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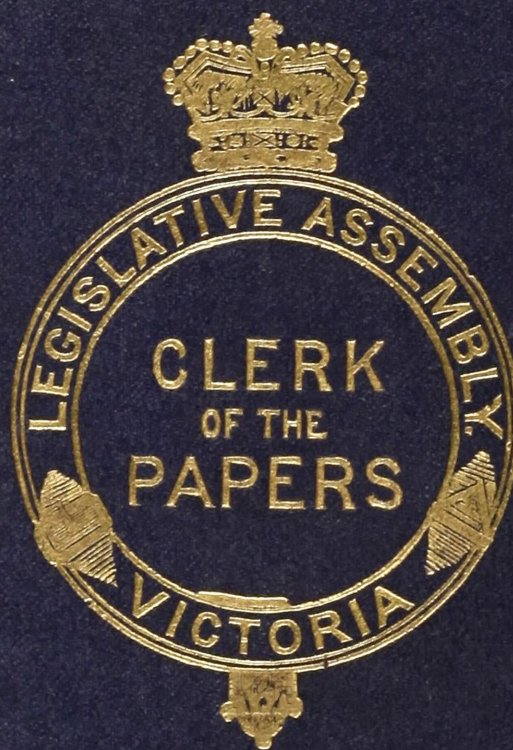


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- APPROPRIATION:** Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this session of Parliament—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time, 20 Dec., 1924, p. 100; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 105; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 105. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3389.*)
- AUDIT:** Bill relating to payment of the public moneys—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 Sept., 1924, p. 43; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 Sept., p. 44; the Council's agreement notified, 1 Oct., p. 48. (*Assented to 1 October, 1924. Act No. 3357.*)
- AUSTRALIAN WINE LICENCE (BAILLIESTON):** Bill to provide for the renewal of a certain Australian wine licence in pursuance of a certificate granted by the licensing court for the licensing district of Waranga—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 27 Aug., 1924, p. 27; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Sept., p. 37; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Sept., p. 43. (*Assented to 1 October, 1924. Act No. 3349.*)
- BALLARAT WATER COMMISSIONERS:** Bill to amend the *Water Act 1915* and the *Ballarat Water Commissioners Act 1921* and for other purposes—(*Mr. McAdam*).—Initiated and read a first time, 2 Sept., 1924, p. 32.—Bill lapsed.
- BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY:** Bill to further amend the *Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Act 1920*—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Dec., 1924, p. 92.—Bill lapsed.
- CATTLE COMPENSATION:** Bill to provide compensation for the owners of certain cattle and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hogan*).—House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider certain stamp duties on statements on sales of cattle; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying certain stamp duties on statements on sales of cattle reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 14) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, 17 Sept., 1924, p. 41; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 23 Sept., p. 43; debate resumed—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 30 Sept., p. 47; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Oct., p. 63; the Council's agreement notified, 3 Dec., p. 83. (*Assented to 8 December, 1924. Act No. 3365.*)
- CATTLE COMPENSATION (BILL No. 2):** Bill to amend section 6 of the *Cattle Compensation Act 1924*—(*Colonel Bouchier*).—Initiated and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., 1924, p. 103; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 103. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3387.*)
- CENSORSHIP OF FILMS:** Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Censoring of Cinematograph Films and for other purposes*"—(*Dr. Argyle*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 19 Dec., 1924, p. 97.—Bill lapsed.
- CHILDREN'S MAINTENANCE:** Bill to amend the *Children's Maintenance Act 1919*—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Oct., 1924, p. 48; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 Dec., p. 84; the Council's agreement notified, 19 Dec., p. 96. (*Assented to 23 December, 1924. Act No. 3376.*)
- CHILDREN'S WELFARE:** Bill relating to the Department heretofore known as the Department for Neglected Children—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 27 Aug., 1924, p. 27; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Sept., p. 37; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Sept., p. 43. (*Assented to 1 October, 1924. Act No. 3351.*)
- CLOSER SETTLEMENT:** Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 25) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 22 Oct., 1924, p. 63.—Bill lapsed.
- CLUB HOTEL, HOPETOWN, LICENCE:** Bill to provide for the renewal of a certain victualler's licence in pursuance of a certificate granted by the licensing court

for the licensing district of Swau Hill—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 27 Aug., 1924, p. 27; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to: Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Sept., p. 37; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Sept., p. 43. (*Assented to 1 October, 1924. Act No. 3350.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 1): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and seventy-five thousand two hundred and forty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 8 July, 1924, p. 9; the Council's agreement notified, 8 July, p. 10. (*Assented to 9 July, 1924. Act No. 3342.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 2): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and seventy-five thousand and fifty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 July, 1924, p. 17; the Council's agreement notified, 22 July, p. 20. (*Assented to 23 July, 1924. Act No. 3343.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 3): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Five hundred and eighty-two thousand two hundred and sixty pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 July, 1924, p. 19; the Council's agreement notified, 26 Aug., p. 24. (*Assented to 23 July, 1924. Act No. 3344.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 4): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and sixty-four thousand two hundred and forty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 27 Aug., 1924, p. 30; the Council's agreement notified, 3 Sept., p. 32. (*Assented to 3 September, 1924. Act No. 3346.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 5): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and ninety-five thousand four hundred and forty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 Sept., 1924, p. 46; the Council's agreement notified, 30 Sept., p. 48. (*Assented to 1 October, 1924. Act No. 3356.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 6): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and seventy-four thousand two hundred and eleven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One

thousand nine hundred and twenty-five—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Oct., 1924, p. 69; the Council's agreement notified, 30 Oct., p. 70. (*Assented to 30 October, 1924. Act No. 3361.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 7): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and seventy-six thousand five hundred and thirteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Dec., 1924, p. 83; the Council's agreement notified, 11 Dec., p. 88. (*Assented to 11 December, 1924. Act No. 3366.*)

COUNTRY ROADS LOAN APPLICATION: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for the construction of main roads and developmental roads under the Country Roads Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1924, p. 87; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 91; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 93. (*Assented to 23 December, 1924. Act No. 3374.*)

DANDENONG LANDS: Bill to amend the *Dandenong Lands Act 1892* and the *Dandenong Lands Act 1907* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Downward*).—Motion for leave to bring in Bill—debated and, by leave, withdrawn, 18 Dec., 1924, p. 95.

DAY BAKING: Bill for the establishment of day baking in the State of Victoria—(*Mr. Brownbill*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1924, p. 60.—Bill lapsed.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT: Bill to authorize the raising of additional moneys for the purposes of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts—(*Mr. Downward*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 34) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon: Bill initiated and read a first time, 2 Dec., 1924, pp. 77-8; motion made, That this Bill be now read a second time; motion, That the debate be now adjourned, by leave, withdrawn; debate on motion, That this Bill be now read a second time, resumed; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 Dec., p. 84; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 93. (*Assented to 23 December, 1924. Act No. 3370.*)

DIVORCE: Bill to make separation a ground for divorce under the Marriage Acts—(*Mr. Snowball*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 Sept., 1924, p. 44.—Bill lapsed.

DRIED FRUITS: Bill relating to dried fruits and dried fruits packing sheds and for other purposes—(*Colonel Bouchier*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1924, p. 87; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 16 Dec., p. 91; debate resumed—Bill read a second time; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 48) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to; Bill committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 19 Dec.,

- p. 97; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 103. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3380.*)
- ECHUCA LAND:** Bill relating to certain land in the borough of Echuca permanently reserved from sale as a site for court house purposes and to the buildings thereon—(*Mr. Downward*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Dec., 1924, p. 92.—Bill lapsed.
- ELECTORAL:** Bill to amend The Constitution Act Amendment Acts—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government (No. 10) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 27 Aug., 1924, p. 27; motion. That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 27 Aug., p. 28; debate resumed and adjourned, 16 Sept., p. 40; 17 Sept., p. 42; 23 Sept., p. 44.—Bill lapsed.
- ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN APPLICATION:** Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for works and undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria—(*Mr. Allan for Mr. Eggleston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Dec., 1924, p. 81; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 101; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 103. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3381.*)
- FACTORIES AND SHOPS:** Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Acts—(*Mr. Lemmon*).—Initiated and read a first time, 22 Oct., 1924, p. 63.—Bill lapsed.
- FAIR RENTS:** Bill for the establishment of courts for the purpose of fixing fair rents for dwelling-houses—(*Mr. Murphy*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1924, p. 26.—Bill lapsed.
- FOOTSCRAY LAND:** Bill to provide for the closing of portions of certain streets in the city of Footscray and for the reservation from sale of the said portions as a site for educational purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Dec., 1924, p. 92; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 103; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 103. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3385.*)
- FORESTS:** Bill to amend the Forests Acts—(*Mr. Cain*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 21) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 15 Oct., 1924, pp. 58-9; motion. That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 22 Oct., p. 63; order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 4 Dec., p. 84.
- FORESTS (BILL NO. 2):** Bill to amend the Forests Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Mackrell*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 39) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 Dec., 1924, p. 84; read a second time and committed; motion, That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider an amendment relating to obtaining from State forests or Crown lands, without payment, stone or gravel required by municipalities for the construction or maintenance of roads—agreed to; Bill considered in Committee, 10 Dec., p. 87; further considered in Committee, 12 Dec., p. 89; 20 Dec., p. 103.—Bill lapsed.
- FRUIT PACKING SHEDS REGISTRATION:** Bill to provide for the registration of packing sheds and for other purposes in connexion with the dried fruits industry—(*Mr. Old*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1924, p. 26.—Bill lapsed.
- GAME:** Bill to amend the Game Acts—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 27 Aug., 1924, p. 27; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 16 Sept., p. 40; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to, 15 Oct., p. 59; Bill read the third time and a further amendment made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Oct., p. 60; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 29 Oct., p. 69.—Bill lapsed.
- GAS REGULATION:** Bill to amend the law with respect to the supply of gas—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 27 Aug., 1924, p. 27; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 23 Sept., p. 43.—Bill lapsed.
- GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE (BORROWING POWERS):** Bill to increase the borrowing powers of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust—(*Mr. Allan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Dec., 1924, p. 89; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 91; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 93. (*Assented to 23 December, 1924. Act No. 3372.*)
- GREAT OCEAN ROAD LANDS:** Bill to amend the Great Ocean Road Lands Acts—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Dec., 1924, p. 92.—Bill lapsed.
- HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES:** Bill to make further provision with respect to highways and country roads, motor cars and traction engines, and the registration of vehicles and for other purposes—(*Mr. Allan*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 41) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1924, p. 85; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 12 Dec., p. 89; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be charged under the Bill; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the fees chargeable under the Bill reported and agreed to; Bill considered in Committee, 17 Dec., pp. 92-3; further considered in Committee, 18 Dec., p. 95; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; motion, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the report to be now taken into consideration—debate adjourned, 19 Dec., p. 96; debate resumed—Standing Orders suspended; Bill, as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 19 Dec., p. 98; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 100. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3379.*)
- HORSE BREEDING:** Bill to amend the *Horse Breeding Act 1919* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 23) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and

read a first time, 16 Oct., 1924, p. 60; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 28 Oct., p. 66; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the compensation fee to be charged under the Bill; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the compensation fee to be charged under the Bill reported and agreed to; Bill considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 Nov., p. 72; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 17 Dec., p. 93.—Bill lapsed.

INCOME TAX: Bill to declare the rates of income tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and to amend and continue the Income Tax Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time, on division; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18-19 Dec., 1924, pp. 95-6; amendments in the Bill suggested by the Council, 20 Dec., p. 100.—Bill lapsed.

INCOME TAX (BILL No. 2): Bill to declare the rates of income tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and to amend and continue the Income Tax Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution (in lieu of previous resolution) from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time and amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., 1924, pp. 104-5; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 107. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3390.*)

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES: Bill relating to industrial and provident societies—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Sept., 1924, p. 33; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 17 Sept., p. 41; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 Oct., p. 59; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 28 Oct., p. 66; amendments considered and agreed to, 30 Oct., p. 70. (*Assented to 11 November, 1924. Act No. 3362.*)

JEPARIT LAND: Bill to provide for the revocation of the permanent reservation of certain land in the township and parish of Jeparit and for the issue of a Crown grant in respect thereof to the trustees of the Jeparit Agricultural and Pastoral Society—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 27 Aug., 1924, p. 27; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 Sept., p. 37; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Sept., p. 44. (*Assented to 1 October, 1924. Act No. 3353.*)

LAND TAX: Bill to declare the rate of land tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and to amend the Land Tax Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., 1924, pp. 101-2; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 103. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3383.*)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BILL No. 1): Bill to amend the *Local Government Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Pollard*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1924, p. 26; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 30 Oct., p. 70.—Bill lapsed.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BILL No. 2): Bill relating to the rateability of certain land vested in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works—(*Mr. Everard*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1924, p. 26; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 23 Oct., p. 64.—Bill lapsed.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BILL No. 3): Bill to extend the powers of municipalities with respect to the sale of bread, butter, fish, meat, and coal and the supply of milk and other produce—(*Mr. Murphy*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1924, p. 26.—Bill lapsed.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (BILL No. 4): Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the provisions of the Local Government Acts relating to By-laws for or with respect to Residential Areas and the Erection and Construction of Buildings*"—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 19 Dec., 1924, p. 98; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 20 Dec., p. 103. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3388.*)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MELBOURNE AND GEELONG): Bill to extend and apply to the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong certain provisions of the *Local Government Act 1915* with regard to streets and roads—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 8 July, 1924, p. 7; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 27 Aug., p. 30; the Council's agreement notified, 9 Sept., p. 35. (*Assented to 12 September, 1924. Act No. 3347.*)

MEDICAL (DENTISTS) (BILL No. 1): Bill to amend the *Medical Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Snowball*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1924, p. 26.—Bill lapsed.

MEDICAL (DENTISTS) (BILL No. 2): Bill to amend Part II.—Dentists—of the *Medical Act 1915*—(*Mr. Cotter*).—Initiated and read a first time, 2 Sept., 1924, p. 32.—Bill lapsed.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS: Bill to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts—(*Mr. Webber*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Sept., 1924, p. 40; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 23 Sept., p. 43; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 30 Sept., p. 48; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 15 Oct., p. 59; order for consideration of report discharged and Bill recommitted; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Oct., p. 61; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified, 3 Dec., p. 83; amendment considered and agreed to, 10 Dec., p. 87. (*Assented to 15 December, 1924. Act No. 3367.*)

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS (INSCRIBED STOCK): Bill relating to Melbourne and metropolitan tramways inscribed stock and for other purposes—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Sept., 1924, p. 43; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Sept., p. 43. (*Assented to 1 October, 1924. Act No. 3352.*)

- MELBOURNE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY:** Bill relating to undertakings of the Melbourne Electric Supply Company Limited and for other purposes—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 19) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 14 Oct., 1924, p. 55; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Oct., p. 61; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 17 Dec., p. 93; amendments considered and agreed to, 20 Dec., p. 100. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No 3377.*)
- METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY:** Bill relating to the purchase of the gas undertaking of the Metropolitan Gas Company—(*Mr. Allan for Mr. Eggleston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 4 Dec., 1924, p. 83.—Bill lapsed.
- MILDURA ELECTRICITY LOAN:** Bill to increase the borrowing powers of the council of the town of Mildura for the purposes of works and undertakings for the supply of electricity—(*Mr. Allan for Mr. Eggleston*).—Initiated and read a first time, 4 Dec., 1924, p. 83; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 101; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 103. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3382.*)
- MILK SUPPLY:** Bill to amend the *Milk Supply Act 1922*—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 27 Aug., 1924, p. 27; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 27 Aug., p. 28; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 11 Sept., p. 38; further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Sept., p. 40; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Oct., p. 58. (*Assented to 17 October, 1924. Act No. 3359.*)
- MOTOR OMNIBUS:** Bill to make further provision with respect to motor omnibuses and for other purposes—(*Mr. Webber*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 22) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 16 Oct., 1924, p. 59; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 21 Oct., p. 61; debate resumed; motion, That the debate be now adjourned—question, on division, negatived; debate on second reading further continued—Bill read a second time, on division, 28 Oct., p. 66; House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be charged under the Bill; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying the fees chargeable under the Bill reported and agreed to; Bill committed; considered in Committee, 2 Dec., p. 79; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of clauses 2 and 9; reconsidered in Committee and reported without further amendment; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 Dec., p. 84; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 19 Dec., p. 97; amendments considered—Mr. Speaker said that, in his opinion, the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Schedule is a distinct infringement of the privileges of the Legislative Assembly, as its effect would be to increase a proposed charge or burden on the people; amendment not entertained; the other amendments agreed to, 20 Dec., p. 101; the Council do not insist on their amendment in the Schedule, but consider the Bill one which the Council has a right to amend, 20 Dec., p. 103. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3378.*)
- MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT:** Bill relating to municipal endowment—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 35) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 2 Dec., 1924, p. 78; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Dec., p. 87; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 93. (*Assented to 23 December, 1924. Act No. 3369.*)
- NORTH CARLTON LANDS:** Bill to revoke the temporary reservation of certain lands situate at North Carlton for public educational purposes, to close a certain right-of-way and portion of certain streets, and to provide for the grant to the Commonwealth of Australia for defence purposes of certain lands in pursuance of an arrangement with the Commonwealth for the exchange of certain lands, to amend the *North Carlton Lands Act 1920*, and for other purposes—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Sept., 1924, p. 40; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Sept., p. 43; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Oct., p. 58. (*Assented to 17 October, 1924. Act No. 3358.*)
- OPTICIANS REGISTRATION:** Bill to provide for the registration of opticians and for other purposes—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 Sept., 1924, p. 43; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 21 Oct., p. 62.—Bill lapsed.
- ORCHARDS REGISTRATION:** Bill to provide for the registration of orchards and for other purposes—(*Mr. Wettenhall*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1924, p. 26.—Bill lapsed.
- PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVANTS):** Bill to allow railway employees and all civil servants to contest any parliamentary election without having to resign from the service—(*Mr. Brownbill*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1924, p. 26.—Bill lapsed.
- POLICE OFFENCES:** Bill to further amend the *Police Offences Act 1915*—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 2 Sept., 1924, p. 32; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 23 Oct., p. 64.—Bill lapsed.
- PRIMARY PRODUCTS ADVANCES:** Bill to amend section 2 of the *Primary Products Advances Act 1919*—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 29) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 29 Oct., 1924, p. 67.—Bill lapsed.

- PROFITEERING PREVENTION:** Bill to restrict undue profit-taking and to provide for the control of certain commodities and for the protection of intra-state trade and commerce against destructive monopolies and unlawful combinations and for other purposes—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 Oct., 1924, p. 63.—Bill lapsed.
- PUBLIC SERVICE SALARIES BOARD:** Bill to provide for a salaries board for certain classes of persons employed by the Government of Victoria—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 27) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 Oct., 1924, p. 65.—Bill lapsed.
- RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION:** Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for railways and for other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 2 Dec., 1924, p. 79; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 4 Dec., p. 84; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 91. (*Assented to 23 December, 1924. Act No. 3368.*)
- REAL PROPERTY (ACCESS OF AIR):** Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Acquisition of Rights of Access of Air*"—(*Mr. Slater*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 15 Oct., 1924, p. 58; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 23 Oct., p. 64. (*Assented to 30 October, 1924. Act No. 3360.*)
- RICHMOND LAND:** Bill to make further provision as to certain lands vested in the mayor, councillors, and citizens of the City of Richmond pursuant to grants from the Crown and to repeal the *Richmond Land Act 1912* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Sept., 1924, p. 33; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Sept., p. 40; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Sept., p. 44. (*Assented to 1 October, 1924. Act No. 3354.*)
- RIOT DAMAGES:** Bill relating to riot damages and for other purposes—(*Mr. Farthing*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1924, p. 26; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 26) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—question, on division, negatived, 23 Oct., p. 64.
- STAMPS:** Bill to amend the law relating to stamps and stamp duties—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—House resolved itself in a Committee of the whole to consider certain stamp duties; matter considered in Committee; resolution specifying certain stamp duties reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., 1924, pp. 102-3.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.
- STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION (SHEPPARTON PURCHASE):** Bill relating to the purchase by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria of a certain undertaking under the *Electric Light and Power Act 1915* at Shepparton—(*Mr. Eggleston*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 46) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 17 Dec., 1924, pp. 93-4.—Bill lapsed.
- STATE SAVINGS BANK:** Bill to amend the State Savings Bank Acts—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government (No. 8) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1924, p. 25; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 27 Aug., p. 28; the Council's agreement notified, 9 Sept., p. 35. (*Assented to 12 September, 1924. Act No. 3348.*)
- STATE SAVINGS BANK (INSURANCE):** Bill to amend section 19 of the *Housing and Reclamation Act 1920* and section 20 of the *State Savings Bank Act 1920* (No. 2)—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Dec., 1924, p. 92; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 103; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 103. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3384.*)
- SUPERANNUATION:** Bill to provide superannuation benefits for persons employed by the Government of Victoria and to make provision for the families of those persons—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 28) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 Oct., 1924, pp. 65-6.—Bill lapsed.
- SURPLUS REVENUE:** Bill relating to the surplus revenue of the financial year ended on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 36) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 2 Dec., 1924, p. 78; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Dec., p. 87; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 93. (*Assented to 23 December, 1924. Act No. 3371.*)
- VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN:** Bill to authorize the raising of money for country roads and for irrigation works and water supply and for the purposes of works and undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 6) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 July, 1924, p. 20; the Council's agreement notified, 26 Aug., p. 24. (*Assented to 23 July, 1924. Act No. 3345.*)
- VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS):** Bill to authorize the raising of money for public works and other purposes and to sanction the issue and application of such money—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 42) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1924, p. 86; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 92; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 93. (*Assented to 23 December, 1924. Act No. 3373.*)

VICTORIAN LOAN (STATE FORESTS): Bill to authorize the raising of money for State forests and to sanction the issue and application of such money—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 47) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 19 Dec., 1924, p. 96; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Dec., p. 103; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Dec., p. 103. (*Assented to 30 December, 1924. Act No. 3386.*)

VICTORIAN WHEATGROWERS CORPORATION LIMITED (GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE): Bill to enable the Treasurer of Victoria to arrange for the repayment of certain moneys advanced by banks to the Victorian Wheatgrowers Corporation Limited in connexion with the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1924-1925 and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 31) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Nov., 1924, pp. 71-2; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 Nov., p. 72; the Council's agreement notified, 11 Nov., p. 73. (*Assented to 13 November, 1924. Act No. 3363.*)

WALPEUP WEST LANDS: Bill relating to certain Crown lands situate within the Walpeup West waterworks district and certain improvements thereon—(*Mr. Downward*).—Initiated and read a first time, 4 Dec., 1924, p. 83; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 43) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, 9 Dec., p. 86.—Bill lapsed.

WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for irrigation works, water supply works, drainage and flood protection works in country districts, and for works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., 1924, p. 79; the Council's agreement notified, 2 Dec., p. 79. (*Assented to 3 December, 1924. Act No. 3364.*)

WHEAT MARKETING: Bill to confer certain powers on the Government of Victoria in regard to the marketing of the wheat harvest of the season 1924-1925 and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hogan*).—Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government (No. 9) recommending an appropriation from the Con-

solidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 26 Aug., 1924, p. 25; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 24 Sept., p. 44; debate resumed and adjourned, 1 Oct., p. 48; 2 Oct., p. 49; debate continued—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 7 Oct., p. 51; further considered in Committee; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 18) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue of such further sums as may be necessary for the purposes of any extension of the provisions of the Bill to the marketing of the wheat harvest of succeeding seasons; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to; Bill further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to, 8-9 Oct., pp. 52-3; Bill read the third time, on division, and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 Oct., pp. 56-7.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

WIRE NETTING: Bill to amend the law relating to the supplying of wire netting and to amend section 20 of the *Fences Act 1915*—(*Mr. Downward*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 38) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 3 Dec., 1924, p. 80; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to, 12 Dec., p. 89; Bill read the third time and further amendments made; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Dec., p. 90; the Council's agreement notified, 13 Dec., p. 95. (*Assented to 23 December, 1924. Act No. 3375.*)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION: Bill to amend the Workers' Compensation Acts—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Sept., 1924, p. 33; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Sept., p. 42; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 24 Sept., p. 44.—Bill lapsed.

YARRAM YARRAM MECHANICS' INSTITUTE: Bill relating to the Yarram Yarram Mechanics' Institute and Free Library—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Sept., 1924, p. 33; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Sept., p. 41; the Council's agreement notified, 23 Sept., p. 44. (*Assented to 1 October, 1924. Act No. 3355.*)

SESSION 1924.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT.

FIRST SESSION (8TH JULY TO 20TH DECEMBER, 1924).

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Allan, The Honorable John ¹	Rodney	11,194	3,614	2,770	6,384	4,125	..	61·51	52·08	57·03
Allison, David, Esquire	Borong	7,856	2,203	1,559	3,762	1,901	..	51·22	43·85	47·89
Angus, The Honorable Henry	Gunbower	9,178	3,411	2,606	6,017	3,289	..	67·60	63·18	65·56
Argyle, The Honorable Dr. Stanley ²	Toorak	24,441	4,928	6,728	11,656	7,741	..	51·19	45·41	47·69
Bailey, The Honorable Henry Stephen ³	Port Fairy	7,313	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Baird, The Honorable Matthew	Ballaarat West	10,549	3,276	4,215	7,491	4,286	..	75·64	67·79	71·01
Barnes, The Honorable Samuel	Walhalla	7,797	2,726	1,451	4,177	2,219	..	58·04	46·81	53·57
Beardmore, The Honorable Henry ⁴	Benambra	6,700	2,164	1,490	3,654	2,713	..	59·67	48·58	54·54
Billson, The Honorable Alfred Arthur ⁵	Ovens	4,880	1,861	1,701	3,562	1,986	..	75·80	70·14	72·99
Billson, The Honorable John William ⁶	Fitzroy	12,353	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Bond, Ernest Edward, Esquire ⁷	Glenelg	9,765	3,780	3,543	7,323	4,066	..	76·92	73·04	74·99
Bourchier, Colonel The Honorable Murray William James, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. ⁸	Goulburn Valley	8,924	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Bowser, The Honorable John ⁹	Wangaratta	7,165	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Brownbill, William, Esquire ¹⁰	Geelong	15,405	5,392	5,785	11,177	6,197	..	75·58	69·94	72·55
Cain, The Honorable John ¹¹	Jika Jika	41,548	12,031	10,920	22,951	14,927	..	61·64	49·57	55·24
Carlisle, The Honorable John Joseph	Benalla	7,108	2,187	1,723	3,910	2,397	..	60·01	49·74	55·01
Clough, Luke James, Esquire	Bendigo East	8,204	2,541	3,016	5,557	3,327	..	70·14	65·84	67·74
Cook, Arthur Ernest, Esquire	Bendigo West	9,017	3,234	3,496	6,730	3,425	..	77·65	72·05	74·64
Cotter, Edmund John, Esquire ¹²	Richmond	16,381	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Deany, James Davidson, Esquire	Warrnambool	9,410	3,338	3,073	6,411	3,188	..	71·40	64·90	68·13
Downward, The Honorable Alfred ¹³	Mornington	17,066	5,434	3,954	9,388	2,298	4,865	58·34	51·01	55·01
Dunstan, Albert Arthur, Esquire	Eaglehawk	5,861	1,726	1,583	3,309	2,747	..	60·58	52·56	56·46
Eggleston, The Honorable Frederic William ¹⁴	St. Kilda	35,932	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Everard, William Hugh, Esquire ¹⁵	Evelyn	12,231	3,298	2,606	5,904	4,553	..	53·32	43·10	48·27
Farthing, Alfred Alexander, Esquire ¹⁶	East Melbourne	10,938	2,872	2,819	5,691	2,542	2,826	53·29	50·80	52·03
Frost, George Clement, Esquire	Maryborough	6,360	2,422	2,304	4,726	3,207	..	78·15	70·65	74·31
Gordon, The Honorable John ¹⁷	Waranga	6,466	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Greenwood, Edmund Wilson, Esquire ¹⁸	Boroondara	63,123	13,250	14,895	28,145	17,670	..	47·40	42·35	44·59

NOTES.

