make a certain amendment in this Bill, and have decided not to make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council.
18. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.
19. **PRAHRAN AND MALVERN TRAMWAYS TRUST ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—
Mr. Murray 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.
20. **LIMITATION OF BUSINESS.—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.**—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for this day so as to allow Government Business to be called on up to eleven o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
21. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until after No. 5.
22. **MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (VETERINARY SCHOOL) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Graham, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
23. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4, 6, and Nos. 8 to 11 inclusive be postponed until after No. 12.
24. **FORESTS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McBride 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McBride, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
25. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4, 6, 8 to 11 inclusive, and No. 13 be postponed until to-morrow.

26. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW GROUNDS BILL.—Mr. McKenzie obtained leave, with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for Improving the Access to the Royal Agricultural Show Grounds at Flemington*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session, so as to allow Government Business to be called on at any time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Meat Supervision Acts*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.
H. J. WRIXON,
President.
5. MEAT SUPERVISION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Graham, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and Irrigation Works and Water Supply*," and, on the consideration of the Report of the Committee, suggest that the Legislative Assembly amend the Bill as set forth in the annexed schedule.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.
H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

Clause 3, lines 7-14, omit "and before any expenditure is made or contract entered into for the construction of works or for the purchase of land or for irrigation and water supply purposes an estimate of the expenditure proposed to be incurred for the said purposes during the financial year and also a statement showing the works or purposes for or in respect of which the moneys during the preceding financial year have been applied shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, and the aforesaid estimate shall be submitted for the sanction of the Legislative Assembly."

Mr. Watt moved, That this House do make the amendment now 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 have considered the further Message of the Legislative Council suggesting that this House make a certain amendment in this Bill, and have made the amendment now suggested.

7. OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5ft. 3in. line of railway from Ouyen to Kow Plains.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Mr. A. A. Billson, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Ouyen to Kow Plains*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways Public Works and other purposes*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
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 person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business connected with or incidental to the manufacturing, making, or repairing of—

(a) Carriages, carts, and other vehicles (other than perambulators) or any part or parts thereof, such as the ironwork or bodies, hoods, cushions, springs, axles, wheels, tyres, rims, hubs, or spokes.

(b) Motor car bodies, or any part or parts thereof, such as the hoods or cushions.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
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 person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of all kinds of rubber goods, including rubber tyres of every description.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

10. WESTERN DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That the question of constructing a line of railway from the Ararat and Hamilton line, to connect with either the Ballarat and Geelong line or the Geelong and Colac line, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways to take into consideration and report when dealing with the question of railway communication with Lake Bolac and Lismore.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. DRAINAGE AREAS ACTS AMENDMENT (EUMERELLA) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

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

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

12. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

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

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

13. WIRE NETTING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of amendments after third reading having been read—
Mr. McKenzie moved, as a further amendment, That after the word "owner," in clause 9, subsection (1), line 15, the words "Provided that where the fence for which wire netting is required is to be erected on a boundary between private land whether freehold or leased or licensed and unoccupied Crown land or is separated only by a public road therefrom the price of the wire netting to be advanced to the owner of such private land shall be Eighty per centum only of the value of such wire netting" be added.
Debate ensued.
Ordered—That the further consideration of amendments after third reading be postponed until this day.
14. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
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. Craven 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 amendment to omit the word "five" and insert the word "three," in clause 11, line 26, was disagreed with, and the remaining 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, and that the Clerk had noted the amendment made by the House on the consideration of the Report—Bill, on the motion of Mr. A. A. Billson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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. Murray, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
17. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Closer Settlement Act 1904'*" without amendment.
- Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.
- H. J. WRIXON,
President.
- MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and Irrigation Works and Water Supply,*" including the amendment made in the said Bill by the Legislative Assembly which was suggested by the Legislative Council.
- Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.
- H. J. WRIXON,
President.
- MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways*" without amendment.
- Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.
- H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the vesting of certain Lands for the purposes of the South-street Society and for reducing the Width of certain Streets in the Town of Ballarat East and for other purposes*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust Act 1907'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered— That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 6 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

Meat Supervision Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Ouyen to Kow Plains Railway Construction Bill—Second reading.

Wire Netting Bill—Further consideration of amendments after third reading.

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

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.

THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—RESIGNATION OF MEMBER.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following letter, which he read :—

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

MR. SPEAKER,

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Committee of Public Accounts.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Speaker,

Your most obedient servant,

FRANK ANSTEY.

