



VICTORIA NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SESSION 1879-80

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH JULY 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. ORR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when he intends to call for tenders for the erection of a Court House at Shepparton.
2. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if any sum of money has been paid by the Government to the Alma Consols Gold Mining Company, or to the Alma Consols Extended Gold Mining Company, or to any person on behalf of either company; and if so, how much, and for what.
3. MR. BOWMAN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he has taken any action relative to the question asked by him (Mr. Bowman) last session as to the amount of unclaimed moneys in the hands of the various banks.
4. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when he proposes to carry out the recommendation of the Committee of the House *in re* compensation to the Alma Consols Company.
5. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will permit employées of the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway to travel to and from their employment without charge.
6. MR. GILLIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands when he intends to procure the repeal of the duty on the exportation of the timber known as red-gum, imposed by the Duties of Customs Act 1877.
7. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether he intends to initiate any prosecution in respect of a breach of the law regarding Sunday observance committed by the Honorable the Minister of Railways.
8. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what steps have been taken to produce *Hansard* each morning, after the night's meeting of the Assembly.
9. MR. ORR : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he will be in a position to call for tenders for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Shepparton.
10. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he is aware of the dangerous state of the Point Nepean road within the boundary of the shire of Caulfield; and if so, will he take steps to have it repaired and made suitable for public traffic.
11. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether, in future, in the case of unsuccessful applicants under the Land Act, he will return the one pound application fee.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MACBAIN : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the contract entered into between the Government and the Associated Banks for the floating of the last loan, and of all correspondence connected with the same.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BERRY : To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, in each week, during the present Session, be the days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business, and that four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day, and that no fresh business (except the postponement of business on the paper) be called on after eleven o'clock, p.m.
2. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
3. MR. CARTER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the respective names, occupations, and salaries of all persons discharged from employment in the several Government departments between the 1st of July 1877 and the 1st of July 1879; and the name, occupation, and salary of every person appointed or re-appointed to any situation in the Government service, whether permanent or temporary, during the same period.
4. MR. BERRY : To move, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, in each week, during the present Session, the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business, except that on Wednesday, Private Bills, Notices of Motion relating to Bills, and Orders of the Day, and Notices of Motion other than Government business, shall have precedence from half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.
5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulations restraining lessees in dealing with their leases should be repealed.
6. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to unite the Legal Professions.

7. MR. BERRY : To move, That the following Members form the Select Committee of the Assembly on Standing Orders during the present Session, five to form a quorum :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Casey, Mr. Lalor, Mr. B. G. Davies, Mr. Munro, Mr. Service, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mirams, Sir John O'Shanassy, Sir B. O'Loughlen, Mr. Gillies, and Mr. Berry.
8. MR. DIXON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
- (1.) The estimate made by the Department of the value of property required to be taken for railway construction, on the Gippsland Line between South Yarra and Oakleigh, with the name of the officer who made the estimate.
 - (2.) The amount already paid for such purpose, with an estimate of the amount to be paid for claims unsatisfied.
 - (3.) Names of each property owner and leaseholder.
 - (4.) The quantity of land taken in each case, and, if improved, the nature of such improvement and buildings.
 - (5.) The names of those from whom more land was taken than that required for railway purposes.
 - (6.) The estimated value of land so taken.
 - (7.) The amount of compensation first claimed in each case.
 - (8.) The amount of compensation first offered by the Government valuer.
 - (9.) The amount finally paid by the Crown in each case settled.
 - (10.) The number of claims now unsettled, and the amount of such claim in each case.
 - (11.) Claims, how settled ; whether by mutual agreement, arbitration, or appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (12.) The cost incurred by the Crown in each case of arbitration, or on appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (13.) The names of the arbitrator and referee appointed by the Crown in each case of arbitration.
9. MR. MUNRO : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act Amendment Act 1876.*"
10. MR. BERRY : To move, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. B. G. Davies, Mr. O'Hea, and Mr. Tucker.
11. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing :—
- (1.) How many pupil teachers there are employed in the State schools.
 - (2.) How many of them have passed through their course.
 - (3.) How many mature their course annually, and
 - (4.) How many teachers the State schools absorb annually.
12. MR. BERRY : To move, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Woods, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Langridge, and Mr. MacBain.
13. MR. BENT : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the Conservation of Public Health.
14. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
15. MR. BERRY : To move, That the following Members form the Printing Committee of the Assembly during the present Session, three to form a quorum :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Cope, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Bent, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Fincham, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Sharpe, and Mr. Lyell.
16. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
17. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
18. MR. BERRY : To move, That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Dixon, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Brophy, Mr. L. L. Smith, and Mr. Hunt.
19. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Banks and Currency Statute 1864.*"
20. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of traffic on the branch line to and from Inglewood and Sandhurst, since its opening, to the end of June 1879, separating the goods from the passenger traffic, and showing the profit or loss during that period.
21. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Common Law Procedure Statute 1865.

THURSDAY, 10TH JULY.

Question.

1. MR. STORY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if the Government will take the necessary steps to cause a number of quarry holes in the northern portion of the city of Melbourne, now partly filled with mud, to be filled up with earth, so that the land can be sold for building purposes.

TUESDAY, 15TH JULY.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH JULY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled " *The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
3. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COOPER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