The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1924; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 12 June, 1924, the "day of nomination," and in other cases 26 June, 1924, the "day of polling." Where the Member's name is printed in *italic* the particulars relate to the election held subsequent to the General Election 1924, and the date of such election will be found in the following notes:—

- ¹ The Hon. J. Allan, Premier and Minister of Water Supply from 18 November, 1924.
- ² The Hon. Dr. S. S. Argyle, Chief Secretary, and Minister of Public Health (without salary) from 7 September, 1923, to 18 July and from 18 November, 1924.
- ³ The Hon. H. S. Bailey, President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Water Supply (without salary) from 18 July to 18 November, 1924.
- ⁴ The Hon. H. Beardmore, appointed a member of the Executive Council, 19 March, 1924; also a member of the Government without office from 19 March to 18 July, 1924.
- ⁵ The Hon. A. A. Billson, Chairman of Committees from 28 September, 1921.
- ⁶ The Hon. J. W. Billson, deceased 23 December, 1924.
- ⁷ Mr. E. E. Bond, elected 14 August, 1924, *vice* Mr. W. E. Thomas, deceased 11 July, 1924.
- ⁸ Col. the Hon. M. W. J. Bourchier, Minister of Agriculture, and Minister of Markets (without salary) from 18 November, 1924.
- ⁹ The Hon. J. Bowser, Speaker from 30 April, 1924.
- ¹⁰ Mr. W. Brownbill, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 2 September, 1924.
- ¹¹ The Hon. J. Cain, appointed a member of the Executive Council, 18 July, 1924; also a member of the Government without office from 18 July to 18 November, 1924.
- ¹² Mr. E. J. Cotter, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 30 November, 1920.
- ¹³ The Hon. A. Downward, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 30 November, 1920, to 16 December, 1924; President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and Minister of Immigration (without salary) from 18 November, 1924.
- ¹⁴ The Hon. F. W. Eggleston, Minister of Railways from 19 March to 18 July, 1924; a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 19 March to 18 July and from 18 November, 1924; Attorney-General, Solicitor-General (without salary) and Minister of Railways (without salary) from 18 November, 1924.
- ¹⁵ Mr. W. H. Everard, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 8 July, 1924.
- ¹⁶ Mr. A. A. Farthing, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 11 September, 1923.
- ¹⁷ The Hon. J. Gordon, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Water Supply (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 19 March to 18 July, 1924.
- ¹⁸ Mr. E. W. Greenwood, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 30 November, 1920.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—continued.

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Groves, The Honorable Frank ¹⁹	Dandenong	19,505	5,599	4,494	10,093	5,227	..	57·12	46·32	51·75
Hayes, Thomas, Esquire	Melbourne	7,738	2,427	2,011	4,438	3,385	..	57·42	57·28	57·35
Hjorth, Ralph Theodore, Esquire	Bulla	11,810	4,208	3,162	7,370	3,301	3,695	67·77	56·45	62·40
Hogan, The Honorable Edmond John ²⁰	Warrenheip	5,192	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Hughes, Arthur, Esquire	Grenville	4,256	1,639	1,573	3,212	1,735	..	77·90	73·09	75·47
Jackson, Arthur Richard, Esquire	Prahran	19,436	5,541	6,995	12,536	6,316	..	68·01	61·96	64·50
Jewell, James Roberts, Esquire	Brunswick	27,788	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Keane, Frank, Esquire	Essendon	37,039	11,352	11,225	22,577	12,375	..	65·79	56·74	60·95
Lawson, The Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman	Castlemaine and Maldon	6,246	2,230	2,304	4,534	3,075	..	77·27	68·57	72·59
Lemmon, The Honorable John ²¹	Williamstown	24,058	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Lind, Albert Eli, Esquire	Gippsland East	6,134	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Mackrell, The Honorable Edwin Joseph ²²	Upper Goulburn	7,760	3,218	2,437	5,655	1,889	3,257	76·53	68·55	72·87
McAdam, William James, Esquire ²³	Ballaarat East	9,756	3,349	3,974	7,323	3,403	3,617	77·88	72·84	75·06
McDonald, James, Esquire	Daylesford	6,185	2,637	2,483	5,120	2,668	..	86·97	78·75	82·78
McDonald, The Honorable James ²⁴	Polwarth	11,494	4,076	3,279	7,355	4,112	..	67·17	60·43	63·99
McLachlan, James Weir, Esquire	Gippsland North	9,543	3,389	3,097	6,486	4,533	..	69·89	65·98	67·97
McPherson, The Honorable Sir William Murray, K.B.E.	Hawthorn	32,143	8,730	10,478	19,208	9,576	..	64·52	56·29	59·76
Morley, Edward, Esquire ²⁵	Barwon	12,355	3,780	3,587	7,367	5,086	..	62·77	56·64	59·63
Murphy, James Laurence, Esquire	Port Melbourne	15,435	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Old, The Honorable Francis Edward	Swan Hill	21,313	6,468	3,940	10,408	5,347	..	51·34	45·21	48·83
Oman, The Honorable David Swan ²⁶	Hampden	11,573	3,632	2,782	6,414	3,860	..	60·32	50·11	55·42
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G. ²⁷	Allandale	5,216	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Pennington, The Honorable John Warburton	Kara Kara	5,958	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Pollard, Reginald Thomas, Esquire	Dalhousie	6,704	2,755	2,747	5,502	2,232	2,857	83·69	80·51	82·07
Prendergast, The Honorable George Michael ²⁸	North Melbourne	15,915	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Slater, The Honorable William ²⁹	Dundas	8,256	3,294	2,798	6,092	3,282	..	77·27	70·07	73·79
Snowball, Oswald Robinson, Esquire	Brighton	30,536	7,845	8,804	16,649	10,692	..	57·22	52·32	54·52
Solly, Robert Henry, Esquire ³⁰	Carlton	11,767	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Thomas, William Edward, Esquire ³¹	Glenelg	9,022	3,696	3,217	6,913	3,465	..	81·27	71·90	76·62
Toutcher, The Honorable Richard Frederick ³²	Stawell and Ararat	7,910	3,012	2,873	5,885	3,331	..	77·01	71·84	74·40
Tunnecliffe, The Honorable Thomas ³³	Collingwood	14,212	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Wallace, Arthur Knight, Esquire	Albert Park	20,431	5,862	6,212	12,074	7,262	..	62·91	55·90	59·10
Walter, Arthur Lewis Nathan, Esquire	Gippsland West	9,385	3,399	2,596	5,995	2,830	3,966	67·66	59·53	63·88
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire	Flemington	23,713	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Weaver, Isaac Job, Esquire	Korong	6,518	2,267	1,878	4,145	2,791	..	66·02	60·89	63·59
Webber, The Honorable Gordon Charles ³⁴	Abbotsford	14,510	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
West, Walter, Esquire	Gippsland South	9,745	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Wottenhall, The Honorable Marcus Edwy	Lowan	10,470	3,840	3,170	7,010	2,959	3,877	70·25	63·35	66·95

¹⁹ The Hon. F. Groves, appointed a member of the Executive Council, 19 March, 1924; also a member of the Government without office from 19 March to 18 July, 1924.

²⁰ The Hon. E. J. Hogan, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Railways (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 18 July to 18 November, 1924; Minister of Markets (without salary) from 24 July to 18 November, 1924.

²¹ The Hon. J. Lemmon, Minister of Education, and Minister of Labour (without salary) from 18 July to 18 November, 1924.

²² The Hon. E. J. Mackrell, appointed a member of the Executive Council; also a member of the Government without office, 18 November, 1924.

²³ Mr. W. J. McAdam, elected by a majority of 8 votes at the General Election 1924, and by 4 votes on recount before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, 21 October, 1924.

²⁴ The Hon. J. McDonald (*Polwarth*), appointed a member of the Executive Council; also a member of the Government without office, 18 November, 1924.

²⁵ Mr. E. Morley, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 19 December, 1924.

²⁶ The Hon. D. S. Oman, President of the Board of Land and Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Immigration (without salary), and Minister (without salary) in charge of the Wheat Scheme from 19 March to 18 July, 1924.

²⁷ The Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, Minister of Labour (without salary), from 4 November, 1920, to 18 July and from 18 November, 1924; Premier from 28 April to 18 July, 1924; Treasurer from 28 April to 18 July and from 18 November, 1924; Minister of Public Instruction (without salary) from 18 November, 1924.

²⁸ The Hon. G. M. Prendergast, Premier and Treasurer from 18 July to 18 November, 1924.

²⁹ The Hon. W. Slater, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 29 September, 1921, to 27 August, 1924; Attorney-General, and Solicitor-General (without salary) from 18 July to 18 November, 1924.

³⁰ Mr. R. H. Solly, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees from 7 October, 1913.

³¹ Mr. W. E. Thomas, deceased 11 July, 1924; succeeded by Mr. E. E. Bond.

³² The Hon. R. F. Toutcher, Minister of Public Instruction, Minister of Forests (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 28 April to 18 July, 1924.

³³ The Hon. T. Tunnecliffe, Chief Secretary from 18 July to 18 November, 1924.

³⁴ The Hon. G. C. Webber, appointed a member of the Executive Council, 18 July, 1924; also a member of the Government without office from 18 July to 18 November, 1924.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i>	The Honorable JOHN BOWSER.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i>	The Honorable ALFRED ARTHUR BILLSON.
<i>Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</i>	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire, J.P.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i>	THOMAS RAE GILCHRIST, Esquire.
<i>Clerk of Committees and Serjeant-at-Arms</i>	WILLIAM ROSS BARSTOW, Esquire, J.P.

REPORT AND STATISTICS

RELATING TO THE

GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

HELD ON 26TH JUNE, 1924.

On the 22nd December, 1923, an Act (the *Electoral Act 1923*, No. 3331) was passed authorizing an arrangement between the Commonwealth and the State for the preparation, alteration, and revision of joint rolls. An arrangement with the Commonwealth was accordingly entered into, and the joint rolls prepared by the Commonwealth came into force on the 20th March, 1924. Additions and alterations to these rolls were made by claims for enrolment and transfers up to the thirtieth day before the issue of the writ, being the latest day allowed by law. The net enrolment for the election was 900,427, as compared with 871,456 electors enrolled for the General Election held on the 30th August, 1921.

In twenty Electoral Districts the candidates nominated were returned without a poll. In twenty Districts out of forty-five where contests took place more than two candidates were nominated; for each of the Electoral Districts of Hawthorn, Ovens, and Stawell and Ararat one of the candidates retired, but in the case of Hawthorn three candidates still remained; thus in eighteen cases the preferential vote operated. In ten of such Electoral Districts, namely, Albert Park, Borung, Dandenong, Gippsland North, Glenelg, Grenville, Hawthorn, Prahran, Swan Hill, and Warrnambool, the candidates who had the highest number of first preference votes secured an absolute majority, and it was not therefore necessary to count the other preferential votes shown on ballot-papers. In the remaining eight Districts, namely, Ballarat East, Bulla, Dalhousie, East Melbourne, Gippsland West, Lowan, Mornington, and Upper Goulburn, no candidate received an absolute majority of first preference votes, and the ballot-papers had to be dealt with under the provisions of section 297 of the *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*. In the Districts of Ballarat East, Bulla, Dalhousie, East Melbourne, Gippsland West, and Upper Goulburn three candidates were nominated, and the candidate lowest on the poll in each case was declared a "defeated" candidate, and the second preference votes on such defeated candidate's ballot-papers were transferred to the remaining candidates, in accordance with the expressed wish of voters, when an absolute majority was secured to the elected candidate. In the case of Lowan there were four candidates, and it became necessary to declare two of such candidates "defeated" before an absolute majority could be obtained by the candidate duly elected. For Mornington there were six candidates, and four were declared "defeated" before securing an absolute majority to the elected candidate.

It may be observed that in the Electoral Districts of Bulla, Dalhousie, Gippsland West, and Lowan the candidates who received the highest number of first preference votes were finally elected, and that in Ballarat East, East Melbourne, Mornington, and Upper Goulburn the candidate second on the poll on the first count was duly elected as a result of the distribution of the preference votes shown on the defeated candidate's ballot-papers.

Taking the State as a whole, there were 1.01 per cent. of informal votes; 8,069 electors voted by post, representing 2.18 per cent. of the total votes polled.

In the 45 contested Districts, out of a total of 626,250 electors entitled to vote, 370,963 (or 59.24 per cent.) voted.

Section 53 of the above-mentioned Act No. 3331 made provision for the voting, by making a declaration, of persons who were not enrolled but who claimed to be entitled to be enrolled. Of the 4,967 votes recorded under this section 3,236 (or 65 per cent.) were rejected when the declarations were forwarded to the Electoral Registrars for verification.

The hours of polling for this election were extended, the poll closing at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m., as formerly.

Statistics relating to the Election (also the recount of votes by the Elections and Qualifications Committee for the Ballarat East Election) are appended hereto.

J. GILDER,
Chief Electoral Officer.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Melbourne, 23rd July, 1924.

APPENDIX No. 1.

REPORT AND STATISTICS RELATING TO THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
26TH JUNE, 1924.

Electoral Districts.	Electors Enrolled.			Candidates' Names.	First Preference Votes recorded for each Candidate.	No. of Electors who Voted.			No. of Informal Ballot-papers.	No. of Electors who Voted by Post.	Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
	Males.	Females.	Totals.			Males.	Females.	Totals.			Males.	Females.	Totals.
Abbotsford	6,656	7,854	14,510	Gordon Charles Webber	Un-opposed								
Albert Park	9,318	11,113	20,431	<i>John Lee Atkinson</i> .. <i>Thomas Henry Craine*</i> <i>Selwyn Dorrington Neale</i> <i>Arthur Knight Wallace</i>	2,550 228 1,748 7,262	5,862	6,212	12,074	286	129	62·91	55·90	59·10
Allandale ..	2,514	2,702	5,216	Alexander James Peacock	Un-opposed								
Ballaarat East	4,300	5,456	9,756	<i>Alfred Eli Elliott*</i> .. William James McAdam <i>Robert Maxwell McGregor†</i> ..	290 3,403 3,533	3,349	3,974	7,323	97	386	77·88	72·84	75·06
Ballaarat West	4,331	6,218	10,549	Matthew Baird .. <i>Mark Lazarus</i> ..	4,286 3,163	3,276	4,215	7,491	42	398	75·64	67·79	71·01
Barwon ..	6,022	6,333	12,355	<i>Alicia Katz</i> .. Edward Morley ..	2,228 5,086	3,780	3,587	7,367	53	130	62·77	56·64	59·63
Benalla ..	3,644	3,464	7,108	John Joseph Carlisle .. <i>Alexander Mitchell</i> ..	2,397 1,494	2,187	1,723	3,910	19	72	60·01	49·74	55·01
Benambra	3,633	3,067	6,700	Henry Beardmore .. <i>John Joseph Hall</i> ..	2,713 914	2,164	1,490	3,654	27	38	59·57	48·58	54·54
Bendigo East*	3,623	4,581	8,204	Luke James Clough .. <i>John Andrew Michelsen</i>	4/3,327 2,202	2,541	3,016	5,557	28	236	70·14	65·84	67·74
Bendigo West	4,165	4,852	9,017	Arthur Ernest Cook . <i>X</i> <i>Edwin George Ham</i> ..	3,425 3,247	3,234	3,496	6,730	58	330	77·65	72·05	74·64
Boroondara	27,955	35,168	63,123	Edmund Wilson Greenwood .. <i>Philip Acland Jacobs</i>	17,670 10,348	13,250	14,895	28,145	127	226	47·40	42·35	44·59
Borung ..	4,301	3,555	7,856	David Allison .. <i>George Douglas Clyne</i> .. <i>Edwin Reseigh</i> ..	1,901 878 932	2,203	1,559	3,762	51	33	51·22	43·85	47·89
Brighton ..	13,710	16,826	30,536	<i>Henry Arnold Crowther</i> Oswald Robinson Snowball ..	5,869 10,692	7,845	8,804	16,649	88	173	57·22	52·32	54·52
Brunswick	13,071	14,717	27,788	James Roberts Jewell . <i>6</i>	Un-opposed								
Bulla . <i>7</i>	6,209	5,601	11,810	Ralph Theodore Hjorth <i>Henry Warren Pickering</i> <i>Andrew Robert Robertson</i>	3,301 1,577 2,359	4,208	3,162	7,370	133	130	67·77	56·45	62·40
Carlton . <i>8</i>	5,518	6,249	11,767	Robert Henry Solly . <i>8</i>	Un-opposed								
Castlemaine and Maldon	2,886	3,360	6,246	Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson .. <i>William Henry Webber</i>	3,075 1,450	2,230	2,304	4,534	9	196	77·27	68·57	72·59
Collingwood	6,536	7,676	14,212	Thomas Tunnecliffe . <i>9</i>	Un-opposed								
Dalhousie . <i>10</i>	3,292	3,412	6,704	<i>Gerald James McKenna</i> <i>Angus Stewart McNab</i> Reginald Thomas Pollard† ..	1,438 1,796 2,232	2,755	2,747	5,502	36	370	83·69	80·51	82·07
Dandenong	9,802	9,703	19,505	<i>George Roy Acaster</i> <i>Beardsworth</i> .. Frank Groves .. <i>Henry James Edgar</i> Harris ..	3,128 5,227 1,545 2,668	5,599	4,494	10,093	193	147	57·12	46·32	51·75
Daylesford ¹¹	3,032	3,153	6,185	James McDonald . ¹¹ <i>Roderic Hugh McLeod</i> <i>Albert Chalmers Borella</i>	2,435 2,795 3,282	2,637	2,483	5,120	17	320	86·97	78·75	82·78
Dundas . ¹²	4,263	3,993	8,256	William Slater . ¹² Albert Arthur Dunstan <i>Albert Armytage Holdsworth*</i> ..	2,747 546 363	3,294	2,798	6,092	15	263	77·27	70·07	73·79
Eaglehawk	2,849	3,012	5,861	Albert Arthur Dunstan <i>Albert Armytage Holdsworth*</i> .. <i>William Dalrymple Carnegie*</i> ..	2,747 546 363	1,726	1,583	3,309	16	86	60·58	52·56	56·46
East Melbourne	5,389	5,549	10,938	Alfred Alexander Farthing .. <i>George Hooper†</i> .. Frank Keane ..	2,542 2,625 12,375	2,872	2,819	5,691	161	47	53·29	50·80	52·03
Essendon ¹³	17,256	19,783	37,039	<i>Thomas Ryan</i> .. William Hugh Everard .. <i>Herbert Hewitt</i> ..	10,106 4,553 1,317	11,352	11,225	22,577	96	207	65·79	56·74	60·95
Evelyn ..	6,185	6,046	12,231	John William Billson . ¹⁴	Un-opposed								
Fitzroy . ¹⁵	5,660	6,693	12,353	John William Billson . ¹⁴	Un-opposed								
Flemington ¹⁶	11,662	12,051	23,713	Edward Coughlan Warder	Un-opposed								
Geelong . ¹⁶	7,134	8,271	15,405	William Brownbill . ¹⁶ <i>Thomas Karan Maltby</i>	6,197 4,943	5,392	5,785	11,177	37	448	75·58	69·94	72·55

For Notes see p. lll.

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	Males.	Females.	Totals.			Males.	Females.	Totals.			Males.	Females.	Totals.
Gippsland East	3,465	2,669	6,134	Albert Eli Lind ..	Un-opposed								
Gippsland North	4,849	4,694	9,543	<i>Matthew Thomas Boland*</i>	484	3,389	3,097	6,486	68	129	69·89	65·98	67·97
Gippsland South	5,310	4,435	9,745	James Weir McLachlan	4,533								
				<i>David George O'Donnell</i>	1,401								
				Walter West ..	Un-opposed								
Gippsland West	5,024	4,361	9,385	<i>Ernest John Leslie Bremner</i> ..	1,602	3,399	2,596	5,995	53	122	67·66	59·53	63·88
				<i>John McKellar</i> ..	1,510								
				Arthur Lewis Nathan	2,830								
Glenelg	4,548	4,474	9,022	Walter† ..	2,555	3,696	3,217	6,913	106	258	81·27	71·90	76·62
				<i>Hugh Vernon MacLeod</i>	3,465								
				William Edward Thomas	787								
Goulburn Valley	4,575	4,349	8,924	<i>Charles Miller Waters</i>	Un-opposed								
Grenville	2,104	2,152	4,256	Murray William James	638	1,639	1,573	3,212	47	167	77·90	73·09	75·47
				<i>George Harold Burchett</i>	792								
				<i>David Havelock Gibson</i>	1,735								
Gunbower	5,053	4,125	9,178	Arthur Hughes	3,289	3,411	2,606	6,017	64	110	67·50	63·18	65·56
				Henry Angus	2,664								
				<i>William John McCann</i>	2,509								
Hampden	6,021	5,552	11,573	<i>John Thomas Coustley</i>	3,860	3,632	2,782	6,414	45	93	60·32	50·11	55·42
				David Swan Oman	Retired								
				<i>Cecil Thomas Rudolph Brack</i> ..	6,545								
Hawthorn	13,530	18,613	32,143	<i>Edward Francis Cummins</i>	2,812	8,730	10,478	19,208	275	158	64·52	56·29	59·76
				<i>Horace Cyril Mason</i> ..	9,576								
				William Murray McPherson	14,927								
Jika Jika	19,519	22,029	41,548	John Cain ..	7,949	12,031	10,920	22,951	75	261	61·64	49·57	55·24
				<i>Philip Henry Mayer</i> ..	Un-opposed								
				John Warbuton Pennington	1,342								
Kara Kara	3,053	2,905	5,958	<i>John Joseph O'Brien</i> ..	2,791	2,267	1,878	4,145	12	123	66·02	60·89	63·59
				Isaac Job Weaver	392								
				<i>William George Bolwell*</i>	1,152								
Lowan	5,466	5,004	10,470	<i>Harold Glourey</i>	2,400	3,840	3,170	7,010	107	130	70·25	63·35	66·95
				James Menzies	2,959								
				Marcus Edwy Wetenhall†	3,207								
Maryborough	3,099	3,261	6,360	<i>George Clement Frost</i> †	1,488	2,422	2,304	4,726	31	243	78·15	70·65	74·31
				<i>Thomas Peter Richards</i>	3,385								
				Thomas Hayes	1,030								
Melbourne	4,227	3,511	7,738	<i>Wilfred Kent Hughes</i> ..	3,733	2,427	2,011	4,438	23	57	57·42	57·28	57·35
				<i>William James Dowling</i> †	2,298								
				Alfred Downward	820								
Mornington	9,315	7,751	17,066	<i>William Challis Easton</i>	1,019	5,434	3,954	9,388	328	111	58·34	51·01	55·01
				<i>Frederick Hagellhorn</i> ..	347								
				<i>Percy Stephen Thompson*</i> ..	843								
North Melbourne	7,501	8,414	15,915	<i>Milton Burgess Wetenhall</i> ..	Un-opposed								
Ovens	2,455	2,425	4,880	George Michael Prendergast	1,986	1,861	1,701	3,562	43	111	75·80	70·14	72·99
				Alfred Arthur Billson	1,533								
				<i>John Price</i> ..	Retired								
Polwarth	6,068	5,426	11,494	<i>Leslie Herbert Sambell</i> ..	4,112	4,076	3,279	7,355	26	350	67·17	60·43	63·99
				James McDonald	3,217								
				<i>William Hamlet Nicol</i> ..	Un-opposed								
Port Fairy	3,795	3,518	7,313	Henry Stephen Bailey	106	5,541	6,995	12,536	307	193	68·01	61·96	64·50
				James Laurence Murphy	3,957								
				<i>Harold Duffy Croughan*</i>	6,316								
Port Melbourne	7,686	7,749	15,435	<i>Richard Herbert Joseph Fetherston</i> ..	1,850								
Prahran	8,147	11,289	19,436	Arthur Richard Jackson	Un-opposed								
Richmond	7,663	8,718	16,381	<i>Alfred Holmes Woodfull</i>	4,125	3,614	2,770	6,384	43	70	61·51	52·08	57·03
				Edmund John Cotter	2,216								
				John Allan ..	2,533								
Rodney	5,875	5,319	11,194	<i>John Courtenay Chanter</i>	Retired	3,012	2,873	5,885	21	276	77·01	71·84	74·40
				<i>Francis Leo Brophy</i> ..	3,331								
				<i>James Francis Mahoney</i>	Un-opposed								
Stawell and Ararat	3,911	3,999	7,910	Richard Frederick	3,331								
St. Kilda	15,125	20,807	35,932	Toutcher ..	Un-opposed								
				Frederic William Eggleston	Un-opposed								

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	Males.	Females.	Totals.			Males.	Females.	Totals.			Males.	Females.	Totals.
Swan Hill	12,598	8,715	21,313	{ Ernest Gerald Gray .. Edward Nicholls .. Francis Edward Old .. Stanley Seymour Argyle Charles Walter Cope ..	1,663 3,187 5,347 7,741 3,826	6,468	3,940	10,408	211	82	51·34	45·21	48·83
Toorak ..	9,626	14,815	24,441		4,928								
Upper Goulburn	4,205	3,555	7,760	{ Robert Stephen McAlpin Edwin Joseph Mackroll John Patrick Minogue†	1,556 1,889 2,137	3,218	2,437	5,655	73	191	76·53	68·55	72·87
Walhalla ..	4,697	3,100	7,797	{ Samuel Barnes .. James Bermingham .. John Bowser ..	2,219 1,936 Un-								
Wangaratta	3,682	3,483	7,165	opposed	Un-	3,338	3,073	6,411	47	269	71·40	64·90	68·13
Waranga ..	3,397	3,069	6,466	John Gordon ..	Un-								
Warrenheip	2,775	2,417	5,192	Edmond John Hogan 26	Un-	3,338	3,073	6,411	47	269	71·40	64·90	68·13
Warrnambool	4,675	4,735	9,410	{ Laurence Bolton .. James Davidson Deany Howard Ratcliffe Lawson John Lemmon 27 ..	888 3,188 2,288 Un-								
Williamstown	11,968	12,090	24,058	opposed	opposed	3,338	3,073	6,411	47	269	71·40	64·90	68·13
Totals	433,357	467,070	900,427										
Loss 20 uncontested Districts	131,612	142,565	274,177										
	301,745	324,505	626,250	190,152	180,811	370,963	3,739	8,069	63·02	55·72	59·24

Names of defeated candidates are printed in italics.

* Deposit forfeited, having polled less than one-fifth of the first preference votes received by the elected candidate.

† The candidate who received the greatest number of first preference votes did not secure an absolute majority as required by section 297 of the *Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, No. 2632. For particulars of preferential count (also recount for Ballarat East Election) see Appendix No. 2, p. liv.

APPENDIX No. 2.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BALLAARAT EAST.
RECOUNT BY THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS
HELD IN OCTOBER, 1924.

Result.

	Candidates.	
	McAdam.	McGregor.
Total	3,613	3,609

PREFERENTIAL COUNT.

(GENERAL ELECTION, 26TH JUNE, 1924.)

DETAILS OF THE PREFERENTIAL COUNT IN EACH DISTRICT WHERE AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY WAS NOT OBTAINED ON THE FIRST COUNT BY ANY CANDIDATE.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BALLAARAT EAST.

	Candidates.			Total.
	Elliott.	McAdam.	McGregor.	
First count—First preference votes	290	3,403	3,533	7,226
Distribution of ballot-papers of Elliott, defeated candidate .. ..	..	214	76	290
Final count .. ..	..	3,617	3,609	7,226

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BULLA.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Hjorth.	Pickering.	Robertson.	
First count—First preference votes	3,301	1,577	2,359	7,237
Distribution of ballot-papers of Pickering, defeated candidate	394	..	1,183	1,577
Final count	3,695	..	3,542	7,237

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF DALHOUSIE.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	McKenna.	McNab.	Pollard.	
First count—First preference votes	1,438	1,796	2,232	5,466
Distribution of ballot-papers of McKenna, defeated candidate .. ..	..	813	625	1,438
Final count .. ..	..	2,609	2,857	5,466

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF EAST MELBOURNE.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Carnegie.	Farthing.	Hooper.	
First count—First preference votes	363	2,542	2,625	5,530
Distribution of ballot-papers of Carnegie, defeated candidate .. ..	..	284	79	363
Final count .. ..	..	2,826	2,704	5,530

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF GIPPSLAND WEST.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Bremner.	McKellar.	Walter.	
First count—First preference votes	1,602	1,510	2,830	5,942
Distribution of ballot-papers of McKellar, defeated candidate	374	..	1,136	1,510
Final count	1,976	..	3,966	5,942

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF LOWAN.

	Candidates.				Totals.
	Bolwell.	Glowrey.	Menzies.	Wettenhall.	
First count—First preference votes	392	1,152	2,400	2,959	6,903
Distribution of ballot-papers of Bolwell, first defeated candidate .. ..	..	29	314	49	392
Second count—Distribution of ballot-papers of Glowrey, second defeated candidate .. ..	..	1,181	2,714	3,008	6,903
Final count .. ..	..	..	3,026	3,877	6,903

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MORNINGTON.