3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—DISCHARGE OF MEMBER.—Mr. Murray moved, That Mr. Anstey be discharged from attendance on the Committee of Public Accounts.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. NORADJUHA TO TOOLONDO RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, moved, by leave, That the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Noradjuba to Toolondo be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. MOORNGAG (DODD'S CROSSING) RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting Moorngag (Dodd's Crossing) by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. PORTLAND AND SERVICETON MAIN LINE CONNEXION RAILWAY.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of providing direct railway communication to the sea-board at Portland from districts between the South Australian Border line and the existing railway from Murtoa to Hopetoun, and the provision of a deficiency rate, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
8. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUST BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same 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. Graham, 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. 1 and 2 and Nos. 4 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after No. 9.
10. **MEAT SUPERVISION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Graham, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 and Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after No. 6.
12. **CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same 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.
On the motion of Mr. Prendergast, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill:—
Clause 14, line 14, after the word “writing” insert the words “or by any member of the police force who is not below the rank of a sergeant or who is in charge of a police station.”
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, and that the Clerk had noted the amendment made by the House on the consideration of the Report—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Graham, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
13. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS (SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY) BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.**—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz.:—
In clause 3, sub-section (2), line 12, the figure “1” has been omitted and the word “one” inserted.
In clause 4, line 23, the figure “1” has been omitted and the word “one” inserted.
In the Second Schedule, line 9, the word “Date” has been omitted, and in line 15, after the word “*Half-holiday*” the word “*Act*” has been inserted.
14. **MILDERA IRRIGATION TRUST BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTION.**—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill, viz.:—
In clause 20, sub-section (1), line 23, at the beginning of the line the word “of” has been inserted.
15. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. McKenzie, and the same was read:—
THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 11.*
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 provide for supplying Owners of Land with Wire Netting for Vermin-proof Fences.
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
16. **WIRE NETTING BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 11, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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. Craven reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for supplying Owners of Land with Wire Netting for Vermin-proof Fences.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

17. WIRE NETTING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of amendments after third reading having been read—

Debate resumed on Mr. McKenzie's further amendment, That after the word "owner," in clause 9, sub-section (1), line 15, the words "Provided that where the fence for which wire netting is required is to be erected on a boundary between private land whether freehold or leased or licensed and unoccupied Crown land or is separated only by a public road therefrom, the price of the wire netting to be advanced to the owner of such private land shall be Eighty per centum only of the value of such wire netting" be added.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Clause 9, sub-section (2), line 18, omit the words "of Four pounds per centum per annum" and insert the words "agreed upon."

Mr. Carlisle moved, as a further amendment, That the words "unless the land reverts to the Crown," in clause 9, sub-section (2), line 21, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

On the motion of Mr. McKenzie, the House agreed to the transposition of sub-sections (3) and (4) of clause 11.

Mr. Watt moved, as a further amendment, That the words "who shall place the same," in clause 15, line 34, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "and in addition the said Treasurer shall provide a sum equal to Two pounds per centum per annum out of the Consolidated Revenue to recoup loan moneys advanced under section nine, sub-section (1). All such moneys shall be placed."

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

18. 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 Factories and Shops Acts*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

19. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Murray, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

20. 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 person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing—with the following amendment, viz. :—After the words "(other than boots of any kind)" insert the words "and articles of male attire," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

21. 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 person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a grocer, including a seller of tea.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
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 for the Special Board heretofore appointed with regard to articles of furniture (known as the Furniture Board) to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be

paid to female workers employed as upholstresses, whether as carpet hands, table hands, or drapery hands; also to male persons employed in planning and laying carpets, or linoleums, or floorcloths, or fixing draperies.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

22. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until after Nos. 4 and 5.
23. **MOE AND WALHALLA RAILWAY COMPLETION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. A. A. Billson 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.
24. **MOE AND WALHALLA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION TRUST—EXTRA RATE.**—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of giving power to the Moe and Walhalla Railway Construction Trust to make and levy a Railway Construction Extra Rate.
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. Craven 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. Craven reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient to give power to the Moe and Walhalla Railway Construction Trust to make and levy a Railway Construction Extra Rate as defined in the Moe and Walhalla Railway Completion Bill.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
25. **MOE AND WALHALLA RAILWAY COMPLETION 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. A. A. Billson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
26. **BEEAC AND NEWTOWN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. A. A. Billson 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. A. A. Billson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
27. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER.**—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That Mr. Anstey be re-appointed a member of the Committee of Public Accounts.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Forests Act 1907'*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Ninety-sixth and Ninety-seventh Sections of the 'Marine Act 1890'*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Drainage Areas Acts so far as regards the Eumerella Drainage Area*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Veterinary School in the University of Melbourne*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Weights and Measures Act 1890' and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

30. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Watt, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

31. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 7 be postponed until after No. 8.

32. OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. A. A. Billson 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.

33. OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.—Mr. A. A. Billson moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of giving power to the Ouyen and Kow Plains Railway Deficiency Trust to make and levy a Railway Deficiency Rate.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient to give power to the Ouyen and Kow Plains Railway Deficiency Trust to make and levy a Railway Deficiency Rate as defined in the Ouyen to Kow Plains Railway Construction Bill.