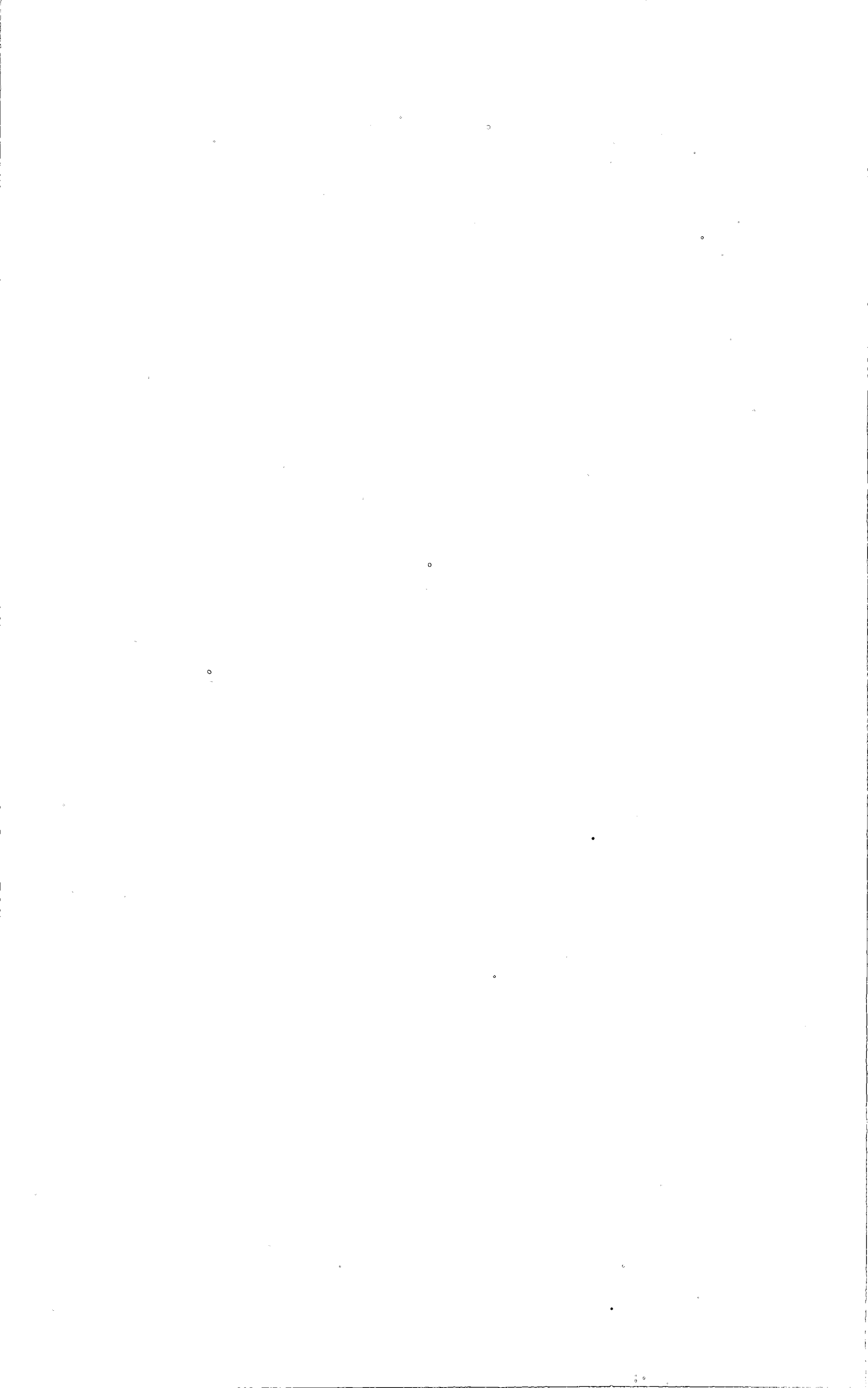
C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 9TH JULY 1879.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 1.
Return of Members of the Legislative Council 8th July 1879, at the opening of the 27th Session of Parliament.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[1]

Pilot Board—Accounts of, for the year ending 31st August 1878. No. 1.
Neglected and Criminal Children's Acts—Regulations—Orders in Council. No. 2,
Reports of the Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Quarter ended 31st December 1878. No. 3.
Statistics of Friendly Societies for the year 1877 ; with Introductory Report. No. 4.
Mineral Statistics of Victoria for the year 1878. No. 5.
Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery—Report of the Trustees, &c., for 1878. No. 7.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 15TH JULY 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. BOSISTO : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if the gardeners who have been employed for a number of years in the public parks and gardens are entitled, on arriving at the age of 60, to a pension, and if their services are dispensed with are they entitled to compensation ; if not, can the Honorable the Minister see his way to grant them such privilege in the new Civil Service Bill.
2. MR. LANGRIDGE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether it is the intention of the Government to continue the North-Eastern line at once from Wodonga to the Murray, with a view to a junction with the line into Riverina and to Sydney.
3. MR. STORY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if the Government will take the necessary steps to cause a number of quarry holes in the northern portion of the city of Melbourne, now partly filled with mud, to be filled up with earth, so that the land can be sold for building purposes.
4. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he expects that the contract will be signed for the construction of the Goulburn Valley Railway from Murchison to Shepparton ; and if he will arrange to have that part of the line completed within six months from the date of signing the contract.
5. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he will state the grounds on which Mayors, Presidents of Shire Councils, and Chairmen of Mining Boards have been withdrawn from the local Land Boards.
6. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if the Government will place a sum on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on what is known as Black Wednesday, and afterwards re-appointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
7. MR. D. M. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he is aware that land agents still carry on their business in his Department, and continue to extort money from selectors for services which either are, or ought to be unnecessary ; if so, will he take some further steps to put a stop to a practice so objectionable.
8. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if any sum of money has been paid by the Government to the Alma Consols Gold Mining Company, or to the Alma Consols Extended Gold Mining Company, or to any person on behalf of either company ; and if so, how much, and for what.
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Government Business.

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5. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Mining Statute 1865.*"
6. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the care, management, and control of State forests.
7. MR. PATTERSON : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Local Government Act 1874.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be considered in Committee.

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General Business.**NOTICES OF MOTION:—**

1. **MR. COOPER :** To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
2. **MR. LAURENS :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
3. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow; resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
4. **MR. GAUNSON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
5. **MR. BROPHY :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
6. **MR. CARTER :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the respective names, occupations, and salaries of all persons discharged from employment in the several Government departments between the 1st of July 1877 and the 1st of July 1879; and the name, occupation; and salary of every person appointed or re-appointed to any situation in the Government service, whether permanent or temporary, during the same period.
7. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. **MR. DIXON :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The estimate made by the Department of the value of property required to be taken for railway construction on the Gippsland Line between South Yarra and Oakleigh, with the name of the officer who made the estimate.
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15. **MR. DWYER :** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Common Law Procedure Statute 1865.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **LAND ACT REGULATIONS.—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—***The question is, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulations restraining lessees in dealing with their leases should be repealed.*

WEDNESDAY, 16TH JULY.

Question.

1. MR. ZOZ : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the erection of additional school accommodation in the district of Carlton.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Practice and Procedure, and to facilitate the Proceedings of the Supreme Court.
2. MR. BENT : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to limit the number of persons holding Offices under the Crown who may sit and vote in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Victoria.*"
3. MR. MUNRO : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act Amendment Act 1876.*"

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
3. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
4. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; three to form a quorum ; and to have power to call for persons and papers.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. McINTYRE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending the law relating to Customs.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COOPER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.

3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employes on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employes would in no way suffer by the said purchase.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 10TH JULY.

- Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly No. 1.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[2]
 Post Office and Telegraph Department—Report, &c., for the year 1878. No. 6.
 Shipping Returns—A General Summary, &c., for the year 1878. No. 8.
 H.R.H. the Princess Alice—Despatch announcing the Death of, &c. No. 10.
 Chief Medical Officer—Report on the Sanatory Station for the year 1878. No. 11.
 Report of the Chief Inspector of Mines for the year 1878. No. 12.
 Report of the Inspectors of Explosives for the year 1878. No. 13.
 Health Officer—Report for the year 1878. No. 14.
 Statistical Register for 1878. Part I.—Blue Book. No. 15.
 Reports of the Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Quarter ended 31st March 1879. No. 16.
 Statistical Register for 1878. Part II.—Population. No. 17.
 Post Office Savings Bank—Statement of Accounts, &c., for the year 1878. No. 18.
 Chief Medical Officer—Return of Diseases and Deaths, &c., for the year 1878. No. 19.
 H.R.H. Princess Alice—Despatch acknowledging the receipt of a Despatch respecting the Death of. No. 20.
 Paris Universal Exhibition 1878—Despatch, &c. No. 21.
 Neglected and Criminal Children's Act 1864—Regulations—Order in Council. No. 23.
 Statistical Register for 1878. Part III.—Finance, &c. No. 24.
 Additional Polling-places for Mining Districts—Orders in Council. No. 27.
 Authorizing, &c., Mining Operations within the Area of the Public Reservoir at Spring Gully, near Castlemaine—Order in Council. No. 28.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH JULY 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the erection of additional school accommodation in the district of Carlton.
2. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when he proposes to lay before Parliament the entire correspondence between the local and Imperial Government on the subject of the amendment of the Constitution Act.
3. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is his intention to introduce this Session a Bill to further continue the Act 383 in full force and effect until the end of the next Session of the next Parliament.
4. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what is the amount now available out of the last loan for the construction of new lines of railway.
5. MR. HUNT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he intends making any provision for compensating, or re-instating, the dismissed unclassified school teachers.
6. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he proposes to introduce a Bill for the construction of new lines of railway.
7. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he will place a sum of money on the Estimates for the purpose of purchasing water-boring machines, so as to test those parts of the colony which are in want of water.
8. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will modify the parcel rates to Eaglehawk.
9. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if the following extract from a speech made by him at the Conference of Reform Leagues, on the 3rd instant, and which appeared in the *Bendigo Advertiser* newspaper of the 4th instant, is a correct report of the speech referred to, namely :—"I hope that no proposal tending to dissension will be introduced. I am aware that the "Church of England ministers are, to a man, against the present system of education; the Presbyterian clergy are almost to a man, against it.—(No.) There are not five in favor of it; they "are doing all they can to injure it, although they are held in check by their lay members; the "Roman Catholic priests have some influence with their people; we have some of the Roman "Catholics who vote with us, but the majority are against us—this is one reason why we want no "discord at the present moment. The priesthood are all leagued with the property of the country. "They are not teachers of the Gospel at all; but our holy religion is dragged through the mire. "They write against the party in power in the columns of the press, simply because we have our "hands on the throats of the propertied classes. I believe that they are public enemies, and should "be treated as public enemies. I hope there will be no discord here on this point."
More particularly that portion of the extract in which he is reported to have said that the clergy are "public enemies, and should be treated as public enemies," "because the Ministry have their hands on the throats of the propertied classes."
10. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if it is within his knowledge that any Member or Members of this Chamber act as land agents, and receive for such agency remuneration directly or indirectly for services rendered to their constituents or others.
11. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when he intends to call for tenders for the completion of the Horsham State school.
12. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if, in view of the statements made in the public press to the effect that the expenditure in connexion with the Exhibition will amount to about £300,000, he will urge upon the Exhibition Commissioners the necessity for exercising the utmost possible economy; and point out to them that, in the present depressed state of the public finances, they must not look to Parliament for any monetary aid beyond the sum already voted for Exhibition purposes.
13. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government intend to take any steps to carry out the recommendation of the Board appointed to enquire into Mr Fieldhouse's claim.

General Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Practice and Procedure, and to facilitate the Proceedings of the Supreme Court.
2. MR. BENT : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to limit the number of persons holding Offices under the Crown who may sit and vote in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Victoria.*"
3. MR. MUNRO : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act Amendment Act 1876.*"
4. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act 25 Vict. No. 128.
5. MR. BENT : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the Conservation of Public Health.
6. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Banks and Currency Statute 1864.*"
7. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Common Law Procedure Statute 1865.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.
2. LAND ACT REGULATIONS.—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulations restraining lessees in dealing with their leases should be repealed.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
3. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
4. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
6. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of applications for the transfer of leases under the 20th section of "*The Land Act 1869,*" refused by the Minister of Lands and the reason for the refusal.
7. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
8. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return giving the following particulars relating to each Royal Commission, or Board of Enquiry, appointed since 1st July 1877:—
 - (1.) The date of its appointment.
 - (2.) The object for which it was appointed.
 - (3.) The total cost in connection with it, classified as follows:—
 - (a.) Amount paid or due for transit expenses.
 - (b.) Amount paid or due for reporting and printing, including proportion of salaries.
 - (c.) Amount paid or due for hotel or refreshment expenses.
 - (d.) Amount paid or due to witnesses.
 - (e.) Amount paid or due for incidental and all other expenses.
 - (4.) The total cost of all Commissions and Boards appointed since 1st July 1877.
 - (5.) The same information respecting Select Committees of the Assembly, appointed during the present Parliament, which have obtained leave to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not sit.
9. MR. GILLIES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing:—
 - (1.) The net proceeds of the loan received under "*The Railway Loan Act 1878.*"
 - (2.) The sums placed to the credit of the several items respectively under the Second Schedule.
 - (3.) The amount advanced under the provisions of section eleven of the above Act.
 - (4.) The total amount now available for the construction of railways not yet authorised by Parliament.
10. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
11. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
12. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
13. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.

14. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
15. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
16. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
- (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
17. MR. DIXON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
- (1.) The estimate made by the Department of the value of property required to be taken for railway construction on the Gippsland Line between South Yarra and Oakleigh, with the name of the officer who made the estimate.
 - (2.) The amount already paid for such purpose, with an estimate of the amount to be paid for claims unsatisfied.
 - (3.) Names of each property owner and leaseholder.
 - (4.) The quantity of land taken in each case, and, if improved, the nature of such improvement and buildings.
 - (5.) The names of those from whom more land was taken than that required for railway purposes.
 - (6.) The estimated value of land so taken.
 - (7.) The amount of compensation first claimed in each case.
 - (8.) The amount of compensation first offered by the Government valuer.
 - (9.) The amount finally paid by the Crown in each case settled.
 - (10.) The number of claims now unsettled, and the amount of such claim in each case.
 - (11.) Claims, how settled; whether by mutual agreement, arbitration, or appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (12.) The cost incurred by the Crown in each case of arbitration, or on appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (13.) The names of the arbitrator and referee appointed by the Crown in each case of arbitration.
18. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
19. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
20. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
21. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of traffic on the branch line to and from Inglewood and Sandhurst, since its opening, to the end of June 1879, separating the goods from the passenger traffic, and showing the profit or loss during that period.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. DIXON : To move, That there be laid before this House the two petitions recently presented to the Governor in Council by ratepayers who then resided in that portion of the borough of St. Kilda known as the West Beach, praying that they may be severed from the borough of St. Kilda and annexed to the town of Emerald Hill.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil; and what the most favorable situation; yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WOODS : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a line of Railway from Toolamba to Tatura.
2. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Mining Statute 1865.*"
3. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the care, management, and control of State forests.
4. MR. PATTERSON : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Local Government Act 1874.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.
2. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.
3. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 17TH JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is his intention to introduce an Amended Mining Accident Bill during the present Session, and if so, will provision be made to the eight hours' clause for engine drivers.
2. DR. MADDEN: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will order that, instead of working between nine and ten hours per day as at present, the workmen on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway shall work but eight hours per day, as is the practice on all other Government railways.
3. MR. ZOx: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether it is his intention, during the present Session, to take any action with the view of the removal of the Melbourne Gaol.
4. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is his intention to erect railway workshops in the large centres of population on the Victorian railways, besides Williamstown and Melbourne.