	Candidates.						Totals.
	Dowling.	Downward.	Easton.	Hagelthorn.	Thompson.	Wettenhall.	
First count—First preference votes	3,733	2,298	820	1,019	347	843	9,060
Distribution of ballot-papers of Thompson, first defeated candidate	11	49	163	79	..	45	347
Second count—Distribution of ballot-papers of Wettenhall, second defeated candidate	3,744	2,347	983	1,098	..	888	9,060
Third count—Distribution of ballot-papers of Easton, third defeated candidate	3,777	2,956	1,109	1,218	..	..	9,060
Fourth count—Distribution of ballot-papers of Hagelthorn, the fourth defeated candidate	198	517	..	394	..	..	1,109
Final count	4,195	4,865	..	..	..	..	9,060

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF UPPER GOULBURN.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	McAlpin.	Mackrell.	Minogue.	
First count—First preference votes	1,556	1,889	2,137	5,582
Distribution of ballot-papers of McAlpin, defeated candidate .. ..	..	1,368	188	1,556
Final count .. ..	..	3,257	2,325	7,138

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

The Parliament of Victoria begun and held at the City of Melbourne on Tuesday, the eighth day of July, in the fifteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth; and in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

- 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), William Robert Alexander, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and Thomas Rae Gilchrist, 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-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Colonel the Right Honorable GEORGE EDWARD JOHN MOWBRAY, EARL OF STRADBROKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St. George, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King; 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 Tuesday, the eighth day of July, 1924, 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 Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, 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 first day of July, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and in the fifteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

STRADBROKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Several of the Members repaired to their seats.

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

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

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

Accordingly the Members of the Legislative Assembly went to the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Honour Mr. Justice Mann 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, has been pleased to cause Letters Patent to issue, under the Seal of the State, constituting me his Commissioner 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 :—

GEORGE THE FIFTH, 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 first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, by His Excellency Colonel the Right Honorable GEORGE EDWARD JOHN MOWBRAY, EARL OF STRADBROKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King ; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c., Tuesday, the eighth day of July, was fixed as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Parliament of Victoria, at Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And forasmuch as for certain causes the said Colonel the Right Honorable GEORGE EDWARD JOHN MOWBRAY, EARL OF STRADBROKE, cannot conveniently be present in person in the said Parliament at that time: NOW KNOW YE THAT WE, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable FREDERICK WOLLASTON MANN, Justice of Our Supreme Court of Victoria, do give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto you the said FREDERICK WOLLASTON MANN 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 GEORGE EDWARD JOHN MOWBRAY, EARL OF STRADBROKE, 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 FREDERICK WOLLASTON MANN, that he 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 Cousin Colonel the Right Honorable GEORGE EDWARD JOHN MOWBRAY, EARL OF STRADBROKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Commander of the Most Excellent (L.S.) Order of the British Empire, Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King ; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c., at Melbourne, this seventh day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and in the fifteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

STRADBROKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 29, page 141, this seventh day of July, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

W. P. HEATHERSHAW, Acting Under-Secretary.

And then His Honour Mr. Justice Mann said—

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

I have it in command from His Excellency to let you know that, later this day, His Excellency will declare to you in person, in this place, the cause of his calling this Parliament together; and, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, as it is necessary before you proceed to the despatch of business that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen, His Excellency requests that you, in your Chamber, will proceed to the choice of a proper person to be Speaker.

And the Members of the Assembly being returned—

3. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—His Honour Mr. Justice Mann, 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 Colonel the Right Honorable GEORGE EDWARD JOHN MOWBRAY, EARL OF STRADBROKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

To the Honorable FREDERICK WOLLASTON MANN, Judge of Our Supreme Court in Our said State of Victoria.

GREETING :

WHEREAS by the thirty-second section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1915, No. 2632, it is enacted that no Member either of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly shall be permitted to sit or vote therein respectively until he has taken and subscribed before the Governor, or some person authorized by the Governor in that behalf, the Oath set out in the Second Schedule to the aforesaid Act: Now therefore I, the Governor of the said State, do by these presents command and authorize you to proceed to the State Parliament House, in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne, on Tuesday, the eighth day of July instant, at Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, 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
(i.s.) this seventh day of July, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and in the fifteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

STRADBROKE.

By His Excellency's Command,
A. J. PEACOCK.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 29,
page 142, this seventh day of July, One thousand
nine hundred and twenty-four.

W. P. HEATHERSHAW, Acting Under-Secretary.

4. WRITS.—The Clerk announced that yesterday he received the following letter from the Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor forwarding Writs issued under the hand of His Excellency for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, which he read :—

The Governor's Office,
Melbourne, 7th July, 1924.

General Elections, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction, to transmit to you Sixty-five Writs which have been returned to His Excellency the Governor with the names of the persons elected in each case indorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, as shown on the accompanying list.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. R. ALEXANDER, Esq., J.P.,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. W. MABBOTT,
Official Secretary.

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

Abbotsford	...	...	Gordon Charles Webber, of No. 7 Leslie-street, Richmond, secretary.
Albert Park	✓	...	A. K. Wallace.
Allandale	...	...	Sir Alexander James Peacock, legal manager, of Creswick.
Ballaarat East	✓	...	William James McAdam.
Ballaarat West	✓	...	Matthew Baird, of Carlton-street, Ballarat, solicitor.
Barwon	...	...	Edward Morley, of 105 Ryrie-street, Geelong, secretary.
Benalla	...	...	John Joseph Carlisle.
Bendamba	...	...	Henry Beardmore, of Wodonga, grazier.
Bendigo East	✓	...	Luke James Clough, of Langston-street, Bendigo, bootmaker.
Bendigo West	✓	...	Arthur Ernest Cook, 57 Gladstone-street, Quarry Hill, Bendigo, hairdresser.
Boroondara	...	...	Edmund Wilson Greenwood.
Borong...	...	...	David Allison, of Watchupga, farmer.
Brighton	...	...	Oswald Robinson Snowball, "Wolsingham," Boxshall-street, Brighton.
Brunswick	✓	...	James Roberts Jewell.

Bulla ...	...	5	Ralph Theodore Hjorth.
Carlton...	...	9	Robert Henry Solly.
Castlemaine and Maldon	...		Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson.
Collingwood	...	6	Thomas Tunnecliffe, of North-terrace, Clifton Hill, bootmaker.
Dalhousie	...	4	Reginald Thomas Pollard.
Dandenong	...		Frank Groves.
Daylesford	...	15	James McDonald.
Dundas...	...	4	William Slater.
Eaglehawk	...		Albert Arthur Dunstan, Barnard-street, Bendigo.
East Melbourne	...		Alfred Alexander Farthing.
Essendon	...	14	Frank Keane, cooper, 130 Barrow-street, Coburg.
Evelyn...	...		William Hugh Everard, of 133 Wellington-street, Kew, tea merchant.
Fitzroy...	...	17	John William Billson, 90 Delbridge-street, North Fitzroy, bootmaker.
Flemington	...	16	Edward Coughlan Warde.
Geelong	...	15	William Brownbill.
Gippsland East	...		Albert Eli Lind, Mount Taylor, farmer.
Gippsland North...	...		James Weir McLachlan, of Sale, saddler.
Gippsland South	...		Walter West.
Gippsland West	...		Arthur Lewis Nathan Walter, farmer, Little River.
Glenelg	...	16	William Edward Thomas, of Heywood, farmer.
Goulburn Valley...	...		Murray William James Bouchier.
Grenville	...	14	Arthur Hughes.
Gunbower	...		Henry Angus.
Hampden	...		David Swan Oman, of "Highton," Lismore, farmer.
Hawthorn	...		William Murray McPherson.
Jika Jika	...	10	John Cain.
Kara Kara	...		John Warburton Pennington, of Bealiba, merchant.
Korong	...		Isaac Job Weaver, farmer, Boort.
Lowan ...	...		Marcus Edwy Wettenhall.
Maryborough	...	6	George Clement Frost, of Maryborough, orchardist.
Melbourne	...	2	Thomas Hayes.
Mornington	...		Alfred Downward.
North Melbourne	...	3	George Michael Prendergast.
Ovens ...	...		Alfred Arthur Billson.
Polwarth	...		James McDonald, orchardist, of Inverleigh.
Port Fairy	...	4	Henry Stephen Bailey, of Port Fairy, manager.
Port Melbourne	...	7	James Lawrence Murphy, of 88 Nelson-road, South Melbourne, secretary.
Prahran	...	6	Arthur Richard Jackson.
Richmond	...	7	Edmund John Cotter, cooper, 254 Mary-street, Richmond.
Rodney	...		John Allan, of Wyuna South, farmer.
St. Kilda	...		Frederic William Eggleston.
Stawell and Ararat	...		Richard Frederick Tutchter, of 22 Victoria-street, Elsternwick, estate agent.
Swan Hill	...		Francis Edward Old, of Swan Hill, farmer.
Toorak...	...		Stanley Seymour Argyle, medical practitioner.
Upper Goulburn	...		Edwin Joseph Mackrell, of Strathbogie, farmer.
Walhalla	...		Samuel Barnes.
Wangaratta	...		John Bowser, journalist, Wangaratta.
Waranga	...		John Gordon, land-owner, Nagambie.
Warrenheip	...	5	Edmond John Hegan.
Warrnambool	...		James Davidson Deany.
Williamstown	...	9	John Lemmon, 99 North-road, Newport, cutter and statesman.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—G. C. Webber, Esq., A. K. Wallace, Esq., The Honorable Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G., W. J. McAdam, Esq., The Honorable M. Baird, E. Morley, Esq., The Honorable J. J. Carlisle, The Honorable H. Beardmore, L. J. Clough, Esq., A. E. Cook, Esq., E. W. Greenwood, Esq., D. Allison, Esq., O. R. Snowball, Esq., J. R. Jewell, Esq., R. T. Hjorth, Esq., R. H. Solly, Esq., The Honorable H. S. W. Lawson, T. Tunnecliffe, Esq., R. T. Pollard, Esq., The Honorable F. Groves, J. McDonald, Esq. (*Daylesford*), W. Slater, Esq., A. A. Dunstan, Esq., A. A. Farthing, Esq., F. Keane, Esq., W. H. Everard, Esq., The Honorable J. W. Billson, E. C. Warde, Esq., W. Brownbill, Esq., A. F. Lind, Esq., J. W. McLachlan, Esq., W. West, Esq., A. L. N. Walter, Esq., W. E. Thomas, Esq., Colonel M. W. J. Bouchier, A. Hughes, Esq., The Honorable H. Angus, The Honorable D. S. Oman, J. Cain, Esq., I. J. Weaver, Esq., The Honorable M. E. Wettenhall, G. C. Frost, Esq., T. Hayes, Esq., The Honorable A. Downward, The Honorable G. M. Prendergast, The Honorable A. A. Billson, J. McDonald, Esq. (*Polwarth*), H. S. Bailey, Esq., J. L. Murphy, Esq., A. R. Jackson, Esq., E. J. Cotter, Esq., The Honorable J. Allan, The Honorable F. W. Eggleston, The Honorable R. F. Tutchter, The Honorable F. E. Old, The Honorable Dr. S. S. Argyle, E. J. Mackrell, Esq., The Honorable J. Bowser, The Honorable J. Gordon, E. J. Hegan, Esq., J. D. Deany, Esq., and the Honorable J. Lemmon took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

The Commissioner, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, then retired from the House.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. Allan, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker the Honorable John Bowser, and moved, That the Honorable John Bowser do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Downward.

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

The House then again unanimously calling the Honorable John Bowser to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Allan and Mr. Downward, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be their Speaker, and thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace, which before lay under the Table, was laid upon the Table.

Then Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Allan, and Mr. Downward congratulated Mr. Speaker.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Sir Alexander Peacock stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library, at the State Parliament House, this day, at a quarter past Two o'clock.

8. Mr. Speaker left the Chair at forty-eight minutes past Eleven o'clock, and resumed it at thirty-five minutes past Two o'clock.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

I have much pleasure in congratulating you on your election for the second time to the office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

I feel confident that you will continue to fulfil the duties of that high and important office in a worthy and dignified manner.

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Melbourne, 8th July, 1924.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

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

1924.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1924-25.

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of July, in the year 1924-25, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th July, 1924.

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

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

1924.

VICTORIA.

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 2.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1923-24, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th July, 1924.

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

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

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 3.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a copy of a despatch which he has received from the President of the Senate reporting a vacancy which has happened in the representation of Victoria in the Senate.

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 3rd July, 1924.

Melbourne, 30th June, 1924.

MY LORD,

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that a vacancy has happened in the representation of the State of Victoria in the Senate, through the death of Senator Stephen Barker, which occurred on the 21st June, 1924.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,
(Sgd.) THOS. GIVENS,
President of the Senate.

His Excellency the Right Honorable
The Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E.,
Governor of the State of Victoria, Melbourne.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to the provisions of the three hundred and forty-sixth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I do hereby appoint The Honorable John Allan, The Honorable Henry Angus, James McDonald, Esquire (*Polwarth*), The Honorable George Michael Prendergast, Oswald Robinson Snowball, Esquire, Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, and Edward Coughlan Warde, Esquire, to be members of a Committee to be called "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications."

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

15. 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 Edmund John Cotter, Esquire, The Honorable Alfred Downward, William Hugh Everard, Esquire, Alfred Alexander Farthing, Esquire, Edmund Wilson Greenwood, Esquire, William Slater, Esquire, and Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees whenever requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

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

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

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

High Cost of Living. --Report No. 2 of the Royal Commission on the—Milk.

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

Mr. Touthcher presented—

School Teachers taking Sick Leave of over Two Days Monthly during 1923, &c.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 15th May, 1924.

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 :—

- Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917.—Alteration and Addition to Regulations made on 4th June, 1918—Part III., Division II., Discharged Soldiers Inquiry Board.
 Health Act 1919.—Regulations requiring certain Standards of Purity in certain Foods and Drugs, &c.—Food and Drug Standards Regulations 1924.
 Lands Compensation Act 1915.—Return under Section 37 showing particulars connected with the Purchase of Land and Amount paid therefor by the State Electricity Commission for the period 1st July, 1923, to 30th June, 1924.
 Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Report of the Trustees for 1923 ; with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1922-23.
 Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Samuel Albert Glass, from the Fourth to the Third Class, in the Department of Law.
 Railways Standing Committee.—Thirty-fourth General Report.
 Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act 1922—
 Proclamation of 26th June, 1923 (List of Plants to be Noxious Weeds) amended.
 Regulations providing for the Payment of a Bonus or Reward for the Destruction of Foxes and Wild Dogs and Vermin generally.
 Victorian Government Stock Act 1896.—Regulations rescinded, new Regulations made.
 Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ended 31st March, 1924.
 Voting by Post at Municipal Elections. —Regulations (Shire of Lowan).

17. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That leave of absence for the Session be granted to the Honorable Samuel Barnes, the Member for Walhalla ; the Honorable Sir William Murray McPherson, the Member for Hawthorn ; and the Honorable John Warburton Pennington, the Member for Kara Kara (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
18. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MELBOURNE AND GEELONG) BILL.—*Sir Alexander Peacock* obtained leave, with Mr. Eggleston, to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to extend and apply to the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong certain provisions of the ' Local Government Act 1915 ' with regard to Streets and Roads " ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
19. COMMITTEES OF SUPPLY AND WAYS AND MEANS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed forthwith (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
20. SUPPLY.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
21. WAYS AND MEANS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—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 (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
22. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had that 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 taken the earliest opportunity, after the recent General Election, of calling you together for the despatch of public business.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1923-1924, and a measure to make preliminary provision for the services of the current financial year, will be laid before you in due course.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

A full programme of legislation and policy was placed before the electors by my Advisers at the General Election, but until the complex position created by the result of that Election has been cleared up, it is not considered necessary to place it before you in any further detail.

I now leave you to your deliberations, in the earnest hope that, with the blessing of the Almighty, your work may result in the advancement of the welfare of all classes of the community.

STRADBROKE,
Governor.

8th July, 1924.

23. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Motion made and question proposed—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 (*Mr. Deany*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prembergast*)—put and agreed to. Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

24. ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Honorable Member for Carlton, Mr. Robert Henry Solly, act as Chairman of Committees for this day (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
25. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
26. SUPPLY.—Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,375,247 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1924-25, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	114
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	983
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	84
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	369
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	55
6. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	51
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	195
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	415
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,655
10. " " Pensions, &c.	10,100
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	500
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	605
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	233
15. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	734
16. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	115
17. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	38
18. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	79
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	329
20. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	75
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	374
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	286
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office	824
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,136
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,116
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	33,000
27. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	26,929
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,500
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	48,837
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,885
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	275
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,094
33. Education—Salaries	128,900
34. " Ordinary Expenditure	14,500
35. " Pensions, &c.	21
36. " Works and Buildings	1,500
37. " Endowments and Grants	29,000
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	9,693
40. " Ordinary Expenditure	3,508
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	5,601
43. " Ordinary Expenditure	2,394
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,750
45. " Transport, &c.	500
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure	500
47. " Allowances to Railway Department	9,000
48. " Charitable Grant, &c.	14,500
49. " Pensions, &c.	18

Division No.	£
50. Treasury—Exceptional Expenditure	3,350
51. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries	272
52. „ „ Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,664
53. „ „ Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,041
54. „ „ Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	243
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	531
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	10,100
57. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	208
58. „ „ Advertising	249
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,438
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	68
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,096
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,780
64. Works and Buildings	150
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	250
66. Immigration Bureau	1,462
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,400
68. Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,644
69. „ „ Works, &c.	3,410
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	24,000
72. „ „ Roads, Works, and Bridges	700
73. „ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	600
74. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	300
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,040
76. „ Furtherance of Mining Industry	1,600
78. „ Exceptional Expenditure	40
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,446
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c.	18,083
81. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,144
82. „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	18,529
83. „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,210
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,400
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,245
87. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	14,248
89. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	800,000
90. „ Pensions, &c.	1,378
91. „ Railway Construction Branch	964
92. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	44,594
Total	<u>£1,375,247</u>

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

27. WAYS AND MEANS.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

28. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—
Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1924–25 the sum of £1,375,247 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

29. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—*Sir Alexander Peacock* then brought up a Bill intitled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and seventy-five thousand two hundred and forty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

30. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.

31. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question proposed—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Sir Alexander Peacock*).
Amendment proposed—That the words “*Tuesday next*” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word “*to-morrow*” (*Mr. Prendergast*).

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

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald (<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Greenwood
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald (<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Jewell	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Original motion—put and agreed to.

32. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 1) without amendment.
33. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next :—
Ways and Means—To be further considered in Committee.
34. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 15TH JULY, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DEATH OF WILLIAM EDWARD THOMAS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House expresses its sincere sorrow at the death of William Edward Thomas, Esquire, and desires to place on record its appreciation of the courtesy, kindness, and fairmindedness which characterized him throughout his honorable and upright career as a citizen of Victoria and Member for Glenelg in the Legislative Assembly (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after Mr. Speaker, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Allan, and other Honorable Members had addressed the House in support of the motion, Honorable Members rising in their places, agreed to unanimously and in silence.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Three o'clock (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
Motion made and question—That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late William Edward Thomas, Esquire, the House do now adjourn (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH JULY, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—
STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 4.*
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 seventy-five thousand two hundred and forty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.*”
The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th July, 1924.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Acquainting the Assembly that they have appointed a Committee of six Members to join with a Committee of the Assembly to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments.
4. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
High Cost of Living.—Reports of the Royal Commission on the—
No. 3.—House Rents.
No. 4.—General.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
Mines.—Gold and Mineral Statistics for the year 1923.

Sir Alexander Peacock presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth and purchased for the use of the Department of Labour during the period from 1st July, 1923, to 30th June, 1924.

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 :—

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.—Part VIII.—Statement of Alteration of Classification in the Department of the Legislative Council.

Fruit Fly—Outbreak of at Mildura.—Order appointing and fixing the Maximum Expenditure of Board of Inquiry *re*.

High Cost of Living.—Order fixing the Maximum Expenditure of the Royal Commission on the.

Hospitals and Charities Act 1922.—Compulsory Resumption of Land, being part of Crown portion 48, at Fitzroy, Parish of Jika Jika, County of Bourke, for the purposes of St. Vincent's Hospital.—Certificate of the Treasurer, with Plan.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—

Department of Chief Secretary.

Department of Mines.

Department of Public Instruction (2 papers).

Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Chief Secretary (2 papers).

Department of Treasurer (2 papers).

Regulations—Attendance and Conduct of Officers, Chapter XIII.—Part I., Attendance of Officers.

Regulations—Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.—Tender Board (2 papers).

Public Service Act 1915 and Lunacy Act 1915.—Alteration of Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter III.—Inspector-General of the Insane.

Warrnambool Breakwater.—Order fixing the Maximum Expenditure of the Royal Commission.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on 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.

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word "Sovereign" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "We desire to inform Your Excellency that upon its general policy the Government has lost the confidence of the electors and of the House" (*Mr. Prendergast*)—and, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Greenwood
(<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Groves
Mr. McLachlan	

Noes, 43.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Keane
Mr. Allison	Mr. Lind
Mr. Angus	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. McDonald
Colonel Bourchier	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cain	Mr. Old
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Downward	Mr. Solly
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Walter
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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.

We desire to inform Your Excellency that upon its general policy the Government has lost the confidence of the electors and of the House—put and agreed to.

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

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 22ND JULY, 1924.

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

2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—
Mr. Speaker reported that, as directed by this Honorable House, he had, on Thursday last, waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 16th July instant, in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament. His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

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

You acquaint me in your Address that upon their general policy my late advisers have lost the confidence of the electors and of the House, and I have the honour to inform you that, they having resigned their offices, I have taken steps which will, I trust, bring the Executive Government into harmony with the opinion of the Legislative Assembly.

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Melbourne, 17th July, 1924.

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

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VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1924-25.

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 5.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of August, in the year 1924-25, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd July, 1924.

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

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

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 31st December, 1923.

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following letters:—

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to resign my position as member of the Elections and Qualifications Committee.

Yours truly,
G. M. PRENDERGAST.

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 22nd July, 1924.

MR. SPEAKER,

Dear Sir,

Will you please accept my resignation as a member of the Elections and Qualifications Committee.

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 22nd July, 1924.

Yours faithfully,
E. C. WARDE.

6. ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Honorable Member for Carlton, Mr. Robert Henry Solly, act as Chairman of Committees for this day (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Nos. 2 and 3.
8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. SUPPLY.—Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,275,051 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1924-25, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	88
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	981
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	83
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	369
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	40
6. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	52
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	194
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	415
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,220
10. " " Pensions, &c.	8,000
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expen- diture	500
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	535
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	233
15. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	484
16. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	115
17. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	39
18. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	88
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	329
20. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	117
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	374
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	296
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office	824
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,876
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,116
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	33,000
27. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	26,840
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,500
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	48,000
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,885
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	398
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,088
33. Education—Salaries	128,900
34. " Ordinary Expenditure	14,500
35. " Pensions, &c.	21
36. " Works and Buildings	1,000
37. " Endowments and Grants	50
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	9,701
40. " Ordinary Expenditure	2,708
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	5,601
43. " Ordinary Expenditure	1,800
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,750
45. " Transport, &c.	542
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure	500
47. " Payments to Railway Department	600
48. " Charitable Grant, &c.	11,000
49. " Pensions, &c.	20
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	3,000
51. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries	271
52. " " Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,665
53. " " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,041
54. " " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	243
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	522
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	10,098
57. " " Exceptional Expenditure	208
58. " " Advertising	249
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,906
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	71

Division No.	£
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,173
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,187
64. Works and Buildings	230
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	300
66. Immigration Bureau	1,511
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,200
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,644
69. " " Works, &c.	9,000
69A. " " Exceptional Expenditure	500
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	30,000
72. " " Roads, Works, and Bridges	700
73. " " Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	2,400
74. " " Exceptional Expenditure	2,200
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,020
76. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	1,620
78. " Exceptional Expenditure	60
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	9,415
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c.	18,083
81. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,116
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,477
83. Horticulture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,208
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,389
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,245
87. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,974
88. " " Miscellaneous	417
89. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	750,000
90. " Pensions, &c.	1,377
91. " Railway Construction Branch	964
92. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	44,595
Total	£1,275,051

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

10. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1924–25 the sum of £1,275,051 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. Prendergast and Mr. Slater do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Prendergast then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and seventy-five thousand and fifty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways:—Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Deany, Mr. Lind, and Mr. Solly (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

14. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

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

15. SUPPLY—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1923–24.—Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £582,260 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1923–24, viz.:—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Division No.	£	£
1. Legislative Council	305	
2. Legislative Assembly... ..	665	
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	12	

CHIEF SECRETARY—*continued.*

Division No.	£	£
Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly House Committee—		
4. Refreshment Rooms	452	
5. Engineers	35	
7. The Library, State Parliament House	137	
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	966	
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	4,639	
10. " " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c. ...	7,342	
11. " " Grants	100	
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines	125	
13. Explosives	551	
14. State Accident Insurance Office	2,145	
15. Fisheries and Game	285	
16. Government Shorthand Writer... ..	114	
18. Herbarium	36	
19. Inebriates Institution	190	
20. Marine Board	790	
21. Observatory	203	
22. Premier's Office	235	
23. Agent-General	185	
24. Audit Office	1,046	
25. Government Statist	905	
26. Hospitals for the Insane	17,980	
27. Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools ...	3,795	
28. Penal Establishments and Gaols	7,761	
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	9,510	
29A. " Special Constabulary Force	102,600	
30. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria ...	1,771	
31. Public Service Commissioner	96	
	164,976	

II.—MINISTER OF LABOUR.

32. Department of Labour	1,554
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III.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

33. Education—Salaries	2,950	
35. " Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation	2,386	
36. " Works and Buildings	4,000	
38. " Exceptional Expenditure	133	
	9,469	

IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

39. Attorney-General—Salaries	6,977	
40. " Ordinary Expenditure	500	
41. " Exceptional Expenditure	6	
	7,483	

V.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	2,600	
43. " Ordinary Expenditure	1,773	
	4,373	

VI.—TREASURER.

44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	14,319	
45. " Transport, Samples, Marine Insurance, &c.	1,350	
46. " Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	4,000	
47. " Payments to Railway Department	17,261	
48. " Grants	4,098	
49. " Pensions, Compensations, and Gratuities, &c.	1,269	
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	25,365	
52. Taxation Office—Administration, and Income Tax Branch ...	3,409	
53. " " Land Tax Branch	3,456	
54. " " Death Duties Branch	164	
55. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	244	
56. Government Printer—Salaries	4,073	
58. " " Advertising, &c.	1,300	
	80,308	

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

Division No.	£	£
59. Survey, Land Settlement, Closer Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands	12,346	
60. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	79	
61. Grants	550	
62. Botanic and Domain Gardens	665	
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, Wild Animals, and Noxious Weeds	24,867	
64. Works and Buildings... ..	336	
64A. Pensions, Compensations, and Gratuities	379	
65. Exceptional Expenditure	27,944	
66. Immigration Bureau	565	
	<hr/>	67,731

VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,010	
67A. „ „ Pensions, Compensation, Gratuities, &c.	675	
68. Ports and Harbors	2,239	
69. Works, &c.	1,000	
70. Electricity Commissioners	1,500	
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	53,292	
72. „ „ Road Works and Bridges	1,000	
74. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	2,251	
	<hr/>	64,967

IX.—MINISTER OF MINES.

75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,333	
76. „ Furtherance of Mining Industry	600	
78. „ Exceptional Expenditure	300	
	<hr/>	2,233

X.—MINISTER OF FORESTS.

79. Forests Commission	8,000	
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XII.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

82. Agriculture—Administrative	751	
83. „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,715	
83A. „ Horticulture	722	
84A. „ Exceptional Expenditure	5,454	
85. Stock and Dairy	1,994	
86. Export Development and Produce Inspection	2,787	
	<hr/>	18,423

XIII.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

87. Public Health	775	
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XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

89. Victorian Railways—Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1923–24, &c.	151,331	
90. „ „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	95	
91. „ „ Construction Branch	6	
92. „ „ State Coal Mines	536	
	<hr/>	151,968
Total	<hr/>	£582,260

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

16. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1923–24 the sum of £582,260 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. Prendergast and Mr. Slater do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

18. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—Mr. Prendergast then brought up a Bill intituled “A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Five hundred and eighty-two thousand two hundred and sixty pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

19. VACANCY IN THE SENATE.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from His Excellency the Governor having been read—
20. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Acquainting the Assembly that they have agreed to the following resolution :—
- That this House meet the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Stephen Barker ;
- and requesting the Assembly to name the place and time of such meeting.
- Motion made and question—That this House meet the Legislative Council in the Legislative Assembly Chamber at Eight o'clock this day for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Stephen Barker (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
- Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.
21. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Prendergast, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,
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 Country Roads and for Irrigation Works and Water Supply and for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd July, 1924.