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

34. OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven 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. Murray, read a third time.

Mr. Solly moved, as an amendment, That after the word "fittings," in clause 11, paragraph (b), line 40, the words "or electrical wire men" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to State School Teachers*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the First Mildura Irrigation Trust*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for a Half-holiday every Saturday in Shops in the Metropolitan District*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for supplying Owners of Land with Wire Netting for Vermin-proof Fences*," 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, 25th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

38. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message of the Legislative Council desiring the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly with an amendment in 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 person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings and underclothing—having been read—the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

After the words "(other than boots of any kind" insert the words "and articles of male attire."

On the motion of Mr. Murray, the said amendment was read a second time and, after debate, 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 amendment.

39. WIRE NETTING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. Clause 6, lines 23-4, omit "fund or money from which the wire netting was purchased" and insert "Victorian Loan Redemption Fund."
2. Clause 15, line 35, omit "fund or money from which the wire netting was purchased" and insert "Victorian Loan Redemption Fund."

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

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

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

Children's Court Act 1906.—Regulations—Schedule Substituted.—Fees in Children's Courts and in Proceedings before a Justice or Justices in Children's Court Cases.—Order in Council.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 31st December, 1908.

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

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 12.

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 penalties and forfeitures for the purposes of the Bill to further amend the *Weights and Measures Act 1890* and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

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

42. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 12, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Watt, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made of penalties and forfeitures for the purposes of the Bill to further amend the *Weights and Measures Act 1890* and for other purposes.

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

43. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt 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. Craven 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. Watt, 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.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Beec to Newtown*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Owen to Kow Plains*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Completion of the Moe and Walthalla Railway*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

45. 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 regulate the Sale of Chaff and other Foods for Stock,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in this Bill, and have disagreed with others of the said amendments.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

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

Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly.	How dealt with by the Legislative Council.
Clause 21, omit this clause.	} Disagreed with.
Clause 22, at end of clause add "or member of the police force."	
Clause 24, omit this clause.	

Mr. Watt moved, That this House do not insist on their amendments.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on their amendments with which the Legislative Council have disagreed.

46. 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 Factories and Shops Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly, and have disagreed with one of the said amendments.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

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

Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly.	How dealt with by the Legislative Council.
Omit clause 14 and insert the following clause in place thereof :—	} Disagreed with.
A. (1) In order to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the process trade or business of either the whole or any part of the iron working trade (for which a Special Board has not been constituted) the Governor in Council may at any time within one month after the passing of this Act (notwithstanding anything contained in the Factories and Shops Acts) appoint a Special Board consisting of not less than four or more than ten members and a chairman.	
(2) The members of such Special Board shall not be elected but shall be appointed by the Governor in Council who may at any time remove any member of such Special Board.	
(3) Except where inconsistent with the provisions of this section all the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts which relate to Special Boards and the members thereof shall apply to any Board or Boards appointed under the provisions of this section.	

Mr. Murray moved, That this House do not insist on their amendment to omit clause 14 and insert new clause A in place thereof.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on their amendment to omit clause 14 and insert new clause A in place thereof, with which the Legislative Council have disagreed.

47. YARRA BEND ASYLUM AND KEW ASYLUM LANDS.—Mr. Beazley moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, any Crown lands attached to the Yarra Bend Asylum and to the Kew Asylum, not required for the purposes of either of those institutions, should be reserved as public park lands.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

48. 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 amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Weights and Measures Act 1890' and for other purposes.*"

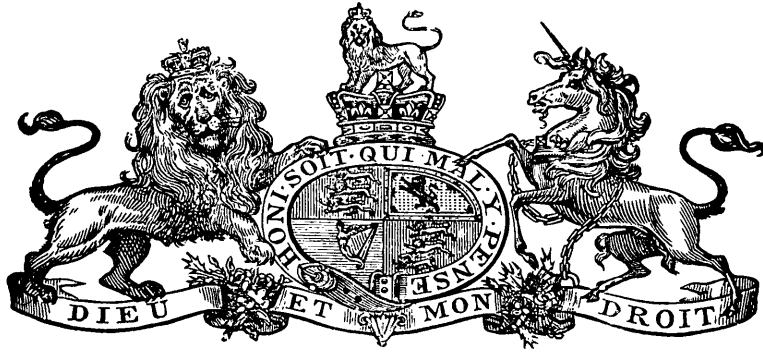
H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

49. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Murray moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 23rd March next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
50. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 7 be postponed until Tuesday, 23rd March next.
51. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Murray 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 four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday, 23rd March next.

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.



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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, 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 Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April, 1909.

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

(L.S.)