TUESDAY, 22ND JULY.

Question.

1. MR. CASEY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he intends, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill to deal with the sale and disposal of Crown lands.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. TYTHERLEIGH: To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the expenses in regard to the Land Tax Commission, the salaries of officers, and what the nett result of the Land Tax has been to the Treasury up to the 30th June; also, the amount of costs given against the Government in each case, specifying the cases.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY.

General Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL:—

1. MR. McINTYRE: To move for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending the law relating to Customs.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COOPER: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

1. MR. BELL: To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN: To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 10TH JULY.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No 1.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 2.
Numbering of Certain Acts Alteration Bill.—[13]

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 2.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[3]
University of Melbourne—Report, &c. No. 22.
Statistical Register for 1878. Part IV.—Vital Statistics, &c. No. 25.
Products Exported—Value of. No. 29.
Products Exported—Value of. No. 30.
Private and Press Messages—Order in Council. No. 32.
Post Office Savings Banks—Order in Council. No. 34.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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5. MR. GAVAN DUFFY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is intended to bring the road from Trentham railway station *viâ* Newberry or *viâ* Alma reef.
6. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will take steps to reduce the great amount of time occupied by passenger trains, in running from Ballarat to Castlemaine, and from Castlemaine to Ballarat.
7. MR. BLACKETT: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, during this Session, he will introduce a Bill for the prevention of the adulteration of food.
8. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will inform this House the amount of the fee paid to Mr. Charles A. Smyth, the Crown prosecutor for conducting the Monk enquiry; and if he proposes to print for circulation all the papers and evidence in his possession regarding the inquiry held at Mansfield.
9. SIR J. O'SHANASSY: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what is the amount now available out of the last loan for the construction of new lines of railway.
10. MR. MCINTYRE: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, in view of the statements made in the public press to the effect that the expenditure in connexion with the Exhibition will amount to about £300,000, he will urge upon the Exhibition Commissioners the necessity for exercising the utmost possible economy; and point out to them that, in the present depressed state of the public finances, they must not look to Parliament for any monetary aid beyond the sum already voted for Exhibition purposes.
11. MR. A. K. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to compensate Mr. Elliston for the great loss he has sustained in being arrested and arraigned at Bow street Police Office, and sent out to this colony for examination in connection with the Avoca gold robbery.
12. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will endeavor, by Act of Parliament or otherwise, to apply his whipping regulations of 6th May 1879, now so effectively in force with regard to neglected and criminal children to those Melbourne Police Court class of criminals known as larrikins.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MUNRO: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing:—
 - (1.) The names of all the men employed in the parks and gardens in and around Melbourne since 1873, and the date on which each was first engaged.
 - (2.) The wages or salaries paid to each.
 - (3.) The names of all the men now employed as above.
 - (4.) The wages or salaries paid to each at present.
2. MR. DIXON: To move, That there be laid before this House the two petitions recently presented to the Governor in Council by ratepayers who then resided in that portion of the borough of St. Kilda known as the West Beach, praying that they may be severed from the borough of St. Kilda and annexed to the town of Emerald Hill.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WOODS: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to resume and apply to railway purposes certain lands in the city of Melbourne.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOOLAMBA TO TATURA RAILWAY BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
3. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES.—Resolution to be reported.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.

2. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
3. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
4. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND ACT REGULATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulations restraining lessees in dealing with their leases should be repealed, to which an amendment has been moved to omit all the words after "regulations" inclusive, with a view to insert instead thereof "following regulations under the *The Land Act 1869*, dated 1st April, 1879, viz. :—" Chap. VII. Transfer or Mortgage of Leaseholds"—Regulations Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 should be repealed."

TUESDAY, 22ND JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he intends, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill to deal with the sale and disposal of Crown lands.
2. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if the Railway Department will consent to reduce the price of water supplied to the Wangaratta Borough Council from tenpence per thousand gallons to sevenpence per thousand gallons, the latter sum being the price charged by the Railway Department to the Echuca Borough Council.

3. MR. BELL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he intends to reduce the fee for mining leases ; and, if so, when.
4. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if the telegrams in connection with the embassy business (sent and received by the Government) were paid for out of the £5,000 voted for defraying the expenses of three Commissioners to England ; and, if not, out of what vote were they paid ; also, what was the total sum expended upon such telegrams.
5. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Commissioners of Audit sanctioned the following expenditure :—“ The amount paid for cutting down the *Nelson*, and expenses in docking, &c., and charged to the Vote for Defences is as follows, viz. :—

“ 1877-8	£ 7,989
1878-9	12,992
	£20,981 ”

in terms of the Vote for Defence Works for the financial years 1877-8 and 1878-9, “ towards the erection of forts in Port Phillip Bay, and providing armament in accordance with the recommendation of Sir Wm. Jervois.”

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the expenses in regard to the Land Tax Commission, the salaries of officers, and what the nett result of the Land Tax has been to the Treasury up to the 30th June ; also, the amount of costs given against the Government in each case, specifying the cases.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend “ *The Mining Statute 1865.*”

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SHARPE : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize mining on private property.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY.

1. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government intend to take any steps to carry out the recommendation of the Board appointed to enquire into Mr. Fieldhouse's claim.

General Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending the law relating to Customs.
2. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Common Law Procedure Statute 1865.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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General Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the items of divisions 67, 70, and 71, which were not furnished in the Estimates distributed in the House on the evening of July 15, 1879, shall be forthwith furnished, and until they are furnished, no expenditure shall take place in respect thereof.
6. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should introduce a Bill to continue the Act No. 383.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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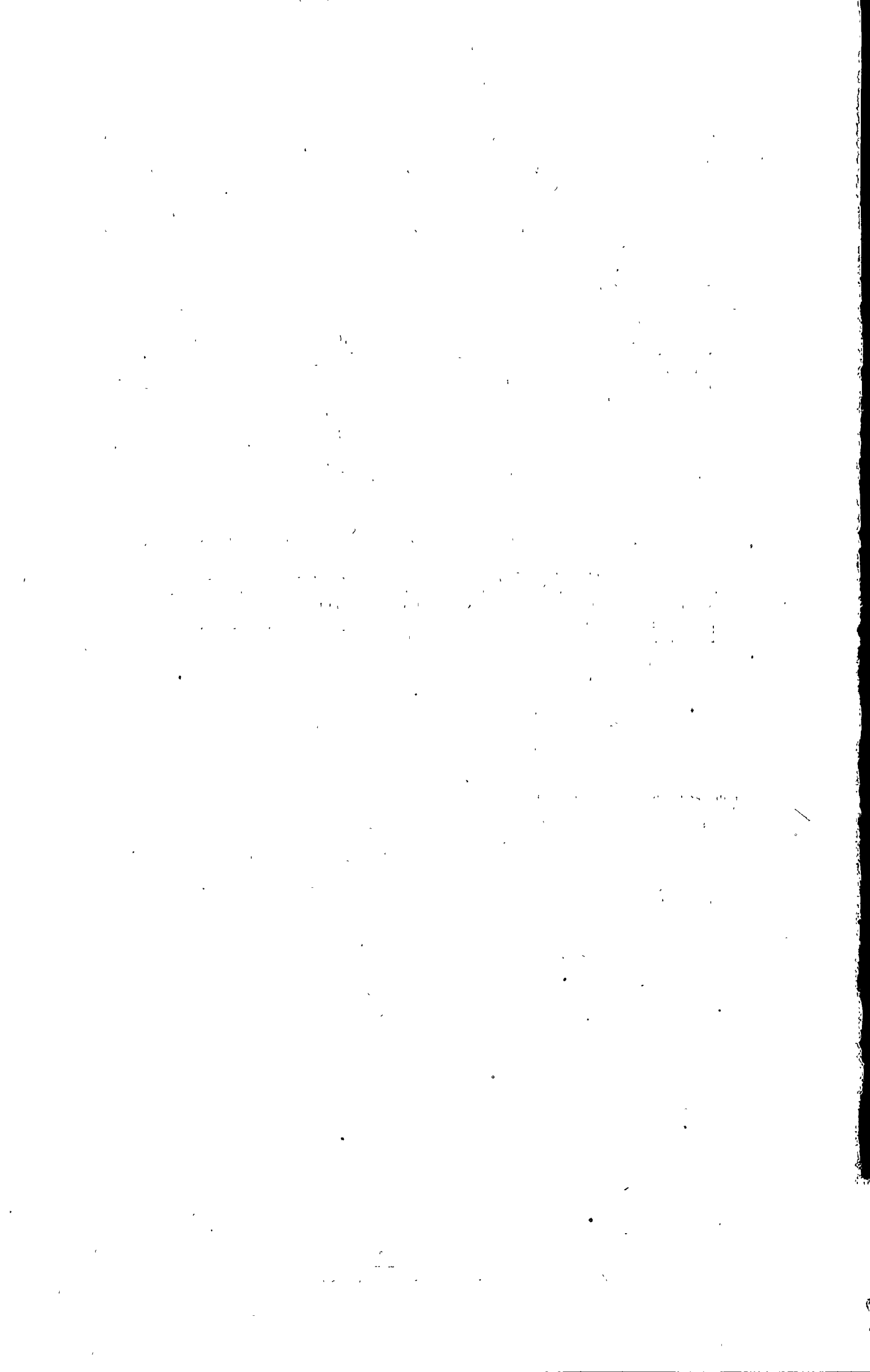
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 22ND JULY 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he intends, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill to deal with the sale and disposal of Crown lands.
2. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if the Railway Department will consent to reduce the price of water supplied to the Wangaratta Borough Council from tenpence per thousand gallons to sevenpence per thousand gallons, the latter sum being the price charged by the Railway Department to the Echuca Borough Council.
3. MR. BELL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he intends to reduce the fee for mining leases ; and, if so, when.
4. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if the telegrams in connection with the embassy business (sent and received by the Government) were paid for out of the £5,000 voted for defraying the expenses of three Commissioners to England ; and, if not, out of what vote were they paid ; also, what was the total sum expended upon such telegrams.
5. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Commissioners of Audit sanctioned the following expenditure :—“ The amount paid for cutting down the *Nelson*, and expenses in docking, &c., and charged to the Vote for Defences is as follows, viz. :—

“ 1877-8	£ 7,989
“ 1878-9	12,992
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6. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will take steps to reduce the great amount of time occupied by passenger trains in running from Ballarat to Castlemaine, and from Castlemaine to Ballarat.
7. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, in view of the statements made in the public press to the effect that the expenditure in connexion with the Exhibition will amount to about £300,000, he will urge upon the Exhibition Commissioners the necessity for exercising the utmost possible economy ; and point out to them that, in the present depressed state of the public finances, they must not look to Parliament for any monetary aid beyond the sum already voted for Exhibition purposes.
8. MR. A. K. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to compensate Mr. Elliston for the great loss he has sustained in being arrested and arraigned at Bow street Police Office, and sent out to this colony for examination in connection with the Avoca gold robbery.
9. MR. LANGRIDGE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if the Board that he agreed to appoint to enquire into the treatment that Mr. Thomas Tozer received from Mr. Ford, one of the railway engineers, during the execution of a contract for semaphores for the Railway department has met ; and if not, will he have the case fairly investigated.
10. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when traffic across the Sandridge Railway, in the line of the proclaimed extension of Clarendon street, will be opened.
11. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what are the arrangements for removal now being carried out with respect to the inmates of Industrial and Reformatory Schools, and whether these arrangements will facilitate the boarding out and licensing system.
12. MR. BOSISTO : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether it is the intention of the Government to take any steps with reference to a recent decision of the Supreme Court, in the matter of “ *The Transfer of Land Statute Amendment Act, No. 610,*” and the case of a Mr. Biessell.
13. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is his intention, during the present Session, to introduce a measure for the better management of the Public Charities.
14. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when the route to be taken by the Government road to be made from Blackwood to the Trentham railway station will be definitely fixed.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the expenses in regard to the Land Tax Commission, the salaries of officers, and what the nett result of the Land Tax has been to the Treasury up to the 30th June ; also, the amount of costs given against the Government in each case, specifying the cases.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to explain, alter, and amend the Constitution Act, and to provide a mode of settling differences between the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.
2. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend “ *The Mining Statute 1865.*”
3. MR. WOODS : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to resume and apply to railway purposes certain lands in the city of Melbourne.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES.—Resolution to be reported.
2. TOOLAMBA TO TATURA RAILWAY BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE DURING 1879-80.—To be considered in Committee.
4. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES (2)—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
6. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SHARPE : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize mining on private property.
2. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
3. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
4. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
5. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
6. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
7. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
8. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of applications for the transfer of leases under the 20th section of " *The Land Act 1869,*" refused by the Minister of Lands and the reason for the refusal.
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15. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY.

Questions.

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Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

Private Bill.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending the law relating to Customs.
2. **MR. DWYER** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Common Law Procedure Statute 1865.

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Government Business.

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1. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

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General.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 22nd July.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at three o'clock.

LIBRARY—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH JULY.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 3.