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

22. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 6.
- House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
- Mr. Cotter 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 Country Roads and for Irrigation Works and Water Supply and for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.
- And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
- Ordered—That Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
- Mr. Prendergast then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Country Roads and for Irrigation Works and Water Supply and for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
- Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
23. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 2) without amendment.
24. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 26th August next, at Four o'clock (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
25. VACANCY IN THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced that the time had arrived for this House to meet the Legislative Council in the Legislative Assembly Chamber for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Stephen Barker.
- Accordingly Mr. Speaker left the Chair at six minutes past Eight o'clock, and having resumed it at fifty-one minutes past Ten o'clock—
- Mr. Speaker reported that the House had that day met the Legislative Council in the Legislative Assembly Chamber for the purpose of sitting and voting together to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Stephen Barker, and that Joseph Francis Hannan, Esquire, had been duly chosen to hold the vacant place.
26. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members be appointed members of the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Colonel Bouchier, Mr. Brownbill, Mr. Clough, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*), and Mr. Murphy; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

27. CONSTRUCTION OF LINES OF RAILWAY REFERRED TO RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE.—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, by leave, and question—That the following questions be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report :—

1. The construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Jung to Wallup.
2. The construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Port Fairy to Macarthur.

—(*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.

28. LINES OF RAILWAY REFERRED TO RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following questions be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report :—

1. The question of connecting the districts lying between the Ouyen to Mildura railway and the South Australian Border with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway.
2. The question of connecting the brown coal workings at Yallourn with the existing railway system at a point west of the Haunted Hills by means of a direct 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway with easy gradients, or by means of a diversion of the existing railway between Moc and Morwell, and the working of traffic over the present railway route or any new route by steam or electric traction.
3. The question of connecting the districts of Corack, Granite Flat, and Wooroonook with the existing railway system by means of a railway or tramway.
4. The question of connecting the districts around Anderson's Inlet and the Lower Tarwin Valley with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway.
5. The question of connecting the districts of Corryong, Towong, Tintaldra, and Walwa with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway.
6. The question of connecting the districts lying west and south of Red Hill with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway.
7. The question of connecting the district lying between Kulwin and the River Murray with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway.
8. The question of connecting the district lying between the Melbourne to Yarra Glen railway and the Melbourne to Hurstbridge railway with the existing railway system by means of a railway or tramway.

—(*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.

29. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until Tuesday, 26th August next.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 26th August next :—

- *Supply—To be further considered in Committee.*
- *Ways and Means—To be further considered in Committee.*

And then the House, at fifty-eight minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 26th August next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1924.

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

By His Excellency Colonel the Right Honorable GEORGE EDWARD JOHN MOWBRAY, EARL OF STRADBROKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

To the Honorable JOHN BOWSER, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria,

GREETING :

WHEREAS by the thirty-second section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1915, No. 2632, 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 eighth day of July, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and in the fifteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

STRADBROKE.

By His Excellency's Command,
A. J. PEACOCK.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 29,
page 143, this eighth day of July, One thousand
nine hundred and twenty-four.

W. P. HEATHERSHAW, Acting Under-Secretary.

3. ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that, on Friday, 25th July last, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Glenelg, in the place of William Edward Thomas, Esq., deceased.
4. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker also announced that he had received a return to the foregoing Writ, by which it appeared that Ernest Edward Bond had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
5. MEMBER SWORN.—Ernest Edward Bond, Esq., was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The following Warrant, appointing members of "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications," was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to the provisions of the three hundred and forty-sixth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1915, I do hereby appoint Luke James Clough, Esquire, and James Laurence Murphy, Esquire, to be members of "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications," in the place of the Honorable George Michael Prendergast and Edward Coughlan Warde, Esquire, resigned.

Given under my hand this twenty-sixth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
 Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 3).
 Victorian Government Loan Bill.

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

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 7.

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

“ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and seventy-five thousand and fifty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.*”

“ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Five hundred and eighty-two thousand two hundred and sixty pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.*”

“ *An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Country Roads and for Irrigation Works and Water Supply and for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.*”

The Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 23rd July, 1924.

9. PAPERS.—Mr. Prendergast presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Kendenup Fruit Packing Company and the De Garis (W.A.) Development Company Limited.—
 Report of the Royal Commission as to the Affairs and Transactions in Victoria of the.

Mr. Tunnecliffe presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Public Service Commissioner.—Report for the year 1923.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Education Act 1915.—Regulation rescinded, Regulation substituted.—Free Places at the University of Melbourne.

Factories and Shops.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Shops for the year 1923.

Hospitals and Charities Act 1922.—Report of the Charities Board of Victoria for the year ended 30th June, 1924.

Land Act 1915.—Compulsory Resumption of Land for the purposes of the Education Acts—
 Certificates of the Minister of Public Instruction, with Plans—

Crown Allotment 1, Section 5, Township and Parish of Chiltern, County of Bogong.

Crown Allotments 2 and 3, Section 5, Township and Parish of Chiltern, County of Bogong.

Licensing Acts.—Rules rescinded, new Rules made.

Public Service Acts—

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Officers in the Department of Law—

Alfred William Comport, from the Second to the First Class.

Henry Alfred Amos, from the Third to the Second Class.

James Taylor Miller, from the Third to the Second Class.

Water Acts.—Declaration of the Minister of Water Supply under the Acts with reference to the constitution of the following proposed Districts; together with Plans showing the Area :—

Lower Millewa Waterworks District.

South Shepparton Irrigation and Water Supply District.

10. STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.—Mr. Prendergast, having made a statement of the policy of the Government, moved—That the Premier's statement of policy of the Government be printed and circulated to Honorable Members of this House.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and that Sir Alexander Peacock have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

11. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Motion made and question—That the Member for Ovens, the Honorable Alfred Arthur Billson, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

12. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was presented by Mr. Prendergast, and the same was read :—

L. F. CUSSEN,

Administrator of the Government of Victoria.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Administrator of the Government recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the State Savings Bank Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1924.

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

13. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government's Message, No. 8.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the State Savings Bank Acts.

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

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

Mr. Prendergast then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the State Savings Bank Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

14. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

L. F. CUSSEN,

Administrator of the Government of Victoria.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Administrator of the Government recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to confer certain powers on the Government of Victoria in regard to the Marketing of the Wheat Harvest of the Season 1924–1925 and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1924.

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

15. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government's Message, No. 9.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson 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 confer certain Powers on the Government of Victoria in regard to the Marketing of the Wheat Harvest of the Season 1924–1925 and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer certain Powers on the Government of Victoria in regard to the Marketing of the Wheat Harvest of the Season 1924–1925 and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

16. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the dispatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, half-past Three o'clock on Wednesday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Thursday; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after Ten o'clock (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

17. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week, except on the Thursdays set apart for Private Bill Business and General Business, during the present Session Government Business shall take precedence of all other business (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

18. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That on Thursday, 28th August, and on every third Thursday thereafter during the present Session business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one third Thursday—

Private Bill Business :

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

General Business :

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

On the alternate third Thursday—

General Business :

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

Private Bill Business :

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

—(Mr. Prendergast)—put and agreed to.

19. RIOT DAMAGES BILL.—Mr. Farthing obtained leave, with Mr. Morley, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to Riot Damages and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 18th September next.
20. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Pollard obtained leave, with Mr. McDonald (*Daylesford*), to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Local Government Act 1915 ’ and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 30th October next.
21. FRUIT PACKING SHEDS REGISTRATION BILL.—Mr. Old obtained leave, with Mr. Wettenhall, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Registration of Packing Sheds and for other purposes in connexion with the Dried Fruits Industry* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 18th September next.
22. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL.—Mr. Brownbill obtained leave, with Mr. Hayes, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to allow Railway Employés and all Civil Servants to contest any Parliamentary Election without having to resign from the Service* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 30th October next.
23. FAIR RENTS BILL.—Mr. Murphy obtained leave, with Mr. Keane, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for the Establishment of Courts for the purpose of fixing Fair Rents for Dwelling-houses* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
24. MEDICAL (DENTISTS) BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Snowball obtained leave, with Mr. Angus, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Medical Act 1915 ’ and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 30th October next.
25. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Everard obtained leave, with Mr. Mackrell, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Rateability of certain Land vested in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th October next.
26. ORCHARDS REGISTRATION BILL.—Mr. Wettenhall obtained leave, with Mr. Old, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Registration of Orchards and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 30th October next.
27. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 3).—Mr. Murphy obtained leave, with Mr. Jewell, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to extend the Powers of Municipalities with respect to the Sale of Bread Butter Fish Meat and Coal and the Supply of Milk and other Produce* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 30th October next.
28. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
29. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Prendergast presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government—

Prices of Bread, Wheat, and Flour.—Report of the Royal Commission to investigate the.—
Report No. 1.

On the motion of Mr. Prendergast the Summary of Findings and Recommendations was read by the Clerk.

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

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read :—

L. F. CUSSEN,

Administrator of the Government of Victoria.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Administrator of the Government recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend The Constitution Act Amendment Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 25th August, 1924.

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

4. ELECTORAL BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government's Message, No. 10.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend The Constitution Act Amendment Acts.

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

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

Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend The Constitution Act Amendment Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was presented by Mr. Prendergast, and the same was read :—

1924.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1924-25.

L. F. CUSSEN,

Administrator of the Government of Victoria.

Message No. 11.

The Administrator of the Government transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of September, in the year 1924-25, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 27th August, 1924.

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

6. CLUB HOTEL, HOPETOUN, LICENCE BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Renewal of a certain Victualler's Licence in pursuance of a Certificate granted by the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Swan Hill*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. JEPARIT LAND BILL.—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Revocation of the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Township and Parish of Jeparit and for the Issue of a Crown Grant in respect thereof to the Trustees of the Jeparit Agricultural and Pastoral Society*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. GAME BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Game Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
9. CHILDREN'S WELFARE BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Department heretofore known as the Department for Neglected Children*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. GAS REGULATION BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Supply of Gas*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. AUSTRALIAN WINE LICENCE (BAILLIESTON) BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Bailey, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Renewal of a certain Australian Wine Licence in pursuance of a Certificate granted by the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Waranga*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
12. MILK SUPPLY BILL.—Mr. Hogan obtained leave, with Mr. Bailey, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Milk Supply Act 1922*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

13. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. ELECTORAL BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 10th September next.
15. MILK SUPPLY BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
16. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—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, Dr. Argyle, Mr. Eggleston, Mr. Slater, and Mr. Wallace*; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
17. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—*Mr. Speaker, Mr. Allan, Mr. A. A. Billson, Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Cain, Mr. Farthing, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Lawson, Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Snowball, and Mr. Tunnecliffe*; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
18. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—*Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beardmore, Colonel Bouchier, Mr. Brownbill, Mr. Deany, Mr. Dunstan, Mr. Frost, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Oman, and Mr. West*; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
19. STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws adopted by this House on the 16th June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Council to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of *Mr. Bailey, Mr. Eggleston, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Snowball, and Mr. Wettenhall*, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.
20. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members be appointed members of the House Committee :—*Mr. Clough, Mr. Dunstan, Mr. Everard, Mr. Jewell, and Mr. Morley* (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
21. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after Nos. 3 and 4.
22. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
23. SUPPLY.—*Mr. A. A. Billson* reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,264,243 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1924–25, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	114
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	982
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	84
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	369
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	43
6. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	52
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	194
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	470
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,220
10. " " Pensions, &c.	8,100
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	230
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	525
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	234
15. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	430

Division No.	£
16. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	115
17. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure ...	38
18. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	81
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	329
20. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	96
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	240
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	296
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office ...	1,364
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,706
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,806
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure...	32,000
27. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	26,948
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	6,400
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	48,000
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,885
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	298
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,329
33. Education—Salaries ...	128,900
34. " Ordinary Expenditure ...	14,500
35. " Pensions, &c. ...	21
36. " Works and Buildings ...	5,500
37. " Endowments and Grants ...	50
39. Attorney-General—Salaries ...	10,075
40. " Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,708
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries ...	5,634
43. " Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,800
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	4,758
45. " Transport, &c. ...	500
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure ...	500
47. " Payments to Railway Department ...	600
48. " Charitable Grant, &c. ...	11,870
49. " Pensions, &c. ...	20
50. " Exceptional Expenditure ...	3,350
51. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries ...	272
52. " Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	8,664
53. " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	3,041
54. " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	243
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	522
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	10,099
57. " Exceptional Expenditure ...	1,408
58. " Advertising ...	249
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	9,241
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	60
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,318
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	7,406
64. Works and Buildings ...	181
66. Immigration Bureau ...	1,028
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	5,600
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,544
69. " Works, &c. ...	3,000
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings ...	5,000
72. " Roads, Works, and Bridges ...	280
73. " Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c. ...	2,000
74. " Exceptional Expenditure ...	500
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,000
76. " Furtherance of Mining Industry ...	1,620
78. " Exceptional Expenditure ...	200
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	9,615
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. ...	18,083
81. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,038
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	7,776
83. Horticulture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,388
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	4,437
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,903
87. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	3,559
88. " Miscellaneous ...	738
89. Railways—Working Expenses, &c. ...	771,251
90. " Pensions, &c. ...	888
91. " Railway Construction Branch ...	1,024
92. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses ...	45,303
Total ...	£1,264,243

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

24. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
25. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. A. A. Billson 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 1924–25 the sum of £1,264,243 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. Prendergast and Mr. Tunnecliffe do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
26. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).**—Mr. Prendergast then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and sixty-four thousand two hundred and forty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
27. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MELBOURNE AND GEELONG) BILL.**—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
28. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5 and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next:—
Game Bill—Second reading.
Australian Wine Licence (Baillieston) Bill—Second reading.
29. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. BORDER RAILWAYS TO OAKLANDS, NEW SOUTH WALES (WAHGUNYAH-COROWA AND YARRAWONGA EXTENSIONS).—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Second Progress Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the proposed Border Railways to Oaklands, New South Wales (Wahgunyah-Corowa and Yarrowonga Extensions) ; together with Minutes of Evidence (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Hogan presented—
Border Railways to Oaklands, New South Wales (Wahgunyah-Corowa and Yarrowonga Extensions).—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
Mr. Prendergast presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government—
Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—Annual Report of the Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board for the year 1923.
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 :—
Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55, and Act No. 3118 during the year 1923-24.
Health Act 1919.—Second Report of the Commission of Public Health.
Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1924.
Wheat Marketing Act 1915 and Wheat Marketing and Transportation Act 1920.—Balance-sheet of the Victorian Wheat Commission, Seasons 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, 1919-20, and 1920-21, as at 30th June, 1924.

4. RESIGNATION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following letter, which he read :—

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 27th August, 1924.

The Honorable the Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Melbourne.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to tender my resignation as one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees.

Yours sincerely,

W. SLATER.

5. MR. SPEAKER'S NOMINATION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating a Temporary Chairman 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 William Brownbill, Esquire, to act as Temporary Chairman of Committees whenever requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

6. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Mr. Slater obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to further amend the ‘ Police Offences Act 1915’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. APPRENTICESHIP BILL.—Mr. Lemmon obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to Apprenticeship* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, General Business.
9. MEDICAL (DENTISTS) BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Cotter obtained leave, with Mr. Murphy, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Part II.—Dentists—of the ‘ Medical Act 1915’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 30th October next.
10. BALLARAT WATER COMMISSIONERS BILL.—Mr. McAdam obtained leave, with Mr. Hughes, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Water Act 1915’ and the ‘ Ballarat Water Commissioners Act 1921’ and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 30th October next.
11. STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the Premier’s statement of policy of the Government be printed and circulated to Honorable Members of this House; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Wettenhall*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 4) without amendment.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was presented by Mr. Prendergast, and the same was read :—

L. F. CUSSEN,
Administrator of the Government of Victoria.

Message No. 12.

The Administrator of the Government of Victoria 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 two hundred and sixty-four thousand two hundred and forty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.* ”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 3rd September, 1924.

4. PAPER.—Mr. Prendergast presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth and purchased for the use of the Public Works Department during the period from 1st July, 1923, to 30th June, 1924.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. YARRAM YARRAM MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL.—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Yarram Yarram Mechanics' Institute and Free Library* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
6. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL.—Mr. Slater obtained leave, with Mr. Tunnecliffe, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to Industrial and Provident Societies* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. RICHMOND LAND BILL.—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make further provision as to certain Lands vested in the Mayor Councillors and Citizens of the City of Richmond pursuant to Grants from the Crown and to repeal the ' Richmond Land Act 1912 ' and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Slater, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Workers' Compensation Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
9. FRUIT FLY—OUTBREAK OF AT MILDURA.—Motion made and question—That the sum of £150 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Board appointed for the purpose of considering and reporting upon claims made by fruit-growers residing within the Town and Shire of Mildura for payment of compensation for damage sustained by them in the carrying out of measures for the combating of the outbreak of fruit fly in those municipalities during the months of February and March, 1924, being an addition of One hundred pounds (£100) to the amount previously fixed by the Order in Council of the 10th June, 1924, as the maximum expenditure (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.
10. PRICES OF BREAD, WHEAT, AND FLOUR COMMISSION.—Motion made and question—That the sum of £400 be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission appointed to conduct an investigation into the prices of bread, wheat, and flour (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.
11. STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the Premier's statement of policy of the Government be printed and circulated to Honorable Members of this House; debate resumed.
12. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable James Hickey, M.L.C., Honorary Minister of Western Australia (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
13. STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.—Debate on question—That the Premier's statement of policy of the Government be printed and circulated to Honorable Members of this House—resumed. Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow;
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—
Yarram Yarram Mechanics' Institute Bill—Second reading.
Workers' Compensation Bill—Second reading.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS SWORN.—The Honorable John Allan, the Honorable Henry Angus, Luke James Clough, Esquire, James McDonald, Esquire (*Polwarth*), James Laurence Murphy, Esquire, Oswald Robinson Snowball, Esquire, and Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, who had been appointed members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, took the Oath at the Table of the House, before the Clerk.

3. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—FIRST MEETING.—Mr. Speaker appointed this day, at a quarter to Two o'clock as the time, and Committee Room No. 1 as the place, of the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
4. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to sit during the sittings of the House and on any day on which the House does not meet (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
5. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put.
Debate ensued.
6. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That chairs be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable Frank A. Chaffey, M.L.A., Minister for Agriculture of New South Wales, and the Honorable William Neal Gillies, Minister of Agriculture of Queensland (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
7. SUPPLY.—Debate on question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—resumed.
Question—negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ELECTRIFICATION OF FERN TREE GULLY AND LILYDALE RAILWAYS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act, No. 3299 (Electrification of Fern Tree Gully and Lilydale Railways); together with Minutes of Evidence (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Hogan presented—
 Electrification of Fern Tree Gully and Lilydale Railways.—Return to the foregoing Order.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
 Mr. Prendergast presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government—
 Prices of Bread, Wheat, and Flour.—Report of the Royal Commission to investigate the—
 Report No. 2.
 On the motion of Mr. Prendergast the Summary of Findings and Recommendations was read by the Clerk.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
 Mr. Lemmon presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government—
 "Some Lessons from Rural Denmark," by Frank Tate, Director of Education; being Results of Observations made during an Official Visit to Europe in 1923.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Geelong Harbour Trust Act 1915.—Accounts of the Geelong Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year 1923.
4. STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the Premier's statement of policy of the Government be printed and circulated to Honorable Members of this House; debate resumed.
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Baird*)—put and agreed to.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and that Mr. Baird have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
 Local Government (Melbourne and Geelong) Bill.
 State Savings Bank Bill.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
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JOHN BOWSER,
 Speaker.

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WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 10th September, 1924.

Ill-health prevents me from acting as a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, and therefore I herewith resign as a member of that Committee.

Yours faithfully,

J. L. MURPHY.

The Speaker,
Legislative Assembly, Victoria.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to the provisions of the three hundred and forty-sixth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I do hereby appoint Arthur Knight Wallace, Esquire, to be a member of "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications," in the place of James Laurence Murphy, Esquire, resigned.

Given under my hand this tenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

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

Hospitals and Charities Act 1922.—Compulsory Resumption of Land, being part of Crown Allotment 21, Section 30, City of Melbourne, Parish of North Melbourne, County of Bourke, for the purposes of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital for Women and Children.—Certificate of the Treasurer, with Plan.

5. STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the Premier's statement of policy of the Government be printed and circulated to Honorable Members of this House; debate resumed.

Question—put and agreed to.

6. POLICE COMMISSION.—Motion made and question—That the sum of One hundred pounds (£100) be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the state of the police force generally (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate—The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Angus	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Lind
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Downward	Mr. Solly
Mr. Everard	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hjorth	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber

Mr. Allan	Mr. Morley
Mr. Allison	Mr. Oman
Dr. Argyle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Baird	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Deany	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Lawson
(<i>Polwarth</i>)	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after Nos. 5 and 6.

8. AUSTRALIAN WINE LICENCE (BAILLIESTON) BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.
 Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.
 Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. CLUB HOTEL, HOPETOUN, LICENCE BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.
 Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and agreed to.
 Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive and No. 7 be postponed until to-morrow.
11. CHILDREN'S WELFARE BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 9 to 18 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Fire Brigades Act 1915.—Regulation *re* Vacancy in Office of Member of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.
 Fisheries Acts.—Notice of Intention to fix Fees and make Regulations *re* Oystering in Corio Bay.
 Marine Act 1915.—Marine Board of Victoria.—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year 1923.
 Public Service Acts—
 Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Public Instruction.
 Regulations.—Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.—Tender Board.
3. JEPARIT LAND BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.

5. **MILK SUPPLY BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again on Tuesday next.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 14 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was presented by Mr. Prendergast, and the same was read :—

L. F. CUSSEN,

Administrator of the Government of Victoria.

Message No. 13.

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

“ *An Act to extend and apply to the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong certain provisions of the Local Government Act 1915 with regard to Streets and Roads.*”

“ *An Act to amend the State Savings Bank Acts.*”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th September, 1924.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Prendergast presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government—

Prices of Bread, Wheat, and Flour.—Report of the Royal Commission to investigate the.—
Report No. 3.

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

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

Fisheries Acts.—Notice of Intention *re* Boats and Nets on the Werribee River and Waters closed to Netting at its Mouth.

Licensing Acts and Acts Interpretation Act 1915.—Amendment of Schedule fixing certain Court Fees.

Poisons Act 1915.—Proclamation amending the Second Schedule --Articles deemed to be Poisons.
Public Service Acts—

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Officers in the Department of Chief Secretary—

William Philip Heathershaw, from the First Class to Class 1A.

William Arthur Robinson, from the Second to the First Class.

Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—

Department of Lands and Survey.

Department of Mines.

Departments of Chief Secretary, Public Instruction, Law, and Public Works.

Departments of Law and Agriculture.

Regulations—Appointment to the General Division, Chapter V.—Penal Staff—Examinations.

Regulations—Appointment, Promotion, &c., of certain Officers of the General Division, Chapter XI.—Penal and Gaols (2 papers).

Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Chief Secretary (2 papers).

Department of Labour.

Regulations—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX., Part II.—Allowances to certain Officers.

—Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools Branch.

Public Service Acts and Lunacy Act 1915.—Lunacy Department—

Alteration of Regulations—Classification of Professional Division, Chapter I. (2 papers).

Alteration of Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter III.

Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter III.

Water Acts.—Declaration of the Minister of Water Supply under the Acts with reference to the constitution of the following proposed Districts; together with Plans showing the Area :—

Kanyapella Flood Protection District.

Loch Garry Flood Protection District.

4. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Morley 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 urgent need for regulations relating to the firing of rockets or anything which could be mistaken by life-saving crews as a signal of distress.”
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Morley*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
6. **MILK SUPPLY BILL.**—Further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. **NORTH CARLTON LANDS BILL.**—Mr. Prendergast, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Slater, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to revoke the Temporary Reservation of certain Lands situate at North Carlton for Public Educational Purposes to close a certain Right-of-way and portion of certain Streets and to provide for the Grant to the Commonwealth of Australia for Defence Purposes of certain Lands in pursuance of an Arrangement with the Commonwealth for the Exchange of certain Lands to amend the ‘North Carlton Lands Act 1920’ and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **RICHMOND LAND BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after No. 5.
10. **GAME BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
12. **ELECTORAL BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. A. A. Billson*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 and Nos. 6 to 13 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Mr. Webber obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. **POLICE COMMISSION.**—Motion made and question—That the sum of One thousand three hundred pounds (£1,300) be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the state of the police force generally, being an addition of One thousand two hundred pounds (£1,200) to the amount previously fixed by a resolution of the Legislative Assembly on the 10th September, 1924, as the maximum expenditure (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

4. CATTLE COMPENSATION—STAMP DUTIES ON STATEMENTS ON SALES OF CATTLE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain stamp duties on statements on sales of cattle (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That there shall be charged for the use of His Majesty his heirs and successors upon statements on sales of cattle as hereinafter specified the duty hereinafter specified :—

STATEMENTS ON SALES OF CATTLE—

Any statement written out or caused to be written out by the owner of cattle or his agent pursuant to the provisions of any law in that behalf in respect of the sale of any cattle whether payment of the purchase money in respect of any such sale is or is not made in full at the time of the sale or is to be made by instalments or is otherwise deferred—

For every £1 and also for any fractional part of £1—

(a) of the amount of the purchase money in respect of one head of cattle sold singly : or

(b) of the total amount of the purchase money in respect of any number of cattle sold in one lot—

a stamp duty of One penny : Provided that the stamp duty in respect of the amount of the purchase money of any one head of cattle whether sold singly or as part of a lot shall not exceed Two shillings and one penny.

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

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

5. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide Compensation for the Owners of certain Cattle and for other purposes*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 14.

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 Compensation for the Owners of certain Cattle and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 17th September, 1924.

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

7. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 14.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson 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 Compensation for the Owners of certain Cattle and for other purposes.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Greenwood 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 intervention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary in the matter of an investigation into an infringement of the Printers and Publishers Act and other matters connected with the administration of justice.*”

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

Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Greenwood*)—put and, after debate, negatived.

9. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee.

Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Nos. 4 to 6 inclusive.

11. YARRAM YARRAM MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.

Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Bailey*)—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

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

12. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
13. ELECTORAL BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Cotter*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 and Nos. 7 to 11 inclusive and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
15. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—MEMBER SWORN.—Arthur Knight Wallace, Esquire, who had been appointed a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, took the Oath at the Table of the House, before the Clerk.
16. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.
Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 15.

TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—The Honorable John Warburton Pennington took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Closer Settlement Act 1918.—Report of the Minister on acquiring Land in the undermentioned Estate where the State Land Tax Valuation or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Closer Settlement Board :—
Bochara Estate, near Hamilton.
 - Education Act 1915.—Report of the Council of Public Education for the period 1st July, 1923, to 30th June, 1924.
 - Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Alfred Ernest Gavin, from the Third to the Second Class, in the Department of Treasurer.
4. AUDIT BILL.—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. Tunnecliffe, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Payment of the Public Moneys*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. OPTICIANS REGISTRATION BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Registration of Opticians and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS (INSCRIBED STOCK) BILL.—Mr. Prendergast, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Slater, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Inscribed Stock and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. GAS REGULATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
8. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Cain*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Oman*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Australian Wine Licence (Baillieston) Bill.
Club Hotel, Hopetoun, Licence Bill.
Children's Welfare Bill.
10. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Webber*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways (Inscribed Stock) Bill without amendment.
12. NORTH CARLTON LANDS BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5 be postponed until to-morrow.
14. ELECTORAL BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Toucher*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
15. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Jeparit Land Bill.
Richmond Land Bill.
Yarram Yarram Mechanics' Institute Bill.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 13 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—
Audit Bill—Second reading.
17. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.
And then the House, at fifty-four minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 16.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notices of Motion, General Business.
3. ANZAC DAY BILL.—Mr. Baird obtained leave, with Mr. Morley, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to constitute Anzac Day a Public and Bank Holiday and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th October next.
4. DIVORCE BILL.—Mr. Snowball obtained leave, with Mr. Baird, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make Separation a Ground for Divorce under the Marriage Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 9th October next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.
6. AUDIT BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after No. 4.
8. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
10. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Oman*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered, after debate—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

1924.
VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1924-25.

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 15.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of October, in the year 1924-25, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 24th September, 1924.