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. MURRAY.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SESSION 1909

1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed by Speaker's Warrant, 12th January, 1909.)

Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Elmslie,

Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Outtrim.

2.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 10th February, 1909.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Hutchinson,

Mr. Lawson,
Mr. McBride.

3.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 10th February, 1909.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Beazley,
Sir Thomas Bent,
Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Craven,
Mr. Mackey,

Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Outtrim,
Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Robertson.

4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 10th February, 1909.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,
Mr. Elmslie,

Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. McGregor.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 10th February, 1909.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Bowser,
Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Holden,
Mr. Hutchinson,

Mr. Keast,
Mr. Langdon,
Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Prendergast.

6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 10th February, 1909.)

Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Forrest,

Mr. Warde,
Sir Henry Weedon.

7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 10th February, 1909.)

*Mr. Anstey,
Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. McCutcheon,

Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Toutcher.

* Resigned 25th February, 1909. Re-appointed 25th February, 1909.

8.—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT).

(Appointed 10th February, 1909.)

Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Warde.9.—GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS—ENCOURAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN
MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCERS.

(Appointed 10th February, 1909.)

Mr. Beazley,
Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. McGrath.Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Oman.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1909.

No. 1.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 18TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

TUESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

No. 1.—*Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts further Amendment Bill.*—New clause B.

The Board shall make provision in every contract for the payment to labourers of a minimum rate of wage of not less than seven shillings and sixpence per day.—(Mr. Prendergast.)

Question—That new clause B be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Membrey,	
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Plain,	

Tellers.

Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Warde.

Noes, 25.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McCutcheon,	

Tellers.

Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Lawson.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

No. 2.—*Railway Loan Application Bill.*—New clause A.

In all works to be constructed under this Act a minimum wage of seven shillings and sixpence per day shall be paid to all labourers, and provision shall be made accordingly whether such works be done by day labour or by contract.

The hours of all persons so employed shall not be more than forty-eight hours per week.

Where mechanics or artificers or other persons whatsoever are employed the wages rate, hours of labour, and conditions that may be fixed by the Wages Board for such calling, shall be adopted.

Where no Wages Boards exist to govern the conditions under which any person may be employed, the wages and conditions of labour, as recognized by trades unions, shall be adopted.

The Governor in Council shall make regulations to give effect to this section.

—(Mr. Prendergast.)

Question—That new clause A be now read a second time—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. McKissock,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Membrey,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,*	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Carlisle,

And the numbers being equal, the Chairman said:—"The voting being equal, it becomes necessary for me to give a casting vote. As there will be other opportunities of testing this question, my vote will have to go with the 'Noes.' The 'Noes' therefore have it."

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1909.

No. 2.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 26TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1909.

No. 1.—*Water Supply Loans Application Bill.*—New clause A.

In all works to be constructed under this Act a minimum wage of not less than seven shillings and sixpence per day shall be paid to all labourers, and provision shall be made accordingly whether such works be done by day labour or by contract.

The hours of all persons so employed shall not be more than forty-eight hours per week.

Where mechanics or artificers or other persons whatsoever are employed the wages rate, hours of labour, and conditions that may be fixed by the Wages Board for such calling shall be adopted.

Where no Wages Boards exist to govern the conditions under which any person may be employed the wages and the conditions of labour, as recognised by trades unions, shall be adopted.

The Governor in Council shall make regulations to give effect to this section.

—(*Mr. J. W. Billson* for *Mr. Prendergast*.)

Question—That new clause A be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Plain,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McKissock,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Membrey,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackey,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Carlisle.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

No. 2.—*State School Teachers Law further Amendment Bill.*—First Schedule.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

[To be substituted for Part I. of the Second Schedule to the Teachers Act 1905.]

PART I.

Classified positions in the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Classes of teachers, determined on a basis of a total average attendance of 150,000 pupils.

"MALE" TEACHERS.				FEMALE TEACHERS.			
Class.			Number.	Class.			Number.
I.	...	...	50	II.	...	...	50
II.	...	...	50	III.	...	...	50
III.	...	...	130	IV.	...	...	100
IV.	...	...	260	V.	...	...	350
V.	...	...	650	VI.	...	...	400
VI.	...	...	375				
Total	...	...	1,515	Total	...	...	950

—(Mr. A. A. Billson.)

Amendment proposed—That the word "Male," in line 6, be omitted.—(Mr. J. W. Billson.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Carlisle.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Outtrim,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Plain,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. McGrath.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

No. 3.—*Chaff and Stock Food Bill.*—New clause A.

The amount of protein which shall be contained in hay or in hay chaff may be prescribed by regulations.—(Mr. Prendergast.)

Question—That new clause A be now read a second time—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. McKissock,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. McLachlan,	
Mr. Outtrim,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Plain,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 30.

Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cookson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cussen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Harris,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Carlisle.

And so it passed in the negative.