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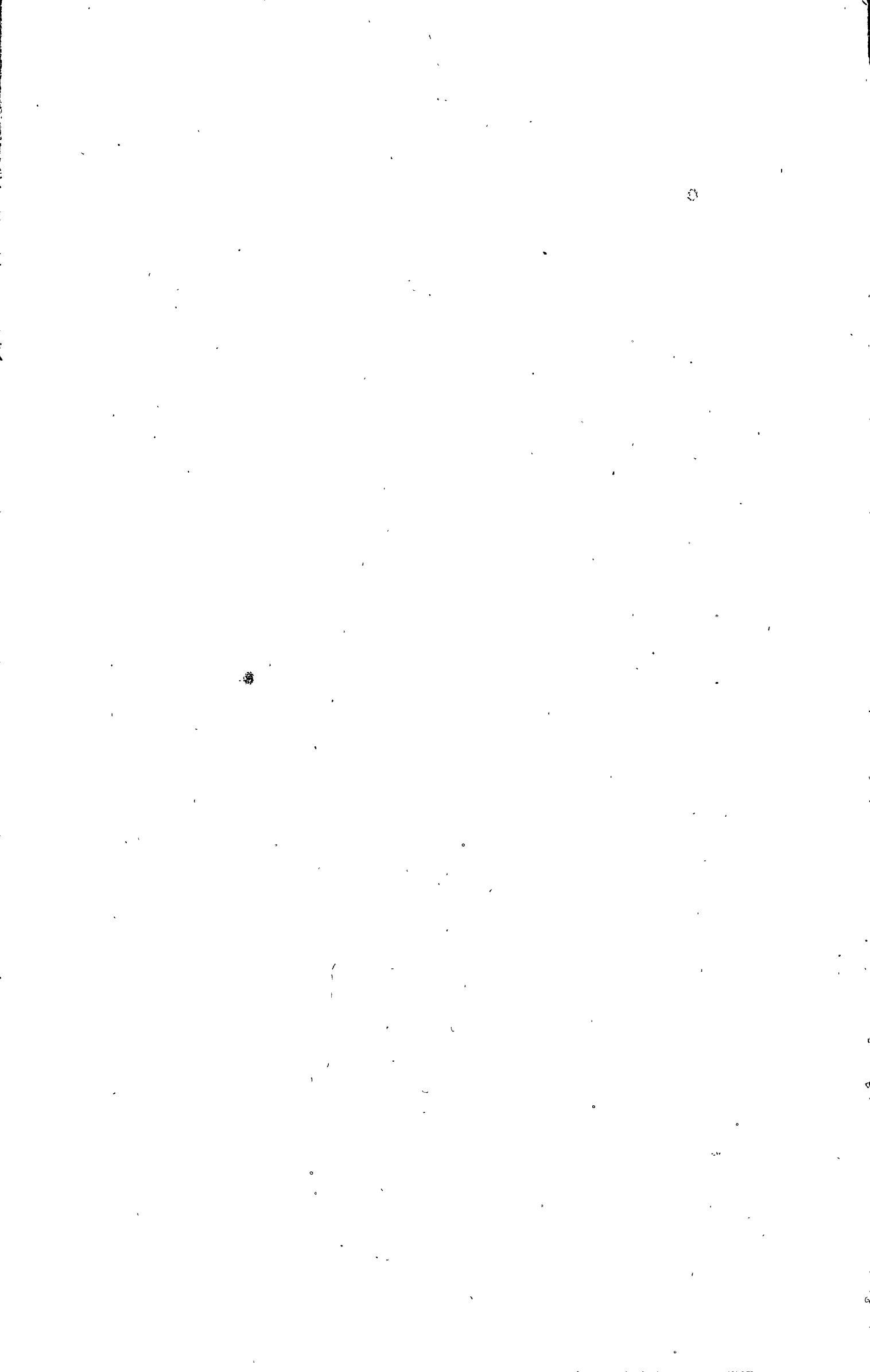
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[5]

Safety Mining Cages—Report, &c. No. 31.

Railway Construction Bill—Toolamba to Tatura.—[20] (Issue completed.)

National Bank of Australasia Bill.—(*Private.*)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government intend to take any steps to carry out the recommendation of the Board appointed to enquire into Mr. Fieldhouse's claim.
2. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will endeavor, by Act of Parliament or otherwise, to apply his whipping regulations of 6th May 1879, now so effectively in force with regard to neglected and criminal children to those Melbourne Police Court class of criminals known as larrikins.
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4. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he intends, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill to deal with the sale and disposal of Crown lands.
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9. MR. A. K. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to compensate Mr. Elliston for the great loss he has sustained in being arrested and arraigned at Bow street Police Office, and sent out to this colony for examination in connection with the Avoca gold robbery.
10. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he has noticed that the Wines Committee of 32°; and if so, will he by the next mail advise the Home Government of the importance to this colony of that recommendation being acted upon.
11. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if the practice which has heretofore prevailed in his department of inviting reports from local police magistrates as to the fitness and position of persons suggested for appointment to the commission of the peace has been discontinued.
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13. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he intends introducing a new Railway Construction Bill, seeing that the Honorable the Treasurer has stated that there is a sum of £1,132,000, available for railway construction.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

Private Bill.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the National Bank of Australasia and for other purposes,'*" and that such Bill be now read a first time.
2. MR. CASEY : To move, That so much of Standing Order No. 10, relating to the introduction of Private Bills, as requires the notices therein mentioned to be given and published in the months of March and April be suspended, and that leave be given to introduce a Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer Powers upon the Trustees Executors and Agency Company limited,'*" and that it be now read a first time.

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of amending the law relating to Customs.
2. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Common Law Procedure Statute 1865.
3. MR. SHARPE : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize mining on private property.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. COOPER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
2. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
3. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
4. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
5. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
6. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
7. **MR. LAURENS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
8. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
9. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
10. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The estimate made by the Department of the value of property required to be taken for railway construction on the Gippsland Line between South Yarra and Oakleigh, with the name of the officer who made the estimate.
 - (2.) The amount already paid for such purpose, with an estimate of the amount to be paid for claims unsatisfied.
 - (3.) Names of each property owner and leaseholder.
 - (4.) The quantity of land taken in each case, and, if improved, the nature of such improvement and buildings.
 - (5.) The names of those from whom more land was taken than that required for railway purposes.
 - (6.) The estimated value of land so taken.
 - (7.) The amount of compensation first claimed in each case.
 - (8.) The amount of compensation first offered by the Government valuer.
 - (9.) The amount finally paid by the Crown in each case settled.
 - (10.) The number of claims now unsettled, and the amount of such claim in each case.
 - (11.) Claims, how settled ; whether by mutual agreement, arbitration, or appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (12.) The cost incurred by the Crown in each case of arbitration, or on appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (13.) The names of the arbitrator and referee appointed by the Crown in each case of arbitration.
11. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
12. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.

13. **MR. D. CAMERON :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The length of North-western Trunk Railway from Melbourne to Ballarat.
 - (2.) The length of a direct line of railway from Melbourne to Ballarat, *viâ* Bacchus Marsh.
 - (3.) The estimated cost of a direct line of railway from Keilor Road to Gordon's.
 - (4.) The annual cost of working the North-Western Trunk Line, omitting the Geelong and Colac traffic.
 - (5.) The estimated annual cost of working a similar traffic on the proposed direct line.
 - (6.) The reductions (per cent.) which could be made on freight and passenger charges if the direct line were constructed.
 - (7.) The saving in the construction of the direct line if one of the lines of rails between Geelong and Ballarat were taken up and used for the direct line.
 - (8.) Whether there would be a saving or extra expenditure on the working of a single line from Geelong to Ballarat.
14. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
15. **MR. WILLIAMS :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
16. **MR. RAMSAY :** To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
17. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
18. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
19. **MR. GAUNSON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
20. **MR. MIRAMS :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
21. **MR. YOUNG :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of applications for the transfer of leases under the 20th section of "*The Land Act 1869*," refused by the Minister of Lands and the reason for the refusal.
22. **MR. YOUNG :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return giving the following particulars relating to each Royal Commission, or Board of Enquiry, appointed since 1st July 1877 :—
- (1.) The date of its appointment.
 - (2.) The object for which it was appointed.
 - (3.) The total cost in connection with it, classified as follows :—
 - (a.) Amount paid or due for transit expenses.
 - (b.) Amount paid or due for reporting and printing, including proportion of salaries.
 - (c.) Amount paid or due for hotel or refreshment expenses.
 - (d.) Amount paid or due to witnesses.
 - (e.) Amount paid or due for incidental and all other expenses.
 - (4.) The total cost of all Commissions and Boards appointed since 1st July 1877.
 - (5.) The same information respecting Select Committees of the Assembly, appointed during the present Parliament, which have obtained leave to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not sit.
23. **MR. GAUNSON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
24. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
- (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
25. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
26. **MR. ZOX :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.

27. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

NOTICES OF MOTION (Unopposed) :—

1. **MR. GILLIES :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing :—
 - (1.) The net proceeds of the loan received under "*The Railway Loan Act 1878.*"
 - (2.) The sums placed to the credit of the several items respectively under the Second Schedule.
 - (3.) The amount advanced under the provisions of section eleven of the above Act.
 - (4.) The total amount now available for the construction of railways not yet authorised by Parliament.
2. **MR. B. G. DAVIES :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of traffic on the branch line to and from Inglewood and Sandhurst, since its opening, to the end of June 1879, separating the goods from the passenger traffic; and showing the profit or loss during that period.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MAJOR W. C. SMITH :** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Mining Statute 1865.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES.**—Resolution to be reported.
2. **TOOLAMBA TO TATURA RAILWAY BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE DURING 1879–80.**—To be considered in Committee.
4. **GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES (2)—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—To be considered in Committee.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.**—Resolution to be reported.
6. **RESUMPTION OF MELBOURNE LANDS BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
9. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 24TH JULY.

Question.

1. **MR. BENT :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is his intention to cause the second return, under section 7, of the Education Act Amendment Act, showing the number of children residing in each school district between school ages, to be collected and prepared; and, if so, when will such return be proceeded with.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BENT :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.

TUESDAY, 29TH JULY.

Question.

1. **MR. STORY :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government will pay to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves the sum of £2,619, being the balance of the sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CARTER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the respective names, occupations, and salaries of all persons discharged from employment in the several Government departments, between the 1st July 1877 and the 1st July 1879; and the name, occupation, and salary of every person appointed or re-appointed during the same period to any situation in the Government service, whether permanent or temporary; and whether paid by salaries voted on Estimates or out of monies appropriated for particular works.
2. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
3. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876*."
4. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
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5. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills, drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.

TUESDAY, 5TH AUGUST.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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8. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 29th July.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 18TH JULY.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 4.
Controverted Elections (Council) Bill.—[25]

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 5.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[6]

Education Department—Estimate of Expenditure under sec. 12 of Act No. 608. A.—No. 1.

Assent to Bill—Message. B.—No. 4.

Government Annuities (2)—Message. B.—No. 5.

Land Act 1869—Report, &c., for year ended 31st December 1878. No. 26.

” Regulations. Order in Council. No. 37.

” ” ” No. 38.

” Order. ” No. 39.

” Regulations. ” No. 40.

Neglected and Criminal Children's Act 1864—Regulations. Order in Council. No. 41.

Fisheries—Copies of Notices, &c. No. 42.

State Forests Management Bill.—[15]

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—[17] (To Members of Assembly only.)

Electoral Act Amendment Bill.—[26]

Resumption of Melbourne Lands Bill.—[28] (To Members of Assembly only.)

Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Act Amendment Bill.—[30]

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13. **MR. A. K. SMITH:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to compensate Mr. Elliston for the great loss he has sustained in being arrested and arraigned at Bow street Police Office, and sent out to this colony for examination in connection with the Avoca gold robbery.
14. **MR. MCINTYRE:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he has noticed that the Wines Committee of the House of Commons have recommended the "raising of the standard of admission probably to 32°;" and if so, will he by the next mail advise the Home Government of the importance to this colony of that recommendation being acted upon.
15. **DR. MADDEN:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if the practice which has heretofore prevailed in his department of inviting reports from local police magistrates as to the fitness and position of persons suggested for appointment to the commission of the peace has been discontinued.
16. **MR. MCINTYRE:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he intends introducing a new Railway Construction Bill, seeing that the Honorable the Treasurer has stated that there is a sum of £1,132,000, available for railway construction.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. D. CAMERON:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The length of North-western Trunk Railway from Melbourne to Ballarat.
 - (2.) The length of a direct line of railway from Melbourne to Ballarat, *via* Bacchus Marsh.
 - (3.) The estimated cost of a direct line of railway from Keilor Road to Gordon's.
 - (4.) The annual cost of working the North-Western Trunk Line, omitting the Geelong and Colac traffic.
 - (5.) The estimated annual cost of working a similar traffic on the proposed direct line.
 - (6.) The reductions (per cent.) which could be made on freight and passenger charges if the direct line were constructed.
 - (7.) The saving in the construction of the direct line if one of the lines of rails between Geelong and Ballarat were taken up and used for the direct line.
 - (8.) Whether there would be a saving or extra expenditure on the working of a single line from Geelong to Ballarat.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RABBIT NUISANCE—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE DURING 1879–80.—Resolution to be reported.
3. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES (2)—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Resolution to be reported.
4. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
2. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
3. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
4. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of applications for the transfer of leases under the 20th section of "*The Land Act 1869*," refused by the Minister of Lands and the reason for the refusal.
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 - (1.) The date of its appointment.
 - (2.) The object for which it was appointed.
 - (3.) The total cost in connection with it, classified as follows :—
 - (a.) Amount paid or due for transit expenses.
 - (b.) Amount paid or due for reporting and printing, including proportion of salaries.
 - (c.) Amount paid or due for hotel or refreshment expenses.
 - (d.) Amount paid or due to witnesses.
 - (e.) Amount paid or due for incidental and all other expenses.
 - (4.) The total cost of all Commissions and Boards appointed since 1st July 1877.
 - (5.) The same information respecting Select Committees of the Assembly, appointed during the present Parliament, which have obtained leave to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not sit.
6. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
7. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
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 - (4.) The quantity of land taken in each case, and, if improved, the nature of such improvement and buildings.
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 - (8.) The amount of compensation first offered by the Government valuer.
 - (9.) The amount finally paid by the Crown in each case settled.
 - (10.) The number of claims now unsettled, and the amount of such claim in each case.
 - (11.) Claims, how settled ; whether by mutual agreement, arbitration, or appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (12.) The cost incurred by the Crown in each case of arbitration, or on appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (13.) The names of the arbitrator and referee appointed by the Crown in each case of arbitration.
14. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.

15. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
16. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
17. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
18. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
19. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
20. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
21. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
22. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
23. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
24. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Mining Statute 1865.*"

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.