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

12. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

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

13. SUPPLY.—Mr. Cotter reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,395,448 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1924-25, viz. :—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	133
2.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,369
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	117
4.	Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	369
5.	Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	65
6.	The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	78
7.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	239
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	657
9.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,414
10.	" " Pensions, &c.	8,100
11.	" " Grants	1,100
12.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	321
13.	Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	725
14.	State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	365
15.	Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	516
16.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	104
17.	The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	39
18.	Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	60
19.	Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	396
20.	Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	119
21.	Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	475
22.	Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	550
23.	Agent-General—Staff and Office	824
24.	Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,327
25.	Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,064
26.	Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	42,500
27.	Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	26,782
28.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	9,650
29.	Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	65,500
30.	Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,695
31.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	428
32.	Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,110
33.	Education—Salaries	173,350
34.	" Ordinary Expenditure	14,500
35.	" Pensions, &c.	21
36.	" Works and Buildings	1,500
37.	" Endowments and Grants	29,000
39.	Attorney-General—Salaries	9,895
40.	" Ordinary Expenditure	2,708
42.	Solicitor-General—Salaries	5,639
43.	" Ordinary Expenditure	1,800
44.	Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,580
45.	" Transport, &c.	500
46.	" Unforeseen Expenditure	500
47.	" Payments to Railway Department	600
48.	" Charitable Grant, &c.	12,600
49.	" Pensions, &c.	20
50.	" Exceptional Expenditure	3,350

Division No.	£
51. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries	272
52. " " Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	7,661
53. " " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	3,321
54. " " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	243
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	486
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	9,099
57. " " Exceptional Expenditure	208
58. " " Advertising	249
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	9,296
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	97
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,417
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	7,183
64. Works and Buildings	500
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	1,750
66. Immigration Bureau	1,365
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,500
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,240
69. " " Works, &c.	3,000
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	28,000
72. " " Roads, Works, and Bridges	500
73. " " Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	2,000
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,555
76. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	2,300
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,133
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c. ...	17,070
81. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,157
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,653
83. Horticulture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,034
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,076
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,226
87. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	15,020
88. " " Miscellaneous	385
89. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	763,754
91. " Railway Construction Branch	1,145
92. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	46,799
Total	£1,395,448

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

14. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

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

15. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Cotter 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 1924–25 the sum of £1,395,448 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. Prendergast and Mr. Hogan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

16. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 5).**—Mr. Prendergast then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and ninety-five thousand four hundred and forty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

17. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

18. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive and Nos. 9 to 11 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

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 :—
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918.—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for the year ended 30th June, 1924.
3. LOANS UNDER THE CRÉDIT FONCIER SYSTEM, HOUSING AND RECLAMATION ACTS, AND STATE SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT, ETC.—Motion made and question proposed—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number and average amount of the Crédit Foncier loans made by the State Savings Bank in the metropolitan area during the year ended 30th June, 1924, and also the nature of the securities taken for such loans.
 2. Similar information in connexion with loans made under the Housing and Reclamation Acts, and also the State Savings Bank Department loans.
 3. The number and average amount of the loans made on farms during the year ended 30th June, 1924 ; also the number of applications for farm loans not granted, and the aggregate amount of the loans applied for by such applicants.
 4. The number and average amount of the loans made on country houses during the year ended 30th June, 1924 ; also the number of applications not granted, and the aggregate amount applied for by such applicants.
 5. What percentage of the amount of the loans for country houses for the year ended 30th June, 1924, was made for—(a) Geelong ; (b) Ballarat ; and (c) Bendigo (*Mr. Angus*).
 Amendment proposed and question—That the following words be added to paragraph 1 :—“ also the number of applications for such loans not granted, and the aggregate amount of loans applied for by such applicants ” (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
Original motion, as amended—put and agreed to.
4. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McAdam
Dr. Argyle	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bailey	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Baird	Mr. McDonald
Mr. A. A. Billson	(<i>Colwarth</i>)
Mr. Bond	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Slater
Mr. Clough	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Deany	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Everard	Mr. Walter
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Warde
Mr. Frost	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Groves	Mr. West
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Webber

Noes, 6.

Mr. Angus
Mr. Beardmore
Mr. Gordon
Mr. McLachlan

Tellers.

Mr. Greenwood
Mr. Lind

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

5. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 5) without amendment.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 12 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 18.

WEDNESDAY, 1st OCTOBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Education Act 1915.—Regulation rescinded, Regulation substituted.—Regulation XII.(A), Teachers' College Courses.
 - Land Act 1915.—Alteration to Regulations made on 19th October, 1915.—Crown Lands other than Mallee Lands—Chapter VIII., Part II.—Miscellaneous Licences.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Audit Bill without amendment.
4. CHILDREN'S MAINTENANCE BILL.—Mr. Tunnecliffe obtained leave, with Mr. Jewell, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Children's Maintenance Act 1919'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed. Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Greenwood*)—put and agreed to. Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and that Mr. Greenwood have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Prendergast, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 16.

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

- "An Act to provide for the Renewal of a certain Australian Wine Licence in pursuance of a Certificate granted by the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Waranga."
- "An Act to provide for the Renewal of a certain Victualler's Licence in pursuance of a Certificate granted by the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Swan Hill."
- "An Act relating to the Department heretofore known as the Department for Neglected Children."
- "An Act relating to Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Inscribed Stock and for other purposes."
- "An Act to provide for the Revocation of the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Township and Parish of Jeparit and for the Issue of a Crown Grant in respect thereof to the Trustees of the Jeparit Agricultural and Pastoral Society."
- "An Act to make further provision as to certain Lands vested in the Mayor Councillors and Citizens of the City of Richmond pursuant to Grants from the Crown and to repeal the 'Richmond Land Act 1912' and for other purposes."
- "An Act relating to the Yarram Yarram Mechanics' Institute and Free Library."

“ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and ninety-five thousand four hundred and forty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.*”
 “ *An Act relating to Payment of the Public Moneys.*”

The Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 1st October, 1924.

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

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 19.

THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.

TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk : -
 - Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1915.—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet ; together with Schedule of Contracts for year ended 30th June, 1924.
 - River Murray Waters Act 1915.—Report of the River Murray Commission for the year 1923-24 ; with Appendices.—Ordered to be printed.
3. VERMIN DESTRUCTION—FINES AND COSTS, AND EXPENSES OF RABBIT INSPECTORS, 1910 TO 1922.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total cost to land-holders in fines and costs through prosecutions under the Vermin Destruction Act from 1910 to 1922.
 2. The cost incurred in enforcing section 17 of the Act against land-holders for the same period.
 3. The expenses claimed by and paid to rabbit inspectors for the same period, giving the names of and amounts paid to the individual claimants.

—(Mr. Hughes)—put and agreed to.
4. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Lind
Mr. Allison	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Colonel Bouchier	(Daylesford)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Clough	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Walter
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Webber

Noes, 20.

Mr. Angus	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	(Polwarth)
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Everard	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Farthing	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

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

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. FINES UNDER DAIRY, HEALTH (PURE FOOD), FACTORIES, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND BAKERS AND MILLERS ACTS.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return up to the 30th September, 1924, in continuation of the previous return, showing separately all fines imposed under—(a) the Dairy Supervision Act; (b) the pure food provisions of the Health Act; (c) the Factories and Shops Act; (d) the Weights and Measures Act; (e) the Bakers and Millers Act, specifying—

Name of Person or Firm fined.	Nature of Offence.	Amount of Fine.	Locality where Offence committed.

Together with totals and with summary of offences, fines, &c., under each Act, as furnished in the return presented to this House on the 27th November, 1923 (*Mr. Hayes*)—put and agreed to.

3. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE BILL.—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Tunnecliffe, to bring in a Bill intituled ‘*A Bill to amend Part II. of the ‘Administration and Probate Act 1915’*’; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Bailey, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 17.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of The Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for an Agricultural and Country Development Bank.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 7th October, 1924.

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

5. AGRICULTURAL AND COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT BANK BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message, No. 17.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Cotter 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 an Agricultural and Country Development Bank. And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

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

Mr. Bailey then brought up a Bill intituled ‘*A Bill to provide for an Agricultural and Country Development Bank*’; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Further considered in Committee.

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

THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1924.

Consideration of Bill in Committee continued.

Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.

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

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue of such further sums as may be necessary for the purposes of any extension of the provisions of the Bill to confer certain Powers on the Government of Victoria in regard to the Marketing of the Wheat Harvest of the Season 1924–1925 and for other purposes to the Marketing of the Wheat Harvest of Succeeding Seasons.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 8th October, 1924.

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

8. **WHEAT MARKETING BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 18.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue of such further sums as may be necessary for the purposes of any extension of the provisions of the Bill to confer certain Powers on the Government of Victoria in regard to the Marketing of the Wheat Harvest of the Season 1924-1925 and for other purposes to the Marketing of the Wheat Harvest of Succeeding Seasons.

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

Bill further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to.

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

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

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1924.

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

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

Land Act 1915.—Particulars of a Lease of Swamp or Reclaimed Land under Section 110 of the *Land Act 1915*.

Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of Louis Boyd Mercer, from the Fifth to the Fourth Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.

Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance, 1923–24.—Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1924, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General and by the Documents specified in the Fifty-sixth Section of the Audit Act.

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

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That leave of absence for one month be granted to the Member for Swan Hill, the Honorable Francis Edward Old (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 19.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Undertakings of the Melbourne Electric Supply Company Limited and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th October, 1924.

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

5. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 19.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Undertakings of the Melbourne Electric Supply Company Limited and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Prendergast then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Undertakings of the Melbourne Electric Supply Company Limited and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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6. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 17.	
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam	Dr. Argyle	Mr. Oman
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Baird	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)	Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Deany	Mr. West
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Eggleston	
Mr. Clough	Mr. Slater	Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Groves
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace	Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter	Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde		
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Weaver		
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Hughes			
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Keane	Mr. Jewell		
Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Webber		
Mr. Lind			

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

On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock the following further amendment was, after debate, made in this Bill :—

(Clause 2, page 3, line 6, after the words " grower of wheat " insert the words " with a minimum area of twenty acres."

On the motion of Mr. Hogan the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 3, sub-section (1), lines 10-28, omit the words and figures beginning with the words " Provided that " and ending with the words and figures " season 1926-1927 " and insert the following words and figures :—

" Provided that if the Minister is satisfied that, at a poll of wheat-growers (for the holding of which the Board is hereby required to arrange) held for the purpose at such time in such manner upon such rolls of wheat-growers from whom the Board has purchased wheat and under the direction of such returning officers as are prescribed, a majority of the persons voting thereat are in favour of the extension of the provisions of this Act so that they will apply with respect to the two succeeding wheat harvests, the Governor in Council may at any time not later than the thirtieth day of September One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five by proclamation published in the *Government Gazette* extend the provisions of this Act so as to apply with respect to each of the said harvests with such modifications specified in the proclamation as are necessary to make the provisions of this Act applicable with respect to the season 1925-1926 and with respect to the season 1926-1927 and not otherwise ; and thereupon this Act (with the said modifications) shall apply accordingly."

Motion made and question—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—Clause 4, sub-section (2), paragraph (a), line 40, omit this paragraph (*Mr. Angus*)—put and negatived.

Motion made and question—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—Clause 4, sub-section (2), page 4, line 3, after the word " wheat-growers " insert the words " and who are or have been members of the Victorian Wheat-growers Corporation " (*Mr. Oman*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 33.	
Mr. Angus	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Mackrell
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Oman	Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Baird	Sir Alexander Peacock	Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McDonald
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Deany	Mr. West	Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Eggleston		Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Clough	Mr. Slater
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Groves	Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Greenwood		Mr. Downward	Mr. Wallace
		Mr. Frost	Mr. Walter
		Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Warde
		Mr. Hogan	Mr. Weaver
		Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wettenhall
		Mr. Jackson	
		Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Jewell
		Mr. Lind	Mr. Webber

And so it passed in the negative.

On the motion of Mr. Hogan the following further amendments were made in this Bill :—

Clause 4, page 4, sub-section (5), line 20, after the word " be " omit the words " elected by the Board " and insert the words " such member of the Board as the Board appoints to be chairman."

Clause 4, page 5, sub-section (10), line 26, omit the word " compiled " and insert the word " prepared."

Clause 8, sub-section (3), lines 31-33, after the word " Board " omit the words " (as to paragraphs (a) (b) and (c) upon such conditions, if any, other than payment to the Board as the Board thinks fit)" and insert the words " (upon such conditions and, in cases under paragraph (d) only hereof, such payment, if any, to the Board as the Board thinks fit)."

Clause 8, sub-section (3), page 9, lines 5-6, omit the words " upon such conditions and such payment, if any, to the Board as the Board thinks fit."

Clause 8, page 9, sub-section (4), line 8, after the word " exemption " insert the words " Provided that the revocation of any such exemption shall not affect any right privilege obligation or liability acquired accrued or incurred under such exemption before the revocation thereof."

Motion made and question—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—Clause 9, line 14, omit the word " Five " and insert the word " One " (*Mr. Oman*)—put and negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Eggleston the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 9, sub-section (2), lines 15-16, omit the words " (whether before or after the commencement of this Act)" and insert the words " on or after the twenty-fourth day of September One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four."

Motion made and question proposed—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—

Clause 10, lines 19-21, omit the words " on or after the twenty-fourth day of September One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four " and insert the words " after the coming into operation of this Act " (*Mr. Oman*).

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Lind	Mr. Angus	Mr. Oman
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam	Dr. Argyle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Baird	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Da, l. sford</i>)	Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. West
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Eggleston	
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Prendergast	Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clough	Mr. Slater	Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly	Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wallace		
Mr. Frost	Mr. Walter		
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Warde		
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Weaver		
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wettenhall		
Mr. Hughes			
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Keane	Mr. Jewell		
Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Webber		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Hogan the following further amendments were made in this Bill :—

Clause 10, sub-section (1), line 22, after the word " flour " insert the words " for delivery."

Clause 10, sub-section (3), lines 39-42, omit this sub-section.

Motion made and question—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—Clause 11, omit this clause (*Mr. Oman*)—put and negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Hogan the following further amendments were, after debate, made in this Bill :—

Clause 12, sub-section (1), lines 21-23, omit the words " amount of the purchase money declared by the Board to be payable in respect thereof " and insert the words " net amount of the purchase money determined by the Board to be distributable in respect thereof from the available surplus arising from the operations of the Board under this Act."

Clause 12, sub-section (2), line 28, after the words " aforesaid for " omit the words " an account " and insert the words " the net amount."

Clause 15, page 12, sub-section (2), line 18, after the word " in " omit the word " his " and insert the word " its " ; and after the word " by " omit the word " him " and insert the word " it."

Clause 15, page 12, sub-section (2), line 19, after the word " to " omit the word " his " and insert the word " its."

Clause 16, page 14, sub-section (3), lines 10-11, after the word " deliver " omit the words " under any wheat marketing scheme."

Clause 18, lines 35-36, after the word " delivery " omit the words " by him " and insert the words " on account of the Board."

Clause 23, sub-section (1), paragraph (c), lines 7-8, after the word " Minister " omit the words " and the travelling allowances of members of the Board."

Clause 23, sub-section (1), paragraph (d), line 10, after the word " Act " insert the words " and such forms or forms to the like effect shall be sufficient in law."

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

7. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
North Carlton Lands Bill.
Milk Supply Bill.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 23.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PAPER.**—Mr. Bailey presented—
Vermin Destruction—Fines and Costs, and Expenses of Rabbit Inspectors, 1910 to 1922.—
Return to an Order of the House, dated 7th October, 1924.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Prendergast, and the same was read :—
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VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1924-25.

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 20.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1924-25, in lieu of the Estimates of Expenditure for the first four months of the year 1924-25, transmitted on the 8th July, 1924, the 22nd July, 1924, the 27th August, 1924, and the 24th September, 1924, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th October, 1924.

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

4. **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable Albert George Ogilvie, M.H.A., Attorney-General and Minister for Education of Tasmania (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
5. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Acquisition of Rights of Access of Air.*"
7. **REAL PROPERTY (ACCESS OF AIR) BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. Slater the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Cain, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Forests Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th October, 1924.

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

9. **FORESTS BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 21.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Forests Acts.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Cain and Mr. Slater do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Cain then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Forests Acts*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES BILL.**—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; to be printed as amended, and to be considered on Tuesday next.
12. **GAME BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker

No 24

THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1924.

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. Webber, and the same was read :—
STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 22.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further provision with respect to Motor Omnibuses and for other purposes.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th October, 1924.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
3. **MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 22.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further provision with respect to Motor Omnibuses and for other purposes.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Webber and Mr. Slater do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Webber then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to make further provision with respect to Motor Omnibuses and for other purposes*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 23.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Horse Breeding Act 1919* and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th October, 1924.

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

5. HORSE BREEDING BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 23.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Horse Breeding Act 1919* and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Horse Breeding Act 1919' 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 the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.

7. DAY BAKING BILL.—Mr. Brownbill obtained leave, with Mr. Solly, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Establishment of Day Baking in the State of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

8. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, negatived.

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

9. GAME BILL.—Read the third time.

Dr. Argyle offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

A. (1) The justices by whom any person is convicted and adjudged to pay any sum of money by way of penalty or compensation for any offence under the Game Acts shall adjudge that such person shall pay the same together with reasonable costs to be fixed by such justices either immediately or within such period as the said justices think fit.

(2) In case such sum of money and costs are not paid at the time so appointed the same shall be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender other than those which are exempt from distress for rent under the *Landlord and Tenant Act 1915* together with the reasonable charges of such distress; and for want of sufficient distress such offender shall be imprisoned should such justices see fit for a term of not more than one month where the sum remaining unpaid (exclusive of costs) is not more than Ten pounds, and for a term of not more than two months where such sum is more than Twenty pounds.

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

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

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

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 25.

TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—The Honorable Sir William Murray McPherson, K.B.E., took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Audit Acts.—General Regulations respecting Public Accounts (in lieu of all other General Regulations in force).
 - Friendly Societies Act 1915 and Trade Unions Act 1915.—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1923.
 - Wheat Marketing Acts.—Final Balance-sheet of the Victorian Wheat Commission as at 30th September, 1924.
 - Workers' Compensation Act 1915.—State Accident Insurance Office.—Report, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-sheet for year ended 30th June, 1924.

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

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 24.

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

“ *An Act to revoke the Temporary Reservation of certain Lands situate at North Carlton for Public Educational Purposes to close a certain Right-of-way and portion of certain Streets and to provide for the Grant to the Commonwealth of Australia for Defence Purposes of certain Lands in pursuance of an Arrangement with the Commonwealth for the Exchange of certain Lands to amend the ' North Carlton Lands Act 1920 ' and for other purposes.* ”

“ *An Act to amend the ' Milk Supply Act 1922. ' ”*

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1924.

5. MELBOURNE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Webber*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive be postponed until after No. 6.
8. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Bill—Consideration of Report.
Bill recommitted to a Committee of the whole House ; reconsidered in Committee and reported with further amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT FROM.—Mr. Snowball, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications upon the application of the Honorable Robert Maxwell McGregor for a Recount of the Votes at the Election for the Electoral District of Ballarat East, held on the 26th June, 1924 ; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

The Report was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

REPORT.

THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS have the honour to report to your Honorable House as follows :—

1. That the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly laid before your Committee an application from Robert Maxwell McGregor, which was lodged with the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Ballarat East, and forwarded by him to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, asking for a recount of the votes at the election for the said district, held on the 26th June, 1924.

2. Your Committee have the honour to further report—

- (1) That the whole of the votes recorded have been recounted by your Committee.
- (2) That the informal votes and the votes objected to by the scrutineers have been checked.
- (3) That the result of the recount is as follows :—

William James McAdam	3,613
Robert Maxwell McGregor	3,609

Majority for William James McAdam	4
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3. Your Committee in making the recount decided unanimously to allow the ballot-papers which had been initialed on the back thereof by the Returning Officer or his deputy, and suggest that a circular be issued by the Chief Electoral Officer to all Returning Officers requesting them to have the ballot-papers initialed on the face thereof.

4. By a majority vote your Committee also decided to allow those ballot-papers which had not been initialed either on the face or back thereof by the Returning Officer or his deputy, but which had marked on their back the corresponding number of the roll and also the initial letters of the roll used at the election.

5. Your Committee recommend that *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* be amended by stating that a ballot-paper if uninitialed by the Returning Officer or his deputy but having on the back thereof the markings in figures and letters required by the Act to be placed thereon to show its authenticity shall be admitted in the scrutiny of the votes, provided such ballot-paper is at the conclusion of the scrutiny required to make up the total number of ballot-papers issued by the Returning Officer or his deputy and is not in excess of that number.

6. Your Committee have to report that at the recent Ballarat East election there were several grave irregularities, and to guard against a repetition of these and to simplify the procedure before the Committee on an application for a recount of votes it is recommended that *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, No. 2632, be amended to provide that at a recount the Committee shall not have power to inquire into the correctness of any roll, but shall have power simply to decide as to the allowance or disallowance of any vote objected to by a scrutineer at such recount for reason of the initialing of the ballot-paper or other markings thereon; the correspondence of the signature on the application form for a postal ballot-paper with that on the counterfoil of the ballot-paper; the witnessing of the signature of the voter by an authorized witness; the allowance or disallowance by the Returning Officer or his deputy of any ballot-paper used for voting purposes, and the allowance or disallowance by a Returning Officer or his deputy of an application for a ballot-paper under section 53 of the *Electoral Act 1923*. All other objections, including the identity of the electors, the retention by them of a sufficient qualification, and whether their votes (outside the foregoing provisions) were improperly admitted or rejected, assuming the roll to be correct, shall be inquired into by the Committee only on a petition, and that the deposit to be lodged with a petition be reduced to Fifty pounds.

7. Your Committee further recommend that written requests to an authorized witness to attend at the place of residence of the voter (or the place at which the voter is residing temporarily or otherwise) to witness the signature of a voter to either the application for a postal ballot-paper or the ballot-paper shall be posted to or delivered at the ordinary residence or place of business of the authorized witness, and that a separate request to attend on the voter should be made for the application for a postal ballot-paper and for the ballot-paper, the one request being insufficient to witness both documents. Further, that it be mandatory that such written requests be retained by the authorized witness for a period of three months from the date of the election, and that he shall produce the same when called upon to do so by the Committee.

Legislative Assembly,
Committee Room, 21st October, 1924.

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

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive and Nos. 7 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
11. **OPTICIANS REGISTRATION BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Dr. Argyle*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 12 to 18 inclusive and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow, and Order of the Day, General Business, No. 7 until Thursday, 20th November next.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL.—Mr. Lemmon obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Bailey, and the same was read:—

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd October, 1924.

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

4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 25.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Bailey then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Closer Settlement Acts and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. FORESTS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Cain*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Toucher*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered, after debate—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 14 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PROFITEERING PREVENTION BILL.—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. Slater, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to restrict Undue Profit-taking and to provide for the Control of certain Commodities and for the Protection of Intra-State Trade and Commerce against Destructive Monopolies and Unlawful Combinations and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

3. REAL PROPERTY (ACCESS OF AIR) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.
5. POLICE OFFENCES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Slater*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 16 inclusive and Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until after Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2.
7. RIOT DAMAGES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—
8. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Prendergast, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,

*Governor of Victoria.**Message No. 26.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to Riot Damages and for other purposes.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 7th October, 1924.

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

9. RIOT DAMAGES BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 26.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to Riot Damages and for other purposes.

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

Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Farthing*)—and, after debate—

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Deany	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Everard	Mr. Morley
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Hayes	Mr. West
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Carlisle
(<i>Daylesford</i>)	Mr. Toutcher

Noes, 26.

Mr. Allan	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Allison	Mr. Prendergast
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Slater
Mr. Bailey	Mr. Solly
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cain	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Clough	Mr. Warde
Mr. Cook	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Webber
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Groves	
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Jewell
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 16 inclusive and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 and 3 be postponed until after Order of the Day, General Business, No. 4.
11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 2).—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Everard*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 11th November next.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 16 inclusive and Orders of the Day, General Business Nos. 1 and 3 and Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 28.

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—The Honorable Samuel Barnes took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Prendergast presented—
Loans under the Crédit Foncier System, Housing and Reclamation Acts, and State Savings-Bank Department, &c.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 30th September, 1924.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Education Act 1915.—Regulation rescinded, Regulation substituted.—Regulation XI.—
Transit Allowance to Pupils attending certain Schools.
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Nineteenth Annual Report, 1923–24.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read :—
STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 27.*
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 a Salaries Board for certain classes of persons employed by the Government of Victoria.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th October, 1924.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
5. PUBLIC SERVICE SALARIES BOARD BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 27.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. A. A. Billson 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 a Salaries Board for certain classes of persons employed by the Government of Victoria.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Tunnecliffe and Mr. Lemmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for a Salaries Board for certain classes of persons employed by the Government of Victoria* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Tunnecliffe, and the same was read :—
STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 28.*
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 Superannuation Benefits for Persons employed by the Government of Victoria and to make provision for the Families of those Persons.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th October, 1924.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
7. SUPERANNUATION BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 28.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson 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 Superannuation Benefits for Persons employed by the Government of Victoria and to make provision for the Families of those Persons.

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

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

Mr. Tunnecliffe then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide Superannuation Benefits for Persons employed by the Government of Victoria and to make provision for the Families of those Persons* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after No. 9.

9. HORSE BREEDING BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Hogan*).

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

10. MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed.

Motion made and question proposed—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on second reading continued.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Snowball
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 30.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Downward	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Walter
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Jewell
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on second reading further continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Downward	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Walter
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Webber
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Jewell
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 16.

Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Oman
Mr. Baird	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Pennington

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

Ordered—That the Bill be committed to-morrow.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill with amendments.

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

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive and Nos. 10 to 17 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 29.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Explosives Act 1915.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives on the Working of the Explosives Act during the year 1923.
 - Fisheries Acts.—Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in portion of Cardinia Creek, near Berwick.
 - Public Service Acts—
 - Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of George Stephen McLean, from the Second to the First Class, in the Department of Chief Secretary.
 - Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—
 - Department of Lands and Survey.
 - Department of Law.
 - Department of Public Instruction.
 - Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
 - Department of Chief Secretary.
 - Department of Lands and Survey.
 - University Act 1915.—Report of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne from 31st July, 1923, to 31st July, 1924 ; together with Appendices, and Statutes and Regulations and Amendments allowed by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.
3. POLICE COMMISSION.—Motion made and question—That the sum of Two thousand three hundred pounds (£2,300) be fixed as the maximum expenditure of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the state of the police force generally, being an addition of One thousand pounds (£1,000) to the amount previously fixed by a resolution of the Legislative Assembly on the 17th September, 1924, as the maximum expenditure (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Hogan, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 29.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend Section Two of the *Primary Products Advances Act 1919*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th October, 1924.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
5. PRIMARY PRODUCTS ADVANCES BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 29.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend Section Two of the *Primary Products Advances Act 1919*.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Hogan and Mr. Bailey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section Two of the ' Primary Products Advances Act 1919 ' "*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply ; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,274,211 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1924–25, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	83
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	592
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	100
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	312
5. Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	45
6. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	31
7. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	184
8. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	298
9. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,770
10. " " Pensions, &c.	8,300
11. " " Grants	100
12. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	475
13. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	417
14. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	235
15. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	440
16. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	98
17. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	40
18. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	44
19. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	390
20. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	93
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	390
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	315
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office	824
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,367
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,618
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	29,307
27. Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	27,276
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,660
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	43,500
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,885
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	274
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,268
33. Education—Salaries	128,900
34. " Ordinary Expenditure	14,500
35. " Pensions, &c.	21
36. " Works and Buildings	1,500
37. " Endowments and Grants	50
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	9,300
40. " Ordinary Expenditure	2,708
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	5,335
43. " Ordinary Expenditure	1,800
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,250
45. " Transport, &c.	600
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure	400
47. " Payments to Railway Department	1,684
48. " Charitable Grant, &c.	1,500
49. " Pensions, &c.	21
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	12,000
51. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries	91
53. " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,804
54. " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	231
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	452
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	10,510
58. " Advertising	249
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,073
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	50
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,032
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,642
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	1,000
66. Immigration Bureau	1,302
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,350
68. Ports and Harbours—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,475
69. " Works, &c.	3,000
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	30,000
72. " Roads, Works, and Bridges	5,000
73. " Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	2,000
74. " Exceptional Expenditure	500
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,141
76. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	2,200

Division No.	£
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,212
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c.	23,681
81. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,107
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,370
83. Horticulture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,242
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,511
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,040
87. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,863
88. " " Miscellaneous	385
89. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	771,252
90. " Pensions, &c.	797
91. " Railway Construction Branch	1,025
92. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	45,324
Total	£1,274,211

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

8. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

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

9. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. A. A. Billson 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 1924-25 the sum of £1,274,211 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. Prendergast and Mr. Bailey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

10. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 6).**—Mr. Prendergast then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and seventy four thousand two hundred and eleven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

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

Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.

12. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Game Bill with amendments.

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

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 19 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 30.

THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1924.

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

2. **ANDERSON'S INLET AND LOWER TARWIN VALLEY CONNECTING RAILWAY.**—Mr. Solly, on behalf of Mr. J. W. Billson, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the districts around Anderson's Inlet and the Lower Tarwin Valley with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway; together with Minutes of Evidence.

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

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

Health Act 1919.—Septic Tank Regulations 1924; with Memorandum by the Sanitary Engineer (Mr. F. E. T. Cobb).

4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 6) without amendment.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, Government Business.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 1).—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Pollard*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Wettenhall*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next, and that Mr. Wettenhall have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until Thursday, 20th November next, and Nos. 8 to 11 inclusive until Wednesday next.
9. INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES 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 are as follow :—
 1. Clause 11, sub-clause (1), lines 37–9, omit “shall pay to him forthwith the sum representing the value of the shares held by him in the society and.”
 2. „ sub-clause (2), after “registered” insert “before or.”
 3. Clause 13, line 21, after “advertisements” insert “stationery.”
 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.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 31.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 30th June, 1924.
 - Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns—
 - For the quarter ended 30th June, 1923.
 - For the quarter ended 30th September, 1923.
 - For the quarter ended 31st December, 1923.
 - For the quarter ended 31st March, 1924.
 - For the quarter ended 30th June, 1924.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be granted to Albert Arthur Dunstan, Esq., the Honorable Member for Eaglehawk (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 30.

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

“ *An Act relating to the Acquisition of Rights of Access of Air.* ”

“ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million two hundred and seventy-four thousand two hundred and eleven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.* ”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 30th October, 1924.

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

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 31.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to enable the Treasurer of Victoria to arrange for the Repayment of certain Moneys advanced by Banks to the Victorian Wheatgrowers Corporation Limited in connexion with the Marketing of the Wheat Harvest of the Season 1924–1925, and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 30th October, 1924.

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

6. VICTORIAN WHEATGROWERS CORPORATION LIMITED (GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE) BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 31.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to enable the Treasurer of Victoria to arrange for the Repayment of certain Moneys advanced by Banks to the Victorian Wheatgrowers Corporation Limited in connexion with the Marketing of the Wheat Harvest of the Season 1924–1925, and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Hogan then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to enable the Treasurer of Victoria to arrange for the Repayment of certain Moneys advanced by Banks to the Victorian Wheatgrowers Corporation Limited in connexion with the Marketing of the Wheat Harvest of the Season 1924–1925, and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
8. VICTORIAN WHEATGROWERS CORPORATION LIMITED (GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. HORSE BREEDING BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed.
Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.
10. HORSE BREEDING BILL—COMPENSATION FEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the compensation fee to be charged under the Horse Breeding Bill (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That there be chargeable under the Horse Breeding Bill a compensation fee not exceeding Three pounds in addition to the registration fee required by the *Horse Breeding Act 1919*.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
11. HORSE BREEDING BILL.—Considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to ; read the third time, after debate.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 21 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—
Supply—To be further considered in Committee.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 32.

THURSDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 33

TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Closer Settlement Acts.—Copy of the Notification published in the *Government Gazette* of the Acquisition by Compulsory Process of Banemore Estate, near Penshurst, for the purposes of Closer Settlement.
 - Forests Commission.—Fifth Annual Report of the Forests Commission of Victoria for the financial year 1923–24.
 - Land Act 1915.—Report of the Department of Lands and Survey for the financial year ended 30th June, 1924.
 - Public Service Acts—
 - Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of John Richards, from the Third to the Second Class, in the Department of Treasurer.
 - Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—
 - Addition to Regulations.
 - Department of Chief Secretary.
 - Department of Lands and Survey.
 - Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
 - Department of Public Instruction.
3. RAILWAY WORKSHOPS (WAY AND WORKS BRANCH), SPOTSWOOD.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act, No. 3299 (Provision of Way and Works Branch Workshops at Spotswood); together with Minutes of Evidence (*Mr. Hogan*)—put and agreed to.
4. PAPER.—Mr. Hogan presented—
 - Railway Workshops (Way and Works Branch), Spotswood.—Return to the foregoing Order.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Prendergast, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 32.*

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 relating to Industrial and Provident Societies.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th November, 1924.
6. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Motion made and question proposed—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House (*Mr. Allan*)—and, after debate—Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Mackrell*)—put and agreed to. Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow; that Mr. Mackrell have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed; and that the debate do take precedence of all other business.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Victorian Wheatgrowers Corporation Limited (Government Guarantee) Bill without amendment.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
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JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker

 WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the Government does not possess the confidence of this House ; debate resumed. Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(Polwarth)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Walter
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Gordon	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 28.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(Dalyellford)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Clough	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber
Mr. McAdam	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 35.

TUESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1924.

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. Allan, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 33.

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 enable the Treasurer of Victoria to arrange for the Repayment of certain Moneys advanced by Banks to the Victorian Wheatgrowers Corporation Limited in connexion with the Marketing of the Wheat Harvest of the Season 1924-1925, and for other purposes.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 13th November, 1924.

3. PAPERS.—Dr. Argyle presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Inebriate Institutions.—Report of the Inspector of Inebriate Institutions for the year 1923.
Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons.—Report and Statistical Tables for the year 1923.

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 1915.—Regulations substituted—Preferential Voting for Election of Members of Board.

Neglected Children's and Reformatory Schools Department.—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1923.

Pharmaceutical Chemists Act 1920.—The Pharmacy Board of Victoria.—Further Regulations—Names, &c., of Assistants and Apprentices.

Police Pensions Act 1923.—Police Pensions Regulations 1924.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations.—Professional Division, Chapter II.—

Department of Lands and Survey.

Department of Public Works.

Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Chief Secretary.

Department of Treasurer.

Trade Unions—Thirty-eighth Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1923 ; with an Appendix.—Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 2nd December next (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at thirty minutes past Five o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 2nd December next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 36.

TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. WALLUP AND KEWELL EAST (MURRA WARRA) DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY OR TRAMWAY (JUNG TO WALLUP).—Mr. Solly, Vice-Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Jung to Wallup; together with Minutes of Evidence, Book of Reference, and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Dr. Argyle presented—
Fines under Dairy, Health (Pure Food), Factories, Weights and Measures, and Bakers and Millers Acts.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 8th October, 1924.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—State Coal Mines.—Annual Report of the General Manager of State Coal Mines; including the State Coal Mines Balance-sheet, and Statement of Accounts, duly audited, &c., for the year 1923-24.
Education Act 1915.—Regulation added—Regulation XII. (c).—Trained Teacher's Certificate (Commercial Subjects).
Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1924.
Friendly Societies—Forty-sixth Annual Report on.—Progress Report of the Government Statist relating to the period of eighteen months ended 30th June, 1924, to which are appended Valuations of Societies, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1915.—Seventeenth Balance-sheet of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust as at 30th June, 1924.
Health Act 1919.—Building Regulations 1924.
Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Laurie Lachlan Chapman, from the Fourth to the Third Class, in the Department of Chief Secretary.
Public Works Loan Application Act 1911.—Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Victoria Dock Cool Stores; together with the Report of the Manager thereof on the Operations of the Stores for the financial year 1923-24.
State Electricity Commission Act 1918.—Fifth Annual Report of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria for the financial year ended 30th June, 1924; together with Appendices.
State Savings Bank Act 1915.—The State Savings Bank of Victoria—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1924.
4. STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.—Mr. Allan, having made a Statement of the Policy of the Government, moved—That the Premier's statement of policy of the Government be printed and circulated to Honorable Members of this House—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Downward, and the same was read :—

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 34.

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 Additional Moneys for the purposes of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1924.

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

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6. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 34.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson 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 Additional Moneys for the purposes of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Downward and Colonel Bouchier do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Downward then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Additional Moneys for the purposes of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 35.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Municipal Endowment.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 1st December, 1924.

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

8. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 35.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to Municipal Endowment.

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

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

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Municipal Endowment*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 36.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 1st December, 1924.

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

10. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 36.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

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

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

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

11. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
12. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Eggleston, 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 for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. MOTOR OMNIBUS FEES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be charged under the Motor Omnibus Bill (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That the following fees be chargeable under the Motor Omnibus Bill :—

ADDITIONAL FEES PAYABLE ON THE REGISTRATION AND THE RENEWAL OF THE
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR OMNIBUSES UNDER THE “ MOTOR CAR ACT 1915.”

1. In the case of a motor omnibus for which a “ regular service ” licence is granted for a prescribed route in whole or in part within three miles of the town hall in the city of Melbourne the additional fee shall be—

- if the motor omnibus is fitted with any tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of Four pounds ten shillings for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry ;
or
if the motor omnibus is fitted with no tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of Three pounds seven shillings and sixpence for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry.

2. In the case of a motor omnibus for which—

- (a) a “ regular service ” licence is granted for a prescribed route no part of which is within three miles of the town hall in the city of Melbourne ; or
(b) a “ special service ” licence is granted—

the additional fee shall be—

- if the motor omnibus is fitted with any tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of Two pounds five shillings for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry ; or
if the motor omnibus is fitted with no tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of One pound ten shillings for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry :

Provided that where a licence as aforesaid for a motor omnibus as a hackney carriage is granted at any time during any period for which any such registration or renewal of registration has been made there shall before such licence is issued to the applicant be paid as any such additional fee an amount equal to such portion of the full amount of the additional fee hereinbefore provided for as bears the same proportion to the full amount of such additional fee as the number of months unexpired of such period bears to twelve months.

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

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow.
16. MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL.—Committed ; considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
17. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Water Supply Loans Application Bill without amendment.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 20 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Bill—Second reading.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,

• Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,

Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Public Service Acts—
 - Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—
 - Department of Chief Secretary.
 - Department of Public Instruction (3 papers).
 - Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
 - Department of Chief Secretary.
 - Department of Lands and Survey.
 - Department of Public Works.
 - Department of Treasurer.
 - Regulations—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX., Part II.—Allowances to certain Officers—Department of Public Health.

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

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 37.

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 sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 3rd December, 1924.

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

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 38.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Supplying of Wire Netting and to amend Section Twenty of the *Fences Act 1915*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 3rd December, 1924.

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

5. WIRE NETTING BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 38.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Supplying of Wire Netting and to amend Section Twenty of the *Fences Act 1915*.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Downward and Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*) do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Downward then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Supplying of Wire Netting and to amend Section Twenty of the ‘ Fences Act 1915’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. SESSIONAL ORDERS RESCINDED, NEW ORDERS MADE.—Motion made and question proposed—That the Sessional Orders appointing the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, fixing the hours of meeting, the order of Government Business and Private Business, and limiting the hour for calling on fresh business be rescinded, and that the following be adopted in place thereof :—That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week during the remainder of the Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business; that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, that half-past Three o'clock be

the hour of meeting on Wednesday, and that half-past Ten o'clock be the hour of meeting on Thursday and Friday; that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business during each sitting day; that fresh business may be called on at any hour on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after Four o'clock on Friday (*Mr. Allan*)—and, after debate—

Amendment proposed—That the words “half-past Three o'clock” be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words “half-past Ten o'clock” (*Mr. Webber*)—and, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(<i>Poltuark</i>)
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Oman
Mr. Baird	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Snowball
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Walter
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Downward	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Morley
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber.

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker said :—“Following precedent, I record my vote with the Ayes.”

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original motion—put and agreed to.

7. **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—Mr. Eggleston, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Allan, obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. **STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the Premier’s statement of policy of the Government be printed and circulated to Honorable Members of this House; debate resumed.
Question—put and agreed to.
9. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. **SUPPLY.**—Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,376,513 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1924-25, viz. :—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	114
2.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	934
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	82
4.	Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	76
5.	Engineers—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	43
6.	The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	48
7.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	194
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	476
9.	Chief Secretary’s Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,945
10.	“ “ Pensions, &c.	200
11.	“ “ Grants	300
12.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	486
13.	Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	518
14.	State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	235
15.	Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	490
16.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	126
17.	The Governor’s Office—Ordinary Expenditure	37
18.	Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	74
19.	Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	355
20.	Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	100
21.	Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	450
22.	Premier’s Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	310

Division No.	£
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office	824
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,813
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,831
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	32,000
27. Children's Welfare, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	26,955
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,870
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	47,486
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,885
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	274
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,573
33. Education—Salaries	185,500
34. „ Ordinary Expenditure	14,429
35. „ Pensions, &c.	21
37. „ Endowments and Grants	50
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	9,395
40. „ Ordinary Expenditure	2,460
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	5,598
43. „ Ordinary Expenditure	1,800
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,780
45. „ Transport, &c.	400
46. „ Unforeseen Expenditure	200
47. „ Payments to Railway Department	500
48. „ Charitable Grant, &c.	39,300
49. „ Pensions, &c.	20
50. „ Exceptional Expenditure	5,537
51. Taxation Office—Administration—Salaries	91
53. „ Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,823
54. „ Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	240
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	451
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	9,010
58. „ Advertising	550
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,645
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	29
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,312
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,318
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	200
66. Immigration Bureau	765
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,450
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,534
69. „ Works, &c.	5,000
69A. „ Exceptional Expenditure	1,000
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	50,000
72. „ Roads, Works, and Bridges	5,000
73. „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	1,000
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,148
76. „ Furtherance of Mining Industry	3,185
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	9,265
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Salaries, &c.	19,000
81. Agriculture—Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,135
82. „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,373
83. Horticulture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,857
85. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,424
86. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,136
87. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,994
89. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	771,251
90. „ Pensions, &c.	886
91. „ Railway Construction Branch	1,024
92. State Coal Mine—Working Expenses	45,323
Total	£1,376,513

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

11. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

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

12. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. A. A. Billson 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 1924–25 the sum of £1,376,513 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 7).—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and seventy-six thousand five hundred and thirteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Cattle Compensation Bill without amendment.
15. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Bill with an amendment.
Ordered—That the said amendment be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 25 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 38.

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1924.

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

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 2nd December, 1924.

The Honorable the Speaker, Legislative Assembly.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to tender my resignation as a member of the Public Accounts Committee, having accepted office as a Minister of the Crown.

I am, yours faithfully,
JAS. McDONALD.

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 2nd December, 1924.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to tender my resignation as a member of the Public Accounts Committee in view of my appointment as a member of the Cabinet.

Yours faithfully,
M. W. J. BOURCHIER.

3. WALPEUP WEST LANDS BILL.—Mr. Downward obtained leave, with Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*), to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to certain Crown Lands situate within the Walpeup West Waterworks District and certain Improvements thereon* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY BILL.—Mr. Eggleston, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Allan, obtained leave, with Dr. Argyle, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Purchase of the Gas Undertaking of the Metropolitan Gas Company* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. MILDURA ELECTRICITY LOAN BILL.—Mr. Eggleston, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Allan, obtained leave, with Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*), to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to increase the Borrowing Powers of the Council of the Town of Mildura for the purposes of Works and Undertakings for the Supply of Electricity* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Downward*)—and, after debate—
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Oman*)—put and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.
 Debate on motion—That this Bill be now read a second time—resumed.
 Question put and agreed to.
 Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; recommitted to a Committee of the whole House in respect of clauses 2 and 9 ; reconsidered in Committee and reported without further amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.
 Motion made and question—That the following further amendment be made in this Bill :—New clause AA, sub-section (7), omit the words “ and any other matters relating to street passenger transport in the metropolitan area which are referred to the committee by the Minister ” (*Mr. Webber*)—put and, after debate, negatived.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 13 inclusive be postponed until after No. 14.
9. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read and discharged :—
Forests Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
 Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
10. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Mackrell, and the same was read :—
 STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 39.*
 In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Forests Acts and for other purposes.
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 1st December, 1924.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
11. FORESTS BILL (No. 2).—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 39.
 House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. A. A. Billson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Forests Acts and for other purposes.
 And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
 Ordered—That Mr. Mackrell and Mr. Downward do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
 Mr. Mackrell then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Forests Acts and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 13 inclusive and Nos. 15 to 22 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
14. CHILDREN'S MAINTENANCE BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 24 to 27 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
16. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 39.

TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1924.

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

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Treasury Department (Government Printing Office; Treasury Store, State Public Offices; Taxation Office; and Office of Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons) during the period from 1st July, 1923, to 30th June, 1924.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Education Act 1915.—Regulation XVIII.—Holidays—
Regulation rescinded, Regulation substituted.
Order amended.

Health Act 1919.—Regulations amending the Food and Drug Standards Regulations 1924.

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

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 40.

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 provide Compensation for the Owners of certain Cattle and for other purposes.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1924.

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

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 41.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further provision with respect to Highways and Country Roads Motor Cars and Traction Engines and the Registration of Vehicles and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1924.

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

5. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 41.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make further provision with respect to Highways and Country Roads Motor Cars and Traction Engines and the Registration of Vehicles and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Allan then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to make further provision with respect to Highways and Country Roads Motor Cars and Traction Engines and the Registration of Vehicles and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 42.

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 Public Works and other purposes and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1924.

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

7. VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 42.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson 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 Public Works and other purposes and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money.

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

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

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Tunnecliffe 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 interference of the Government with the scope of the inquiry of the Police Commission and the alteration of the terms of reference."

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

Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate—The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Bailey
Mr. Bond
Mr. Brownbill
Mr. Cain
Mr. Clough
Mr. Cook
Mr. Cotter
Mr. Frost
Mr. Hayes
Mr. Hjorth
Mr. Hogan
Mr. Jackson
Mr. Keane
Mr. McAdam

Mr. McDonald
(*Daylesford*)
Mr. Murphy
Mr. Pollard
Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Slater
Mr. Solly
Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Wallace
Mr. Warde

Tellers.
Mr. Jewell
Mr. Webber.

Mr. Allan
Mr. Allison
Mr. Angus
Dr. Argyle
Mr. Baird
Mr. Beardmore
Mr. A. A. Billson
Colonel Bouchier
Mr. Carlisle
Mr. Deany
Mr. Downward
Mr. Eggleston
Mr. Everard
Mr. Greenwood }
Mr. Mackrell

Mr. McDonald
(*Poiwarth*)
Sir William McPherson
Mr. Old
Mr. Oman
Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Snowball
Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Walter
Mr. Weaver
Mr. West
Mr. Wettenhall
Tellers.
Mr. Groves
Mr. Pennington.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 43.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to certain Crown Lands situate within the Walpeup West Waterworks District and certain Improvements thereon.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 4th December, 1924.

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

10. WALPEUP WEST LANDS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 43.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to certain Crown Lands situate within the Walpeup West Waterworks District and certain Improvements thereon.

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

11. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 26 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 40.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS DISCHARGED.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That Colonel Bouchier and Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*) be discharged from attendance on the Committee of Public Accounts (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS APPOINTED.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That Mr. Morley, Mr. Pennington, and Mr. Walter be members of the Committee of Public Accounts (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
4. COUNTRY ROADS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for the Construction of Main Roads and Developmental Roads under the Country Roads Acts* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—Colonel Bouchier obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to Dried Fruits and Dried Fruits Packing Sheds and for other purposes* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Nos. 3 and 4.
7. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 and Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after No. 9.
10. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment is as follows :—
Insert the following New Clause :—
A. Sub-section (3) of section four of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1923* is hereby amended as follows :—
In sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (b) of the said sub-section (3) after the word “ purposes ” there shall be inserted the words “ and no trees in such tree reserve shall be cut down or destroyed except with the sanction of a resolution of both Houses of Parliament.”
And, after debate, the said amendment was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
12. FORESTS BILL (No. 2).—Read a second time, after debate, and committed.
Motion made, by leave, and question—That it be an instruction to the Committee that they have power to consider an amendment relating to obtaining from State forests or Crown lands, without payment, stone or gravel required by municipalities for the construction or maintenance of roads (*Mr. West*)—put and agreed to.
Bill considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 8 inclusive and Nos. 10 to 28 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

Country Roads Loan Application Bill—Second reading.
Dried Fruits Bill—Second reading.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker

No. 41.

THURSDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 7) without amendment.
3. CASTERTON, CHETWYND, AND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BORDER DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the district lying between Casterton, Chetwynd, and the South Australian Border with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
4. DEDERANG, TAWANGA, AND KIEWA VALLEY DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the districts of Dederang, Tawanga, and the Kiewa Valley with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
5. DARRIMAN, SEASPRAY, AND STRADBROKE DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the districts of Darriman, Seaspray, and Stradbroke with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
6. GORMANDALE, CALLIGNEE, AND CARRAJUNG DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the districts of Gormandale, Callignee, and Carrajung with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
7. KEILOR AND BULLA DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the districts of Keilor and Bulla with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
8. RAILWAY CONNEXION FOR DISTRICT BETWEEN CAMBERWELL TO FERNTREE GULLY AND OAKLEIGH TO DANDENONG RAILWAY LINES.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the district lying between the Camberwell to Ferntree Gully and Oakleigh to Dandenong railway lines with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
9. DOOKIE TO KATAMATITE AND BENALLA TO YARRAWONGA RAILWAYS CONNEXION.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the Dookie to Katamatite and the Benalla to Yarrowonga railways by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
10. HEATHCOTE DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the district lying north of Heathcote with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
11. MYRNIONG AND GREENDALE DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the districts of Myrniong and Greendale with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.

12. COROP DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the district of Corop with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.

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

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 44.

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 seventy-six thousand five hundred and thirteen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.* ”

State Government House,
Melbourne, 11th December, 1924.

14. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply ; resolutions to be reported to-morrow.

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

15. GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE (BORROWING POWERS) BILL.—Mr. Allan, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*), to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to increase the Borrowing Powers of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

16. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be granted to the Honorable John William Billson, the Member for Fitzroy (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 27 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

No. 42.

FRIDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Nos. 3 and 4.
3. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Allan*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
4. WIRE NETTING BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time this day.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 and Nos. 5 to 9 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. FORESTS BILL (No. 2).—Further considered in Committee.
The Chairman of Committees having suspended the proceedings of the Committee, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
The Chairman reported that in Committee the Honorable Member for Dalhousie, who appeared without a coat, had disobeyed the Chair by refusing to put his coat on again when requested. The Honorable Member for Dalhousie having resumed his coat at Mr. Speaker's request—Bill further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again on Tuesday next.

7. WIRE NETTING BILL.—Read the third time.

On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock the following further amendments were made in this Bill:—

- Clause 5, paragraph (1), line 30, omit the word "twenty-three" and insert the word "twenty-one."
 ,, page 3, paragraph (3), line 27, omit the word "twenty-three" and insert the word "twenty-one."
 Clause 6, paragraph (1), line 16, omit the word "twenty-three" and insert the word "twenty-one."
 Clause 7, sub-section (1), line 20, omit the word "twenty-three" and insert the word "twenty-one."

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 11 to 29 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 43.

TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.
2. PAPERS.—Dr. Argyle presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Indeterminate Sentences (Crimes Act 1915).—Annual Report of the Indeterminate Sentences Board for the year ended 30th June, 1924.
Mr. Allan presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Returns of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the following Department during the period from 1st July, 1923, to 30th June, 1924 :—
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (River Murray Works).
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 :—
Lifts Regulation Act 1915.—Regulations repealed, new Regulations made.
Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Charles George Green, from the Second to the First Class, in the Department of Chief Secretary.
Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ended 30th September, 1924.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Allan, and the same was read :—
STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 45.*
The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—
“*An Act to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts.*”
The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1924.
4. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Colonel Bouchier*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Everard*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Railway Loan Application Bill without amendment.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after Nos. 7 and 8.
7. COUNTRY ROADS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE (BORROWING POWERS) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive and No. 9 be postponed until to-morrow.

10. VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.—Read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Two o'clock (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 11 to 28 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

ALFRED A. BILLSON,
Deputy-Speaker.

No. 44.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1924.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—The Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4.
2. ECHUCA LAND BILL.—Mr. Downward obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to certain Land in the Borough of Echuca permanently reserved from Sale as a Site for Court House Purposes and to the Buildings thereon*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
3. GREAT OCEAN ROAD LANDS BILL.—Mr. Eggleston obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Great Ocean Road Lands Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
4. STATE SAVINGS BANK (INSURANCE) BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Eggleston, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section Nineteen of the 'Housing and Reclamation Act 1920' and Section Twenty of the 'State Savings Bank Act 1920 (No. 2)'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. FOOTSCRAY LAND BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Downward, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Closing of portions of certain Streets in the City of Footscray and for the Reservation from Sale of the said portions as a Site for Educational purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
6. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Eggleston obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Act 1920'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
8. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed.
Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.
9. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL—FEES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the fees to be charged under the Highways and Vehicles Bill (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That the following fees be chargeable under the Highways and Vehicles Bill :—

FEES ON THE REGISTRATION OR THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR CARS, MOTOR CYCLES, TRAILERS, FORE-CARS OR SIDE-CARS.

A.—Motor cycles :—					£	s.	d.
Any motor cycle of whatever horse-power	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
B.—Trailers, fore-cars or side-cars which when in use are attached to motor cycles :—							
Any such trailer, fore-car or side-car	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
C.—Motor cars other than motor cycles :—							
For each power-weight unit	..	..	..	..	0	3	0

Provided that—

- (a) if the motor car is a motor omnibus licensed as a hackney carriage in accordance with any law for the time being in force relating to motor omnibuses the fee for such motor car shall be Five pounds.

- (b) if the motor car is used for carrying passengers for hire and is not licensed as aforesaid or is used for carrying goods for hire or in the course of trade the fee shall be at the following rate :—
- | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|----|----|
| (i) If fitted entirely with pneumatic tires : For each power-unit | 0 | 3 | 9 |
| (ii) If fitted with one or more tires other than pneumatic tires :
For each power-unit | 0 | 5 | 0 |
- (c) the minimum fee for any motor car other than a motor cycle shall be Three pounds.

D.—Trailers which when in use are attached to motor cars other than motor cycles :—

If any such trailer is fitted entirely with pneumatic tires and—

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|---|---|----|---|
| (i) does not exceed one ton in weight unladen | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| (ii) exceeds one ton but does not exceed two tons in weight unladen | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| (iii) exceeds two tons in weight unladen | 2 | 0 | 0 |

If any such trailer is fitted with one or more tires other than pneumatic tires and—

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|---|---|---|---|
| (i) does not exceed one ton in weight unladen | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| (ii) exceeds one ton but does not exceed two tons in weight unladen | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| (iii) exceeds two tons in weight unladen | 4 | 0 | 0 |

FEES ON THE REGISTRATION OR THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION OF TRACTION ENGINES.

Any traction engine used solely for agricultural purposes and in connexion with agricultural implements and machinery	3	0	0
Any traction engine used for haulage purposes—not exceeding five tons in weight	6	0	0
Any traction engine used for haulage purposes—exceeding five tons in weight but not exceeding ten tons in weight	10	0	0
Any traction engine used for haulage purposes—exceeding ten tons in weight	15	0	0

FEES ON THE REGISTRATION OR THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

Vehicles with springs constructed for use and used for carrying or conveying passengers	2s. 6d. per wheel
Vehicles (whether with or without springs) constructed and adapted for use and used solely for carrying or conveying goods—	
With a registered carrying capacity not exceeding two tons	5s. per wheel
With a registered carrying capacity exceeding two tons—a prescribed fee of not less than Two pounds and not more than Five pounds per vehicle, on a scale to be prescribed by by-law of the municipality concerned.	

Provided that in any case where any vehicle is used for hire the fee shall be double that hereinbefore provided for.

FEE FOR TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

For every such transfer 2s. 6d.

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

10. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.—Considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again to-morrow.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

- Municipal Endowment Bill.
- Discharged Soldiers Settlement Bill.
- Surplus Revenue Bill.
- Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage (Borrowing Powers) Bill.
- Victorian Loan (Public Works) Bill.
- Country Roads Loan Application Bill.

12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills with amendments :—

- Melbourne Electric Supply Company Bill.
- Horse Breeding Bill.

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

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

STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 46.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Purchase by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria of a certain Undertaking under the *Electric Light and Power Act 1915* at Shepparton.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1924.

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

14. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION (SHEPPARTON PURCHASE) BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 46. House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Purchase by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria of a certain Undertaking under the *Electric Light and Power Act 1915* at Shepparton.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Eggleston and Colonel Bouchier do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Eggleston then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Purchase by the State Electricity Commission of Victoria of a certain Undertaking under the 'Electric Light and Power Act 1915' at Shepparton*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 3 to 25 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

Echuca Land Bill—Second reading.

Great Ocean Road Lands Bill—Second reading.

State Savings Bank (Insurance) Bill—Second reading.

Footscray Land Bill—Second reading.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate That the House do now adjourn.

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

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

ALFRED A. BILLSON,
Deputy-Speaker.

No. 45.

THURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1924.

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

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1924.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I hereby tender my resignation as one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees.

Yours faithfully,

A. DOWNWARD.

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That, for the remainder of the Session, leave be given to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways to sit during the sittings of the House (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Tunnecliffe 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 dismissal of three employees of the Lunacy Department for the part taken by them in connexion with the recent inquiry before the Royal Commission." Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Tunnecliffe*)—put and, after debate—
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Webber

Noes, 33.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Sir William McPherson
Mr. Baird	Mr. Morley
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Old
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Oman
Mr. A. A. Billson	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Dunstan	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Carlisle
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves

And so it passed in the negative.

5. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Closer Settlement Act 1915 and Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts.—Report of the Closer Settlement Board for the year ended 30th June, 1924.

6. DANDENONG LANDS BILL.—Motion made and question—That he have leave to bring in a Bill intituled “A Bill to amend the ‘Dandenong Lands Act 1892’ and the ‘Dandenong Lands Act 1907’ and for other purposes” (Mr. Downward)—put and, after debate, by leave, withdrawn.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Wire Netting Bill without amendment.
8. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.—Further considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 32 inclusive be postponed until after No. 33.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means ; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.—Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

Resolved—

That the rates of the duties of income tax which shall pursuant to the Income Tax Acts be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five are hereby declared to be as follows (that is to say) :—

1. The rate of the duties of income tax on all income derived by any person (not being a company) from personal exertion shall be as follows (that is to say) :—
 - (a) For so much of the whole taxable income as does not exceed £3,000 the average rate of tax per pound sterling shall be Threepence and three eight-hundredths of One penny where the taxable income is One pound sterling, and shall increase uniformly with each increase of One pound sterling of the taxable income by three eight-hundredths of One penny ;
 - (b) For every pound sterling of taxable income in excess of £3,000 the rate of tax shall be Eighteenpence.
2. The rate of the duties of income tax on all income derived by any person (not being a company) from the produce of property shall be as follows (that is to say) :—
For every pound sterling of taxable income the average rate of tax shall be 1.75 times the rate of tax applicable to every pound sterling of a taxable income of the same amount from personal exertion.
3. The rates of the duties of income tax on a total income derived by any person (not being a company) partly from personal exertion and partly from the produce of property shall be as follows (that is to say) :—
The rate of tax payable for every pound sterling of the sum of the taxable income from personal exertion and the taxable income the produce of property shall be calculated as though the total taxable income from the two sources were income from personal exertion ; and in addition there shall be payable for every pound sterling of the taxable income the produce of property seventy-five per centum of the rate payable on a taxable income of the same amount from personal exertion.
4. The rates of the duties of income tax payable by a company (including a life assurance company) shall be as follows (that is to say) :—
 - (a) For every pound sterling of the taxable income of a company (other than a mutual life assurance company), the rate of tax shall be Fifteenpence ;
 - (b) For every pound sterling of the taxable income of a mutual life assurance company with respect to its mutual life assurance business only, the rate of tax shall be Twelvence, and with respect to its other business, the rate of tax shall be Fifteenpence :

Provided that a person (not being a company) whose income from personal exertion and the produce of property during the year immediately preceding the year of assessment did not exceed Two hundred pounds shall not unless otherwise provided in the Income Tax Acts be liable to tax :

Provided further that the amount of income tax for which each person (not being a company) would except for this proviso be chargeable for the said year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five shall be reduced by Six pounds five shillings per centum

Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this resolution, where a person would, apart from this provision of this resolution, be liable to pay income tax of an amount less than Five shillings the tax payable by that person shall be Five shillings.

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

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

12. **INCOME TAX BILL.**—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One Thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and to amend and continue the Income Tax Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee.

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

FRIDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1924.

Bill reported without amendment.

Motion made and question—That this Bill be now read a third time (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and, after debate—

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Pennington
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Downward	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Carlisle
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves

Noes, 28.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. Keane
Mr. Bond	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Cain	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Clough	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber

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

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

13. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Murphy, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Printing Committee.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

14. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Children's Maintenance Bill without amendment.

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

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 47.

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 State Forests and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 18th December, 1924.

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

16. **VICTORIAN LOAN (STATE FORESTS) BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 47.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. A. A. Billson 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 State Forests and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money.

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

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

Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for State Forests and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

17. **HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.**—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments.

Motion made and question proposed—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be now taken into consideration (*Mr. Allan*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the debate be adjourned until Two o'clock this day (*Mr. Lemmon*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed.

18. MR. SPEAKER'S NOMINATION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating a Temporary Chairman 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 Edward Morley, Esquire, to act as Temporary Chairman of Committees whenever requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this nineteenth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Censoring of Cinematograph Films and for other purposes.*"
20. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.—On the motion of Dr. Argyle the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
21. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Motor Omnibus Bill with amendments. Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.
22. NEW COUNTRY PLATFORM AT SPENCER-STREET.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act, No. 3299 (Provision of New Country Platform at Spencer-street); together with Minutes of Evidence (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
23. PAPER.—Mr. Eggleston presented—
New Country Platform at Spencer-street.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
24. ADDERLEY-STREET, WEST MELBOURNE, LAND RESUMPTION.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That there be laid before this House a Copy of the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act, No. 3299 (Adderley-street, West Melbourne, Land Resumption); together with Minutes of Evidence (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
25. PAPER.—Mr. Eggleston presented—
Adderley-street, West Melbourne, Land Resumption.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
26. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time.
27. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Colonel Bouchier, and the same was read :—
STRADBROKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 48.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to Dried Fruits and Dried Fruits Packing Sheds and for other purposes.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1924.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
28. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 48.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Brownbill reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to Dried Fruits and Dried Fruits Packing Sheds and for other purposes.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Bill committed; considered in Committee.
Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.
29. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.
30. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

31. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the provisions of the Local Government Acts relating to By-laws for or with respect to Residential Areas and the Erection and Construction of Buildings.*”

32. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 4).—On the motion of Mr. Eggleston the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

33. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be now taken into consideration; Standing Orders suspended; Bill, as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.

On the motion of Mr. Allan the following further amendments were made in this Bill :—

Clause 2, line 13, omit the expression “ Part III.—Registration of Vehicles.”

Clause 13, omit this clause.

On the motion of Mr. Hogan the following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 18, sub-section (1), paragraph (c), line 18, omit the word “ ten ” and insert the word “ eight.”

On the motion of Mr. Allan the following further amendments were made in this Bill :—

Part III., clauses 23 and 24, pages 12–13, omit this Part.

In the Third Schedule—

After the word “ purposes ” (where first occurring) insert the words “ on any highway.”

After the word “ purposes ” (where occurring for the second time) insert the words “ on any highway.”

After the word “ purposes ” (where last occurring) insert the words “ on any highway.”

In the Title, omit the words “ and the Registration of Vehicles.”

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

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

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

SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1924.

Resolutions to be reported this day.

35. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1924–25.—Mr. Brownbill reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolutions :—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1924–25 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Division No.		£	£
1.	Legislative Council	1,029	
2.	Legislative Assembly	5,345	
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	422	
	Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly House Committee—		
4.	Refreshment Rooms	981	
5.	Engineers	283	
6.	The Library	311	
7.	The Library, State Parliament House	1,199	
8.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates	2,372	
9.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,490	
10.	„ „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c.	24,308	
11.	„ „ Grants	5,840	
12.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines	4,111	
13.	Explosives	3,326	
14.	State Accident Insurance Office	7,582	
15.	Fisheries and Game	2,799	
16.	Government Shorthand Writer... ..	741	
17.	The Governor's Office	233	
18.	Herbarium	506	
19.	Inebriates Institution	2,128	
21.	Observatory	3,433	
22.	Premier's Office	1,924	
23.	Agent-General	4,916	
24.	Audit Office	10,684	
25.	Government Statist	13,100	
26.	Hospitals for the Insane	205,730	
27.	Children's Welfare Department	161,729	
28.	Penal Establishments and Gaols	46,582	
29.	Police	297,007	
30.	Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria	18,528	
31.	Public Service Commissioner	2,019	
			836,658

II.—LABOUR.

Division No.	£	£
32. Department of Labour	...	16,705

III.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

33. Education—Salaries	...	805,990
34. " Ordinary Expenditure	...	102,471
35. " Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation	...	119
36. " Works and Buildings	...	6,000
37. " Endowments and Grants	...	64,663
38. " Exceptional Expenditure	...	394
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		979,637

IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

39. Attorney-General—Salaries	...	58,244
40. " Ordinary Expenditure	...	12,750
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		70,994

V.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	...	33,809
43. " Ordinary Expenditure	...	9,888
43A. " Exceptional Expenditure	...	750
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		44,447

VI.—TREASURER.

44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	...	23,019
45. " Transport, Samples, Marine Insurance, &c.	...	3,458
46. " Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	...	3,900
47. " Payments to Railway Department	...	229,416
48. " Grants	...	90,780
49. " Pensions, Compensations, and Gratuities, &c.	...	119
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	...	30,588
51. Taxation Office—Administration	...	891
53. " Land Tax Branch	...	17,684
54. " Probate Duties Branch	...	1,443
55. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	...	2,687
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	...	67,208
57. " Exceptional Expenditure	...	468
58. " Advertising, including Postage	...	1,195
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		472,856

VII.—CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

59. Survey, Land Settlement, Closer Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands	...	31,021
60. Public Gardens, Parks, and Reserves	...	425
61. Grants	...	4,000
62. Botanic and Domain Gardens	...	7,354
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, Wild Animals, and Noxious Weeds	...	33,953
64. Works and Buildings	...	475
65. Exceptional Expenditure	...	6,286
66. Immigration Bureau	...	8,290
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		91,804

VIII.—PUBLIC WORKS AND MINES.

67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	...	35,427
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	...	17,691
69. " Works, &c.	...	17,465
69A. " Exceptional Expenditure	...	5,750
70. Electricity Commission	...	18,475
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	...	226,126
72. " Road Works and Bridges	...	35,477
73. " Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	...	4,950
74. " Exceptional Expenditure	...	657
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	...	12,908
76. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	...	8,525
78. " Exceptional Expenditure	...	1,621
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		385,072

IX.—FORESTS.

79. Forests Commission	...	44,086
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X.—WATER SUPPLY.

80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	...	114,000
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XI.—AGRICULTURE.			
Division No.			
81.	Department of Agriculture—Administrative	6,992	
82.	Agriculture—Salaries, Maffra Beet Sugar Factory, and Ordinary Expenditure	71,509	
83.	Horticulture	15,369	
84.	Grants	3,253	
84A.	Exceptional Expenditure	7,975	
85.	Stock and Dairy	33,792	
86.	Export Development and Produce Inspection	27,427	
		—	166,317
XII.—PUBLIC HEALTH.			
87.	Public Health—Salaries, Ordinary Expenditure, and Infectious Diseases and Tuberculosis	56,642	
88.	„ „ Grants	3,575	
		—	60,217
XIII.—RAILWAYS AND STATE COAL MINES.			
89.	Railways—Salaries and Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1924–25, &c.	4,627,508	
90.	„ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	5,326	
91.	„ Construction Branch	6,146	
92.	State Coal Mines	271,937	
		—	4,910,917

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

36. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
37. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. A. A. Billson 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, 1925, the sum of £8,193,710 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
38. **APPROPRIATION BILL.**—Sir Alexander Peacock 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 twenty-five and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
39. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Returning the Income Tax Bill, and, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, suggesting amendments.
Ordered—That the said suggested amendments be printed, and taken into consideration this day.
40. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Highways and Vehicles Bill without amendment.
41. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 10 inclusive be postponed until after No. 11.
42. **MELBOURNE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY 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 are as follow:—
1. Clause 19, sub-clause (1), line 5, before “The Commission” insert “Unless and until Parliament otherwise provides.”
 2. „ sub-clause (1), line 24, at the end of the sub-clause insert “Provided that the powers conferred on the Commission by this sub-section shall not prejudice or affect the right of the council of any municipality to continue after the date of sale to supply electricity within any area in the city of Melbourne or the suburbs thereof under the authority of any Order made pursuant to the *Electric Light and Power Act 1915* or any corresponding enactment under which such council is so supplying electricity at the commencement of this Act.”
 3. *Insert the following new clause to follow clause 26:—*
“AA. If within twelve months after the date of sale an Act of Parliament is passed (after the Minister has conferred with representatives of the councils of the municipalities within the city of Melbourne and the suburbs thereof or has given them an opportunity of being heard) whereby a public statutory corporation is constituted or any public statutory corporation (other than the Commission) is authorized to undertake after the date of sale the supply throughout the city of Melbourne and the suburbs thereof of electricity supplied to that corporation by the Commission nothing in this Act shall be deemed or taken to prejudice or affect the exercise (after the date of sale) of any powers or authorities conferred by Parliament on that corporation in relation to the supply as aforesaid of electricity by that corporation.”

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.

43. **MOTOR OMNIBUS 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 are as follow :—

1. Clause 3, sub-clause (3), line 31, after “ Minister ” insert “ or any person authorized in that behalf by the Minister in writing (whether generally or in any particular case).”
2. „ sub-clause (3), line 34, after “ thereon ” insert “ or authorize any motor omnibus for which a ‘ regular service ’ or a ‘ special service ’ licence has been granted to ply for hire temporarily on any route whether a prescribed route or not.”
3. Clause 10, line 5, after “ insured ” insert “ in some approved insurance company.”
4. Clause 12, line 24, after “ members ” insert “ to act in an honorary capacity and.”
5. „ sub-clause (7), lines 27–29, omit all words beginning with “ and any other matters ” to the end of the sub-clause.
6. Clause 13, sub-clause (1), line 38, after “ cancel ” insert “ or suspend for such period as it thinks fit.”
7. „ sub-clause (2), line 7, after “ offending ” insert “ against.”
8. Clause 16, sub-clause (1), paragraph (a), page 12, line 11, at the end of the paragraph insert—

“ Nothing in this sub-section shall prevent the Board under the authority conferred by paragraph (j) of section fifty-three of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918* from using motor omnibuses for the purpose of aiding or relieving the traffic of any tramways of the Board or for the purpose of the transport of passengers along the route of any tramway of the Board or along or in the immediate neighbourhood of the route of any such tramway during its reconstruction or (in the case of a cable tramway) during its conversion to electric traction.”

9. In the Schedule, in the sixth line of paragraph 1, omit “ Four ” and insert “ Five.”

Mr. Speaker said :—“ In my opinion, the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Schedule is a distinct infringement of the privileges of this House, as its effect would be to increase a proposed charge or burden on the people. The House should not entertain the amendment.”

Motion made and question—That this House declines to entertain the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Schedule, as its effect would be to increase a proposed charge or burden on the people (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.—Amendment 9—not entertained.

Amendments 1 to 8 inclusive were, after debate, 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 accordingly.

44. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.

45. **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

46. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive, Nos. 9 and 10, and Nos. 12 to 19 inclusive be postponed until after No. 20.

47. **MILDURA ELECTRICITY LOAN BILL.**—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.
Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Eggleston*)—put and agreed to.
Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

48. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means ; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

49. **WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX.**—Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

Resolved—

1. That subject to the Land Tax Acts there shall in the case of each owner of land be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five a duty of land tax upon land for every pound sterling of the unimproved value thereof at such rate as is hereinafter set forth (that is to say) :—

Where the unimproved value or total unimproved value of all land or lands of any owner exceeds Two hundred and fifty pounds the rate of tax payable thereon for the said year shall be : On every pound sterling of its unimproved value—One half-penny.

2. That in addition to any duty of land tax so payable there shall in the case of each such owner be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five a super-tax equal to five per centum of the amount of the duty of land tax so payable.

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

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

50. LAND TAX BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the Year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and to amend the Land Tax Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

51. STAMP DUTIES.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain Stamp Duties (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient—

1. That for section fifty-five of the *Stamps Act 1915* (referred to in this resolution as the Principal Act) there should be substituted the following section :—

“ (1) If any person—

(a) gives any receipt liable to duty and not duly stamped; or

(b) upon a payment of the amount of Two pounds or upwards gives a receipt for a sum not amounting to Two pounds or separates or divides the amount paid with intent to evade the duty—

he shall be liable to a penalty of not more than Five pounds.

(2) If upon a payment of an amount of Two pounds or upwards in any case where a receipt would be liable to duty the person who receives the payment does not give or tender to the person who makes the payment a receipt in writing duly stamped the person who receives such payment shall be liable to a penalty of not more than Five pounds. But this sub-section does not apply—

(a) to a banker or an employee of a banker in respect of moneys or bills of exchange promissory notes or cheques for money paid to or deposited with such banker to be accounted for whether received or expressed to be received from the person to whom the same is to be accounted for or any other person; or

(b) in the case of any person who has received payment by cheque made payable to order of any sum of money bill of exchange or promissory note amounting to Two pounds or upwards and has affixed to the back of such cheque—

(i) up to and including the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven—a duty stamp of the value of Twopence; or

(ii) thereafter—a duty stamp of the value of One penny—

and has duly cancelled the said stamp before it is paid to the credit of any person in a bank.

(3) Any penalty under this section may be recovered in any court of petty sessions as a civil debt recoverable summarily at any time within three years from and after the date on which the offence was committed.”

2. That the exemptions under Heading “ II.—Receipt or Discharge given for or upon payment of Money amounting to £2 or upwards ” of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act should be amended as follows :—

(a) For paragraph (1) of the said exemptions there should be substituted the following paragraph :—

“ (1) Every instrument acknowledging the receipt of money by or on behalf of His Majesty or any public department or any payment for municipal rates ”;

(b) For paragraph (3) of the said exemptions there should be substituted the following paragraph :—

“ (3) (a) Receipt for money deposited in any bank in current account and not as a fixed deposit for any period;

(b) Receipt or acknowledgment for any money bill of exchange promissory note or cheque on the payment or delivery thereof by one banker to another in the ordinary course of banking business, or on the payment or delivery thereof to any person by a banker in the ordinary course of banking business;

(c) Acknowledgment by any banker of the receipt of any bill of exchange or promissory note for the purpose of being presented for acceptance or for payment ”; and

(c) At the end of paragraph (8) of the said exemptions there should be inserted the following paragraph :—

“ (9) Receipt or discharge given in any transaction relating to bets made on a race-course within the meaning of the *Betting Tax Act 1916* by a bookmaker holding any licence or permit referred to in section four of the said Act and in force.”

3. That notwithstanding anything in section four of the *Audit Act 1924* where any payment referred to in the said section amounting to Five pounds or upwards is made the officer making the payment—

(a) should affix to the certificate referred to in the said section a duty stamp or stamps for the same amount as would be payable by the person receiving the payment if a receipt had been given; and

(b) should cancel such stamp or stamps—

and the stamp duty so paid should be deemed to have been paid at the request and on behalf of the person to whom the payment is made, and it should be lawful for the officer making the payment to deduct the amount of duty from the payment to be made to the person entitled thereto; and the said section and the Audit Acts and the Stamps Acts should be read and construed and have effect accordingly.

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

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

52. STAMPS BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Stamps and Stamp Duties*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

53. STAMP DUTIES ON BOOKMAKERS’ STATEMENTS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider certain Stamp Duties on Bookmakers’ Statements (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

54. PETITION.—Mr. Cain presented a Petition from certain members of the staff at the Idiot Asylum, Kew, praying that the House may be pleased to take the matters referred to in the Petition into consideration, and to grant such further and other relief as to the House may seem meet.

Motion made and question—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read (*Mr. Cain*)—put and agreed to.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

55. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Dried Fruits Bill without amendment.

56. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive, Nos. 9 and 10, and Nos. 12 to 15 inclusive be postponed until after Nos. 16 and 17.

57. STATE SAVINGS BANK (INSURANCE) BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

58. FOOTSCRAY LAND BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

59. VICTORIAN LOAN (STATE FORESTS) BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

60. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL (No. 2).—Colonel Bouchier, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Allan, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend Section Six of the ‘Cattle Compensation Act 1924’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

61. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 4).—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

62. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until after No. 7.

63. FORESTS BILL (No. 2).—Further considered in Committee. Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.

64. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment:—

Electricity Supply Loan Application Bill.

Mildura Electricity Loan Bill.

Land Tax Bill.

State Savings Bank (Insurance) Bill.

Footscray Land Bill.

Victorian Loan (State Forests) Bill.

Cattle Compensation Bill (No. 2).

65. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Acquainting the Legislative Assembly that they do not insist on their amendment to omit “Four” and insert “Five” in the sixth line of paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Bill intituled “*An Act to make further provision with respect to Motor Omnibuses and for other purposes*,” but inform the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council consider this Bill comes within the scope of sub-section (1) of section 33 of The Constitution Act Amendment Act, and is therefore a Bill which the Legislative Council has a right to amend.

66. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means ; resolution to be reported this day.

67. **WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.**—Mr. A. A. Billson reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

Resolved—That, in lieu of the rates of the duties of income tax declared by resolution of the eighteenth day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, the rates of the duties of income tax which shall pursuant to the Income Tax Acts be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the Consolidated Revenue for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five are hereby declared to be as follows (that is to say) :—

- (a) On all income derived by any person (not being a company) from personal exertion—
 - (i) where such income does not exceed Five hundred pounds—
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Threepence ; and
 - (ii) where such income exceeds Five hundred pounds—
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Fourpence ;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Fivepence ;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Sixpence ; and
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Sevenpence ;
- (b) On all income derived by any person (not being a company) from the produce of property—
 - (i) where such income does not exceed Five hundred pounds—
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Sixpence ; and
 - (ii) where such income exceeds Five hundred pounds—
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Eightpence ;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Tenpence ;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Twelvepence ; and
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Fourteenpence ;
- (c) In the case of any person (not being a company) there shall be payable an additional tax as follows :—
 - (i) where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property or both, exceeds Eight hundred pounds but does not exceed One thousand pounds—
 - An amount equal to ten per centum of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable ;
 - (ii) where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property or both, exceeds One thousand pounds but does not exceed One thousand two hundred and fifty pounds—
 - An amount equal to twelve and a half per centum of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable ;
 - (iii) where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property or both, exceeds One thousand two hundred and fifty pounds but does not exceed Two thousand two hundred pounds—
 - An amount equal to fifteen per centum of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable ;
 - (iv) where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property or both, exceeds Two thousand two hundred pounds but does not exceed Five thousand pounds—
 - An amount equal to twenty per centum of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable ; and
 - (v) where the income, whether from personal exertion or the produce of property or both, exceeds Five thousand pounds—
 - An amount equal to twenty-five per centum of the total amount of tax otherwise chargeable ;
- (d) On the income of a company (other than a mutual life assurance company)—
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Fifteenpence ;
- (e) On the income of a mutual life assurance company—
 - (i) with respect to its mutual life assurance business only, for every pound sterling of the taxable amount of income, Twelvepence ; and
 - (ii) with respect to its other business, for every pound sterling of the taxable amount of income, Fifteenpence ;

Provided that a person (not being a company) whose income from personal exertion and the produce of property during the year immediately preceding the year of assessment did not exceed Two hundred pounds shall not unless otherwise provided in the Income Tax Acts be liable to tax :

Provided further that where any person (not being a company) derives income both from personal exertion and from the produce of property and the total income so derived exceeds Five hundred pounds, then for the purposes of this resolution the rate for every pound sterling of the taxable amount of income derived from each source shall be the same as if the income from each such source exceeded Five hundred pounds.

Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this resolution, where a person would apart from this provision of this resolution, be liable to pay income tax of an amount less than Five shillings the tax payable by that person shall be Five shillings.

Motion made and question—That this resolution be now read a second time (*Sir Alexander Peacock*)—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Allan	Mr. Oman	Mr. Cain	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Allison	Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Cotter	Mr. McDonald
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Pennington	Mr. Frost	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Snowball	Mr. Hogan	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Toutcher	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Wallace
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. West	Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wettenhall	Mr. Jewell	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Eggleston	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber.
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Carlisle		
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves		
Sir William McPherson			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Resolution read a second time and agreed to by the House. Ordered—That Sir Alexander Peacock and Mr. Allan do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

68. INCOME TAX BILL (No. 2).—Sir Alexander Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One Thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and to amend and continue the Income Tax Act's*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

Ordered—That the consideration of amendments after third reading be made an Order of the Day for this day.

69. APPROPRIATION BILL. —Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time, after debate.

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

70. INCOME TAX BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the consideration of amendments after third reading having been read—on the motion of Mr. Eggleston the following amendments were made in this Bill:—

Clause 1, page 2, line 2, after the figures "1915" insert the words "(hereinafter called the Principal Act)."

Clause 4, page 6, line 17, omit the words "One hundred and fifty" and insert the words "Two hundred."

Insert the following new clause to follow clause 2:—

AA. In paragraph (*j*) of section seventeen and in section twenty-six of the Principal Act for the words "One hundred and fifty" there shall be substituted the words "Two hundred."

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

71. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Appropriation Bill without amendment.

72. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 14th January next (*Mr. Allan*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at sixteen minutes past Twelve o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday, 14th January next.

W. R. ALEXANDER,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN BOWSER,
Speaker.

SESSION 1924.

MESSAGES RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A Message acquainting the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council had agreed to the Income Tax Bill (No. 2) without amendment was received after the adjournment of the House on the 20th December, 1924.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were received after the adjournment of the House on the 20th December, 1924 :—

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 49.

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

- “ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes.*”
- “ *An Act relating to Municipal Endowment.*”
- “ *An Act to authorize the raising of Additional Moneys for the purposes of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts.*”
- “ *An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.*”
- “ *An Act to increase the Borrowing Powers of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust.*”
- “ *An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money.*”
- “ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for the Construction of Main Roads and Developmental Roads under the Country Roads Acts.*”
- “ *An Act to amend the Law relating to the Supplying of Wire Netting and to amend Section Twenty of the ‘ Fences Act 1915.’*”
- “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Children’s Maintenance Act 1919.’*”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1924.

STRADBROKE,

Governor of Victoria.

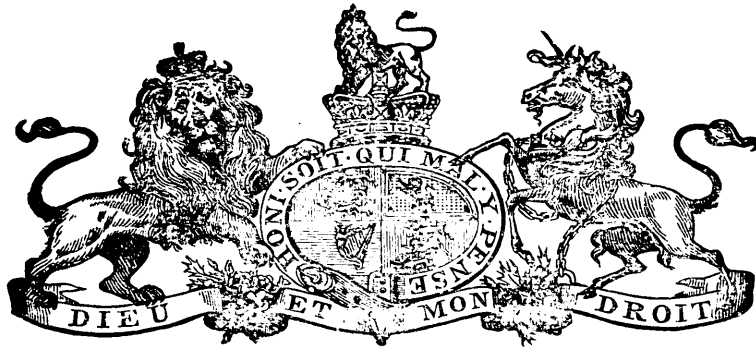
Message No. 50.

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

- “ *An Act relating to Undertakings of the Melbourne Electric Supply Company Limited and for other purposes.*”
- “ *An Act to make further provision with respect to Motor Omnibuses and for other purposes.*”
- “ *An Act to make further provision with respect to Highways and Country Roads Motor Cars and Traction Engines and for other purposes.*”
- “ *An Act relating to Dried Fruits and Dried Fruits Packing Sheds and for other purposes.*”
- “ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria.*”
- “ *An Act to increase the Borrowing Powers of the Council of the Town of Mildura for the purposes of Works and Undertakings for the Supply of Electricity.*”

- “ An Act to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and to amend the Land Tax Acts.”*
- “ An Act to amend Section Nineteen of the ‘ Housing and Reclamation Act 1920 ’ and Section Twenty of the ‘ State Savings Bank Act 1920 (No. 2). ’ ”*
- “ An Act to provide for the Closing of Portions of certain Streets in the City of Footscray and for the Reservation from Sale of the said portions as a Site for Educational purposes.”*
- “ An Act to authorize the raising of Money for State Forests and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money.”*
- “ An Act to amend Section Six of the ‘ Cattle Compensation Act 1924. ’ ”*
- “ An Act to amend the provisions of the Local Government Acts relating to By-laws for or with respect to Residential Areas and the Erection and Construction of Buildings.”*
- “ 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 twenty-five and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.”*
- “ An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and to amend and continue the Income Tax Acts.”*

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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Colonel the Right Honorable George Edward John Mowbray, Earl of Stradbroke, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands adjourned until Wednesday, the fourteenth day of January, 1925 :
Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation, prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the seventeenth day of February, 1925.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the fifteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

STRADBROKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALLAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

SELECT COMMITTEES.

SESSION 1924.

1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed by Mr. Speaker's Warrant, 8th July, 1924.)

Mr. Allan,
Mr. Angus,
Mr. Clough,†
Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*),
Mr. Murphy,††

Mr. Prendergast,*
Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Solly,
Mr. Wallace,§
Mr. Ward.*

* Resigned 22nd July, 1924.
† Appointed 26th August, 1924.
‡ Resigned 10th September, 1924.
§ Appointed 10th September, 1924.

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

(Appointed 22nd July, 1924.)

Mr. J. W. Billson,*
Mr. Deany,

Mr. Lind,
Mr. Solly.

* Died 23rd December, 1924.

3.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 22nd July, 1924.)

Colonel Bouchier,*
Mr. Brownbill,
Mr. Clough,
Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. McDonald (*Polwarth*),*

Mr. Morley,†
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Pennington,†
Mr. Walter.†

* Resigned 2nd December, 1924.
† Appointed 10th December, 1924.

4.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 27th August, 1924.)

Mr. Speaker,
Dr. Argyle,
Mr. Eggleston,

Mr. Slater,
Mr. Wallace.

5.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 27th August, 1924.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Allan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,
Mr. J. W. Billson*,
Mr. Cain,
Mr. Farthing,

Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Lawson,
Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Tunnecliffe.

* Died 23rd December, 1924.

6.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 27th August, 1924.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Beardmore,
Colonel Bouchier,
Mr. Brownbill,
Mr. Deany,
Mr. Dunstan,

Mr. Frost,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Jackson,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Oman,
Mr. West.

7.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

(Appointed 27th August, 1924.)

Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Eggleston,
Mr. Lawson,

Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Wettenhall.

8.—HOUSE (JOINT).

(Appointed 27th August, 1924.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Clough,
Mr. Dunstan,

Mr. Everard,
Mr. Jewell,
Mr. Morley.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1924.

No 1.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

TUESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1924.

No. 1.—*Milk Supply Bill*.—Clause 2.

For paragraph (e) of section five of the *Milk Supply Act 1922* there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—

(e) sell (whether by wholesale or retail) milk bought by any such council and treated at any such depôt or ice manufactured at any such depôt and deliver such milk or "ice."

—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "ice," in line 4, the following words be added :—

"Provided that no such council shall deliver milk so sold by retail unless in prescribed containers labelled as prescribed."—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Deany	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Gordon
Mr. McDonald (<i>Polwarth</i>)	Mr. Groves

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald (<i>Darkeford</i>)
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Clough	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Walter
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber
Mr. Lind	
Mr. McAdam	

And so it passed in the negative.

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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1924.

No. 2.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 9TH OCTOBER, 1924.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1924.

No. 1.—*Wheat Marketing Bill*.—Clause 4.

* * * * *

(2) The Board shall consist of—

(a) "two members" nominated by the Minister; and

(b) three members elected by wheat-growers as hereinafter provided:

Provided that in the case of the first appointment thereof the Board shall consist of five members of whom three shall be appointed as representing wheat-growers.

* * * * *

—(*Mr. Hogan.*)Amendment proposed—That the words "two members," in line 1 of paragraph (a), be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "one member."—(*Mr. Allan.*)Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 37.

Dr. Argyle	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. McLachlan
Mr. Cain	Mr. Oman
Mr. Clough	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Cook	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Deany	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Warde
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Keane	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Webber

Noes, 15.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Walter
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Bowser	
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Carlisle
Mr. Lind	Mr. Weaver

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—Clause 8 as amended.

(1) No person in Victoria shall except as prescribed sell wheat to or buy wheat from any other person * * * before the first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five except to or from the Board or persons authorized by it.

(2) Any person guilty of a contravention of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty of not more than Five hundred pounds.

(3) The Board (as to paragraphs (a) (b) and (c) upon such conditions, if any, other than payment to the Board as the Board thinks fit) may exempt (either generally or in any particular case) from the operation of this section—

- (a) sales or purchases of seed wheat by growers of wheat to or from growers of wheat for *bona fide* use by the purchasers in their farming operations ;
 (b) sales by wheat-growers or purchases of wheat (of a quality below that fit for gristing into flour) from the growers thereof for *bona fide* use by the purchasers as food for their poultry and stock ;
 (c) sales or purchases of wheat grown by any wheat-grower in areas of limited production of wheat specified by the Board ; and
 (d) such other sales and purchases as are prescribed upon such conditions and such payment, if any, to the Board as the Board thinks fit.
- (4) The Board may at any time revoke any such exemption.—(Mr. Hogan.)

Question—That clause 8, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Colonel Bouchier	(Daylesford)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Slater
Mr. Clough	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cook	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Walter
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	Tellers.
Mr. Keane	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Lind	Mr. Webber

Noes, 16.

Mr. Angus	Mr. McLachlan
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Farthing	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	Tellers.
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
(Polwarth)	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY (MORNING), 9TH OCTOBER, 1924.

No. 3.—Clause 10 as amended.

(1) Every contract made in Victoria * * * * One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four so far as it relates to the sale of Victorian wheat or flour for delivery in Victoria on or after the first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four up to but not later than the first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five shall when specified by the Board in a notification published in the *Government Gazette* be and is hereby declared to be and to have been void and of no effect so far as such contract has not been completed by delivery at the date of such notification : Provided that for the purposes of this section any such contract shall be deemed to be severable.

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—(Mr. Hogan.)

Further amendment proposed—That the words “on or after the tenth day of October” be inserted in line 1 in place of the words “on or after the twenty-sixth day of August” omitted.—(Mr. Angus.)

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

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Angus	Mr. Oman
Dr. Argyle	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	Tellers.
Mr. McDonald	Mr. Groves
(Polwarth)	Mr. Pennington
Mr. McLachlan	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(Daylesford)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Clough	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cook	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Walter
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	Tellers.
Mr. Keane	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Lind	Mr. Webber

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4.—Clause 12 as amended.

(1) No action for damages for conversion or for detention of any wheat shall be brought against the Board or any person acting under its authority by any person claiming to be entitled to any mortgage charge lien (including any lien on crops under the Instruments Acts or any corresponding previous enactments) or other encumbrance whatsoever of or upon or over such wheat or any crop from which such wheat was harvested or claiming to be the true owner of such wheat :

Provided that any person who but for this sub-section might have brought any such action may adopt the delivery of such wheat to the Board as a delivery thereof by him to the Board and may claim accordingly for * * * * *

—(Mr. Hogan.)

Further amendment proposed—That the words “ the amount of the purchase money declared by the Board to be payable in respect thereof ” be inserted in line 9 in place of the words “ an account of the purchase money thereof ” omitted.—(Mr. Hogan.)

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

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Colonel Bouchier	(Duylesford)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Clough	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cook	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Frost	Mr. Walter
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Lind	Mr. Webber

Noes, 15.

Mr. Angus	Sir Alexander Peacock
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Gordon	
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. McDonald	<i>Tellers.</i>
(Potwarth)	
Mr. McLachlan	Mr. Groves
Mr. Oman	Mr. Lawson

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—Clause 3.

Save as otherwise expressly provided this Act shall apply to wheat harvested during the season 1924–1925 and not otherwise.—(Mr. Hogan.)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause :—

“ Provided that if the Minister is satisfied that at a poll of wheat-growers from whom the Board has purchased wheat held for the purpose (and for the holding of which the Board is hereby required to arrange) at such time in such manner upon such rolls and under the direction of such returning officers as are prescribed a majority of the persons voting thereat votes for the extension of the provisions of this Act so that they will apply to wheat harvested during the two succeeding seasons the Governor in Council may at any time not later than the thirtieth day of September One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five by proclamation published in the *Government Gazette* extend the provisions of this Act so as to apply to wheat harvested during the two succeeding seasons with such modifications specified in the proclamation as are rendered necessary owing to such extension ; and thereupon this Act (with the said modifications) shall apply to wheat harvested during the season 1925–1926 and to wheat harvested during the season 1926–1927.”—Mr. Wettenhall.)

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

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Colonel Bouchier	(Duylesford)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cain	Mr. Slater
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Clough	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Cook	Mr. Walter
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	
Mr. Keane	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Lind	Mr. Webber

Noes, 12.

Mr. Angus	Mr. Pennington
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Greenwood	
(Potwarth)	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald	
Mr. Oman	Mr. Eggleston
Sir Alexander Peacock	Mr. Groves

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1924.

No. 3.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 4TH DECEMBER, 1924.

TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1924.

No. 1.—*Motor Omnibus Bill.*—Fees—Resolution.

That the following fees be chargeable under the Motor Omnibus Bill :—

ADDITIONAL FEES PAYABLE ON THE REGISTRATION AND THE RENEWAL OF THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR OMNIBUSES UNDER THE "MOTOR CAR ACT 1915."

1. In the case of a motor omnibus for which a "regular service" licence is granted for a prescribed route in whole or in part within three miles of the town hall in the city of Melbourne the additional fee shall be—

if the motor omnibus is fitted with any tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of Four pounds ten shillings for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry; or

if the motor omnibus is fitted with no tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of Three pounds seven shillings and sixpence for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry.

2. In the case of a motor omnibus for which—

(a) a "regular service" licence is granted for a prescribed route no part of which is within three miles of the town hall in the city of Melbourne; or

(b) a "special service" licence is granted—

the additional fee shall be—

if the motor omnibus is fitted with any tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of Two pounds five shillings for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry; or

if the motor omnibus is fitted with no tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of One pound ten shillings for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry :

Provided that where a licence as aforesaid for a motor omnibus as a hackney carriage is granted at any time during any period for which any such registration or renewal of registration has been made there shall before such licence is issued to the applicant be paid as any such additional fee an amount equal to such portion of the full amount of the additional fee hereinbefore provided for as bears the same proportion to the full amount of such additional fee as the number of months unexpired of such period bears to twelve months.

—(Mr. Eggleston.)

Question—That this resolution be agreed to—put.

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Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(Polwarth)
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Walter
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Everard	Mr. West
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(Dajlesford)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cain	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Clough	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cook	Mr. Solly
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Keane	Mr. Lemmon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1924.

No. 2.—*Motor Omnibus Bill.*—New clause AA.

AA. (1) For the purposes of this Act there shall be an advisory committee of five members constituted as hereinafter provided and appointed by the Governor in Council.

(2) The members of the committee shall be—

- one member appointed as representing the Department of Public Works, who shall be chairman of the committee;
- one member appointed as representing the Victorian Railways Commissioners;
- one member appointed as representing the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board;
- one member appointed as representing councils of municipalities the several municipal districts whereof are situate in whole or in part within the metropolitan area and being a councillor of one of the said municipalities appointed from among nominees selected by the said councils; and
- one member appointed as representing the interests of owners of motor omnibuses and appointed after consultation by the Minister with such bodies representing those interests as the Minister thinks desirable.

(3) The members of the committee shall be appointed for such term as the Governor in Council thinks fit and may be removed by the Governor in Council; and any vacancy in the committee however arising may be filled by the Governor in Council; and in the case of any failure to select nominees as aforesaid the Governor in Council may appoint a councillor of one of the said councils as representing the said councils.

(4) Three members of the committee shall form a quorum; and so long as there is a quorum the committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its numbers.

(5) The committee may meet at such times and places as it thinks fit and subject to this section may regulate its own procedure.

(6) At any meeting of the committee the chairman shall have a deliberative vote, and in the case of an equality of votes on any question a second or casting vote.

(7) The committee shall consider and make recommendations to and report to and advise the Minister upon any matters referred to the committee by the Minister which may be the subject of any Orders in Council or regulations under this Act and any other matters relating to street passenger transport in the metropolitan area which are referred to the committee by the Minister.

—(Mr. Eggleston.)

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

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(Polwarth)
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. A. A. Billson	Mr. Toutcher
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. West
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Downward	
Mr. Eggleston	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Weaver

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Frost	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hayes	
Mr. Hjorth	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 3.—Schedule.

Additional Fees payable on the Registration and the Renewal of the Registration of Motor Omnibuses under the "Motor Car Act 1915."

1. In the case of a motor omnibus for which a "regular service" licence is granted in accordance with this Act for a prescribed route in whole or in part within three miles of the town hall in the city of Melbourne, the additional fee shall be—

- (a) if the motor omnibus is fitted with any tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of Five pounds ten shillings for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry; or
 (b) if the motor omnibus is fitted with no tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of three-fourths of the above-mentioned fee.

2. In the case of a motor omnibus for which, in accordance with this Act—

- (a) a "regular service" licence is granted for a prescribed route no part of which is within three miles of the town hall in the city of Melbourne; or
 (b) a "special service" licence is granted—

the additional fee shall be a fee calculated at the rate of one-half of the respective fees above mentioned, according to whether the motor omnibus is or is not fitted with any tires other than pneumatic tires:

Provided that where a licence for a motor omnibus as a hackney carriage in accordance with this Act is granted at any time during any period for which any such registration or renewal of registration has been made there shall before such licence is issued to the applicant be paid as any such additional fee an amount equal to such portion of the full amount of the additional fee hereinbefore provided for as bears the same proportion to the full amount of such additional fee as the number of months unexpired of such period bears to twelve months.

Amendment proposed—That the Schedule be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the following Schedule:—

Additional Fees payable on the Registration and the Renewal of the Registration of Motor Omnibuses under the "Motor Car Act 1915."

1. In the case of a motor omnibus for which a "regular service" licence is granted in accordance with this Act for a prescribed route in whole or in part within three miles of the town hall in the city of Melbourne, the additional fee shall be—

if the motor omnibus is fitted with any tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of Four pounds ten shillings for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry; or

if the motor omnibus is fitted with no tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of Three pounds seven shillings and sixpence for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry.

2. In the case of a motor omnibus for which in accordance with this Act—

- (a) a "regular service" licence is granted for a prescribed route no part of which is within three miles of the town hall in the city of Melbourne; or
 (b) a "special service" licence is granted—

the additional fee shall be—

if the motor omnibus is fitted with any tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of Two pounds five shillings for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry; or

if the motor omnibus is fitted with no tires other than pneumatic tires—a fee calculated at the rate of One pound ten shillings for each passenger the motor omnibus is licensed to carry:

Provided that where a licence for a motor omnibus as a hackney carriage is granted in accordance with this Act at any time during any period for which any such registration or renewal of registration has been made there shall before such licence is issued to the applicant be paid as any such additional fee an amount equal to such portion of the full amount of the additional fee hereinbefore provided for as bears the same proportion to the full amount of such additional fee as the number of months unexpired of such period bears to twelve months.

—(Mr. Eggleston.)

Question—That the Schedule proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(Daylesford)
Mr. Cook	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Webber
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Jackson	Tellers.
Mr. Keane	Mr. Cain
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 25.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(Potwarth)
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Tout her
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Deany	Mr. West
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wcttenhall
Mr. Eggleston	
Mr. Lawson	Tellers.
Mr. Lind	Mr. Carlisle
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Groves

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1924.

No. 4.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 12TH DECEMBER, 1924.

THURSDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1924.

No. 1.—*Supply—Estimates for 1924–25.*

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1924–25 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

F.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

DIVISION No. 9.

* * * * *

The sum of "£7,490."—(*Dr. Argyle.*)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £5.—(*Mr. Hayes.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Clough	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Cook	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Slater
Mr. Frost	Mr. Solly
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Webber
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keane	Mr. Bailey
Mr. McAdam	Mr. Lemmon

Noes, 32.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(<i>Potwarth</i>)
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Touthcher
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Walter
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Downward	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wattenhall
Mr. Everard	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	
Mr. Lawson	
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

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No. 2—

Further amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £3.—(*Mr. Webber.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Bond	(<i>Darlesford</i>)
Mr. Brownbill	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Cain	Mr. Pollard
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hogan	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber
Mr. McAdam	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Angus	Sir William McPherson
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Bowser	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Walter
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Downward	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	Mr. Pennington

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1924.

No 5.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 20TH DECEMBER, 1924.

FRIDAY (MORNING), 19TH DECEMBER, 1924.

No. 1.—*Income Tax Bill*.—Clause 5.

(1) Any taxpayer ordinarily resident in Victoria whose net income for the year immediately preceding the year of assessment apart from the operation of this section and of section three of the *Income Tax Act* 1921 as amended by any Act does not exceed Two thousand two hundred pounds may deduct from such net income the sum of Fifty pounds in respect of the wife of such taxpayer wholly maintained by "him" and such deduction shall in the first place be made from income from personal exertion. If the wife of such taxpayer has not an income of her own exceeding One hundred pounds she shall be deemed for the purposes of this sub-section to be wholly maintained by him.

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—(Sir Alexander Peacock.)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "him," in line 5 of sub-section (1), the following words be inserted:—"or any such taxpayer being a single man whose widowed mother is wholly maintained by him may deduct from such net income in respect of his mother the sum of Fifty pounds."—(Mr. Lemmon.)

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(Dunlop)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Jackson	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber

Noes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(Pokwarth)
Mr. Angus	Mr. Morley
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Pennington
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Deany	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Downward	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. West
Mr. Everard	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Farthing	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Carlisle
Mr. Lind	Mr. Groves
Mr. Mackrell	

And so it passed in the negative.
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No. 2.—*Highways and Vehicles Bill*.—Clause 13.

In section six of the *Country Roads Act* 1915 as amended by any Act for the words "One thousand two hundred and fifty pounds" there shall be substituted the words "One thousand five hundred pounds" and for the words "Nine hundred pounds" there shall be substituted the words "One thousand two hundred and fifty pounds"; and notwithstanding anything in the said section six but subject to this section the amount of each of the salaries provided for in the said section six as hereby further amended may be determined by the Governor in Council as on from and after the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.—(*Mr. Allan.*)

Question—That clause 13 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Allan	Mr. Mackrell
Mr. Allison	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Angus	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Morley
Mr. Baird	Mr. Old
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Oman
Mr. Beardmore	Sir Alexander Peacock
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Deany	Mr. West
Mr. Downward	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Eggleston	
Mr. Greenwood	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Pennington

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Lemmon
Mr. Jewell	Mr. Webber
Mr. Keane	

No. 3.—Clause 16.

In sub-section (3) of section six of the *Motor Car Act* 1915 for the words "A fee of Two shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted the words "A fee of Five shillings."—(*Mr. Allan.*)
Amendment proposed—That before the words "A fee of Five shillings" the words "Where the applicant for a driver's licence is the owner of the car" be inserted.—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Bailey	Mr. McAdam
Mr. Bond	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Brownbill	(<i>Daylesford</i>)
Mr. Cain	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Clough	Mr. Prendergast
Mr. Cook	Mr. Slater
Mr. Cotter	Mr. Solly
Mr. Frost	Mr. Tunnecliffe
Mr. Hayes	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Hjorth	Mr. Warde
Mr. Hogan	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Jewell
Mr. Keane	Mr. Webber
Mr. Lemmon	

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Allan	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Allison	(<i>Polwarth</i>)
Mr. Angus	Mr. Morley
Dr. Argyle	Mr. Old
Mr. Baird	Mr. Oman
Mr. Barnes	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Beardmore	Mr. Pennington
Colonel Bouchier	Mr. Snowball
Mr. Carlisle	Mr. Toutcher
Mr. Deany	Mr. Weaver
Mr. Downward	Mr. West
Mr. Eggleston	Mr. Wettenhall
Mr. Everard	
Mr. Farthing	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood	Mr. Groves
Mr. Lind	Mr. Lawson
Mr. Mackrell	

1924.

VICTORIA.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

JOINT SITTING

OF THE

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT OF THE STATE OF VICTORIA

TO CHOOSE A PERSON

TO

HOLD THE PLACE IN THE SENATE

RENDERED VACANT BY THE

DEATH OF SENATOR STEPHEN BARKER.

Held in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.

By Authority:

H. J. GREEN, GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MELBOURNE.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

JOINT SITTING

HELD IN THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.

TUESDAY, 22ND JULY, 1924.

The Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly having, pursuant to resolution, assembled in the Legislative Assembly Chamber:—

1. **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.**—The Honorable John Bowser, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, rose and moved—"That the Honorable Francis Grenville Clarke, President of the Legislative Council, be appointed President of this Joint Sitting," which motion, being seconded by the Honorable J. Sternberg, M.L.C., was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable F. G. Clarke, having expressed his acknowledgments for the honour which had been conferred upon him, then took the Chair.

2. **RULES OF PROCEDURE.**—The Attorney-General, the Honorable W. Slater, M.L.A., submitted rules of procedure for the consideration of honorable members as follows:—

1. On any debate arising the same shall be conducted according to parliamentary usage.
2. A Member, addressing himself to the President, shall propose a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Stephen Barker, and such proposition shall be duly seconded. When any person is so proposed his proposer shall state to the Members present that such person is willing to hold the vacant place if chosen.
3. If only one person be proposed and seconded the President shall declare—"That has been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Stephen Barker."
4. If more than one person be proposed and seconded the person to hold the vacant place shall, subject to the following rules, be chosen by ballot.
5. Before giving directions to proceed with the ballot, the President shall ask if any Member desires to propose any other person to hold the vacant place, and, no other person being proposed, the ballot shall be proceeded with, after which no person shall be proposed.
6. Each Member present shall be provided with a ballot-paper certified by the Clerks of the two Houses, and shall write thereon the name of one of the persons duly proposed, and shall place his ballot-paper in the ballot-box.
7. If two or more persons be proposed and seconded the proposer of each of such persons shall name some Member present to be a scrutineer. The scrutineers, with the Clerks of the two Houses, shall retire and ascertain the number of votes for each person; and the scrutineers shall make a written report of the result to the President.
8. No informal vote shall be taken into account.
9. If on the first ballot no person shall have received an absolute majority of the votes polled a second ballot shall be taken, and the name of the person who shall have received the fewest votes at the first ballot shall be excluded; but if at the first ballot the names of only two persons be submitted, and the number of votes for such persons be equal, the scrutineers shall by drawing lots determine which of such persons shall be chosen to hold the vacant place, and the person whose name shall be first drawn shall be deemed to have been duly chosen.
10. Until one of the persons proposed obtains an absolute majority of the votes polled, or (as the case may be) is chosen by lot to hold the vacant place, successive ballots shall be taken, and at each such ballot the name of the person who shall have the fewest votes at the preceding ballot shall be excluded.
11. If on any ballot it shall be necessary to decide between two or more persons as to which one is to be excluded from a subsequent ballot through the number of votes for such persons being equal, a special ballot shall be taken at which the names of only those persons shall be submitted, and the name of the person having the fewest votes at such special ballot shall be excluded; but if on any special ballot it shall be necessary to decide between two or more persons as to which one is to be excluded from a subsequent ballot through the number of votes for such persons being equal, the scrutineers by drawing lots shall determine which one of such persons shall be excluded, and the name of the person last drawn shall be excluded.

12. If at any ballot, other than the first ballot or a special ballot hereinbefore provided for, the names of only two persons be submitted, and the number of votes for such persons be equal, the scrutineers shall, by drawing lots, determine which of those persons shall be chosen to hold the vacant place, and the person whose nameshall be first drawn shall be deemed to have been duly chosen.

13. As soon as any person obtains an absolute majority of the votes polled, or (as the case may be) is chosen by lot to hold the vacant place, the President shall declare—"That has been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Stephen Barker."

14. The President shall in all cases be entitled to a vote.

15. The records of the proceedings and the ballot-papers shall be retained by the Clerk of the Parliaments of the State of Victoria, who shall be the custodian thereof, and shall keep the ballot-papers safely for one year, and thereafter destroy them.

Rules 1 to 15 inclusive put seriatim, and agreed to.

- 3. PERSONS PROPOSED TO HOLD THE VACANT PLACE IN THE SENATE.**—The President announced that, the rules having been adopted, he was now prepared to receive proposals from any honorable member with regard to a person to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Stephen Barker.

The Premier, the Honorable G. M. Prendergast, M.L.A., proposed Joseph Francis Hannan, Esquire, as the person to hold the vacant place, and stated that such person was willing to hold the vacant place, if chosen, and named the Honorable G. C. Webber, M.L.A., to be a scrutineer, which proposal was seconded by the Honorable J. P. Jones, M.L.C.

The Honorable J. Allan, M.L.A., proposed Andrew William Henry White, Esquire, as the person to hold the vacant place, and stated that such person was willing to hold the vacant place, if chosen, and named Colonel M. W. J. Bouchier, M.L.A., to be a scrutineer, which proposal was seconded by the Honorable A. Downward, M.L.A.

The Honorable M. Baird, M.L.A., proposed ex-Senator Lieutenant-Colonel William Kinsey Bolton as the person to hold the vacant place, and stated that such person was willing to hold the vacant place, if chosen, and named O. R. Snowball, Esquire, M.L.A., to be a scrutineer, which proposal was seconded by O. R. Snowball, Esquire, M.L.A.

The Honorable J. Gordon, M.L.A., proposed ex-Senator William Plain as the person to hold the vacant place, and stated that such person was willing to hold the vacant place, if chosen, and named the Honorable A. E. Chandler, M.L.C., to be a scrutineer, which proposal was seconded by the Honorable M. McGregor, M.L.C.

The Honorable D. S. Oman, M.L.A., proposed the Honorable Hugh McKenzie as the person to hold the vacant place, and stated that such person was willing to hold the vacant place, if chosen, and named the Honorable Dr. S. S. Argyle, M.L.A., to be a scrutineer, which proposal was seconded by the Honorable H. Beardmore, M.L.A.

The Honorable R. Williams, M.L.C., and the Honorable H. S. W. Lawson, M.L.A., addressed honorable members.

- 4. BALLOTS.**—The President having asked if any Member desired to propose any other person to hold the vacant place, and no other person being proposed, the President declared that the period for proposing persons had closed, and directed the ballots to be proceeded with, the names of the persons proposed, in the order in which they were proposed, being :—

HANNAN, J. F.
WHITE, A. W. H.
BOLTON, W. K.
PLAIN, W.
McKENZIE, H.

Ballot-papers duly certified by the Clerks of the two Houses were issued to honorable members before each ballot, and such ballot-papers when filled in were deposited in the ballot-box.

At the conclusion of each ballot the scrutineers, with the Clerks of the two Houses, made a scrutiny of the number of votes received by each person, and the written report of the scrutineers was handed to the President.

- 5. RESULT OF BALLOTS.**—The result of each ballot, as reported by the scrutineers, and the declaration of the President thereon, were as follows :—

First Ballot.—The Scrutineers reported that, at the first ballot, 89 votes were recorded by the honorable members present, and that the result of the ballot was as follows :—

No person obtained an absolute majority of the votes polled.

Mr. Bolton obtained the fewest votes.

The President thereupon declared Mr. Bolton's name excluded from the second ballot.

Second Ballot.—The Scrutineers reported that, at the second ballot, 89 votes were recorded by the honorable members present, and that the result of the ballot was as follows :—

No person obtained an absolute majority of the votes polled.

Mr. McKenzie obtained the fewest votes.

The President thereupon declared Mr. McKenzie's name excluded from the third ballot.

Third Ballot.—The Scrutineers reported that, at the third ballot, 89 votes were recorded by the honorable members present, and that the result of the ballot was as follows :—

No person obtained an absolute majority of the votes polled.

Mr. White obtained the fewest votes.

The President thereupon declared Mr. White's name excluded from the fourth ballot.

Fourth Ballot.—The Scrutineers reported that, at the fourth ballot, 89 votes were recorded by the honorable members present, and that the result of the ballot was as follows :—

Mr. Joseph Francis Hannan obtained an absolute majority of the votes polled.

The President thereupon declared that Joseph Francis Hannan, Esquire, having obtained an absolute majority of the votes polled, had been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Stephen Barker.

6. NOTIFICATION TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Premier, the Honorable G. M. Prendergast, M.L.A., moved, That the President be requested to inform His Excellency the Governor that Joseph Francis Hannan, Esquire, has been chosen to hold the place in the Senate rendered vacant by the death of Senator Stephen Barker.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT.—The Premier, the Honorable G. M. Prendergast, M.L.A., moved a vote of thanks to the President, which motion was seconded by the Honorable H. F. Richardson, M.L.C., and carried unanimously.

The President having returned thanks, declared the Joint Sitting closed.

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

W. R. ALEXANDER,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