TUESDAY, 5TH AUGUST.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
4. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employes on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employes would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the items of divisions 67, 70, and 71, which were not furnished in the Estimates distributed in the House on the evening of July 15, 1879, shall be forthwith furnished, and until they are furnished, no expenditure shall take place in respect thereof.
6. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
8. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 29th July.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 24TH JULY.

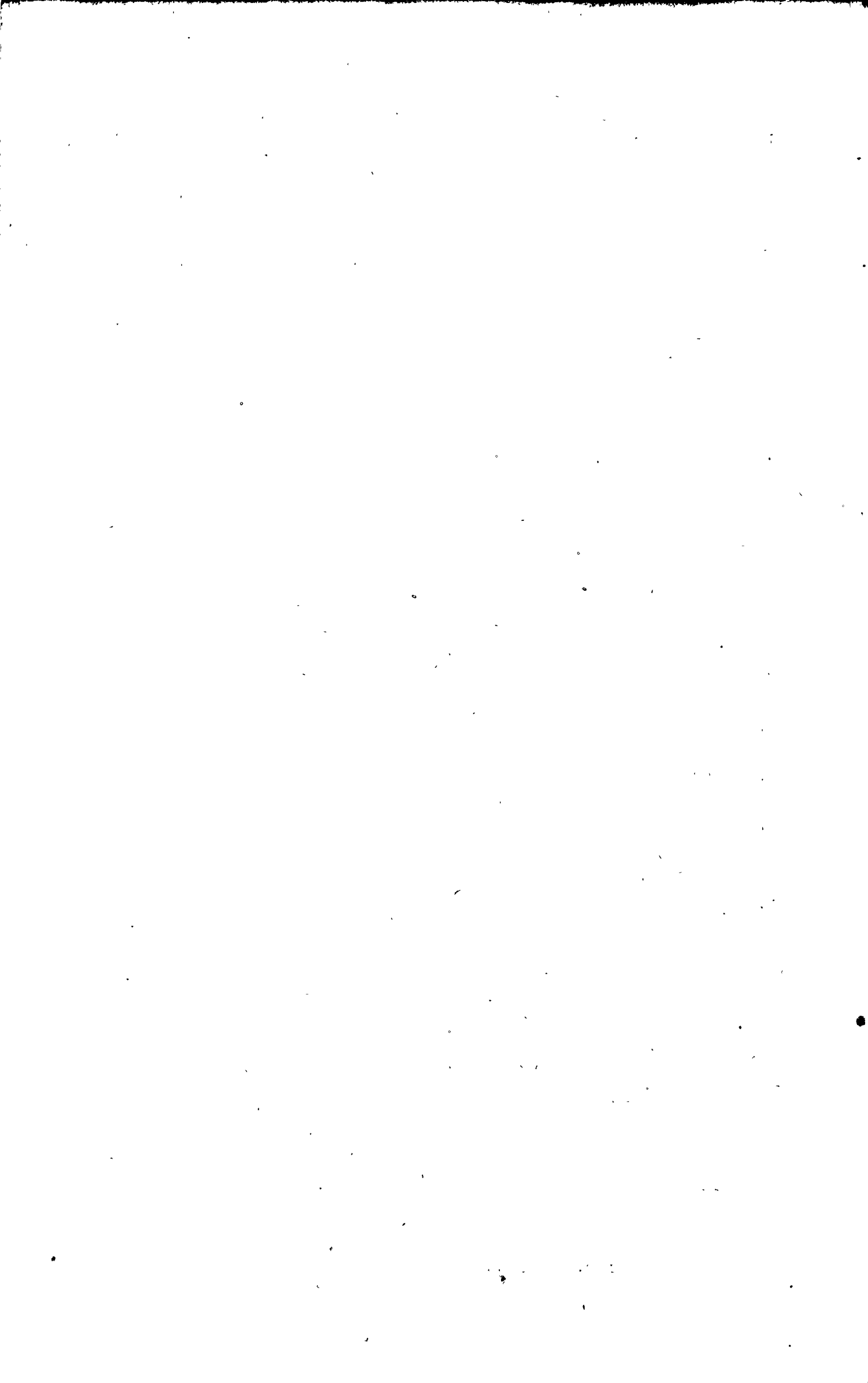
Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 6.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[7]

Friendly Societies—Report of the Registrar of, for the year ending 31st December 1878. No. 33.

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—[17] (Issue completed.)

Resumption of Melbourne Lands Bill.—[28] (Issue completed.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 31ST JULY 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. DIXON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he is aware that the employés at the goods sheds at Spencer street have not been paid for overtime since the month of May last ; and whether it is his intention to discontinue payment for overtime in that branch of the Railway department.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he intends to take any action with the view of extending the time for allowing selectors under the Land Act 1869, to come under the Land Act 1878.
3. MR. BILLSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it be true that charges of cruelty have been made against a man named Rivers, of Romsey, towards some Industrial School Children placed under his care ; also, if any investigation has been made into the charges, and, if not, is it the intention of the Chief Secretary to cause such investigation to be made, and when.
4. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he will devise means by which the accommodation afforded to the public in the Legislative Assembly galleries may be extended.
5. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Premier if the honorable member for Castlemaine, Professor Pearson, now in England, is acting in any official position in connection with the public business of Victoria as regards the Embassy or otherwise ; if so, in what position ; and if he is being paid any remuneration out of the public purse beyond the amount which he receives for his services as a member of this House, and if so, out of what vote is he being paid.
6. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is his intention to cause the second return, under section 7, of the Education Act Amendment Act, showing the number of children residing in each school district between school ages, to be collected and prepared ; and, if so, when will such return be proceeded with.
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Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

Private Bills.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move, That a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the National Bank of Australasia and for other purposes,*" be now read a second time.
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 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
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30. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of applications for the transfer of leases under the 20th section of "*The Land Act 1869*," refused by the Minister of Lands and the reason for the refusal.
31. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return giving the following particulars relating to each Royal Commission, or Board of Enquiry, appointed since 1st July 1877 :—
 - (1.) The date of its appointment.
 - (2.) The object for which it was appointed.
 - (3.) The total cost in connection with it, classified as follows :—
 - (a.) Amount paid or due for transit expenses.
 - (b.) Amount paid or due for reporting and printing, including proportion of salaries.
 - (c.) Amount paid or due for hotel or refreshment expenses.
 - (d.) Amount paid or due to witnesses.
 - (e.) Amount paid or due for incidental and all other expenses.
 - (4.) The total cost of all Commissions and Boards appointed since 1st July 1877.
 - (5.) The same information respecting Select Committees of the Assembly, appointed during the present Parliament, which have obtained leave to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not sit.

32. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
33. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Law relating to the Licensing of Public Houses.
2. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Mining Statute 1865.*"

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7. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.

TUESDAY, 5TH AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when the Government intend to introduce their Railway Bill.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, and also the religious denominations to which such employés belong.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
4. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.

TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employes on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employes would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the items of divisions 67, 70, and 71, which were not furnished in the Estimates distributed in the House on the evening of July 15, 1879, shall be forthwith furnished, and until they are furnished, no expenditure shall take place in respect thereof.
6. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
8. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.

On the Second Reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill.

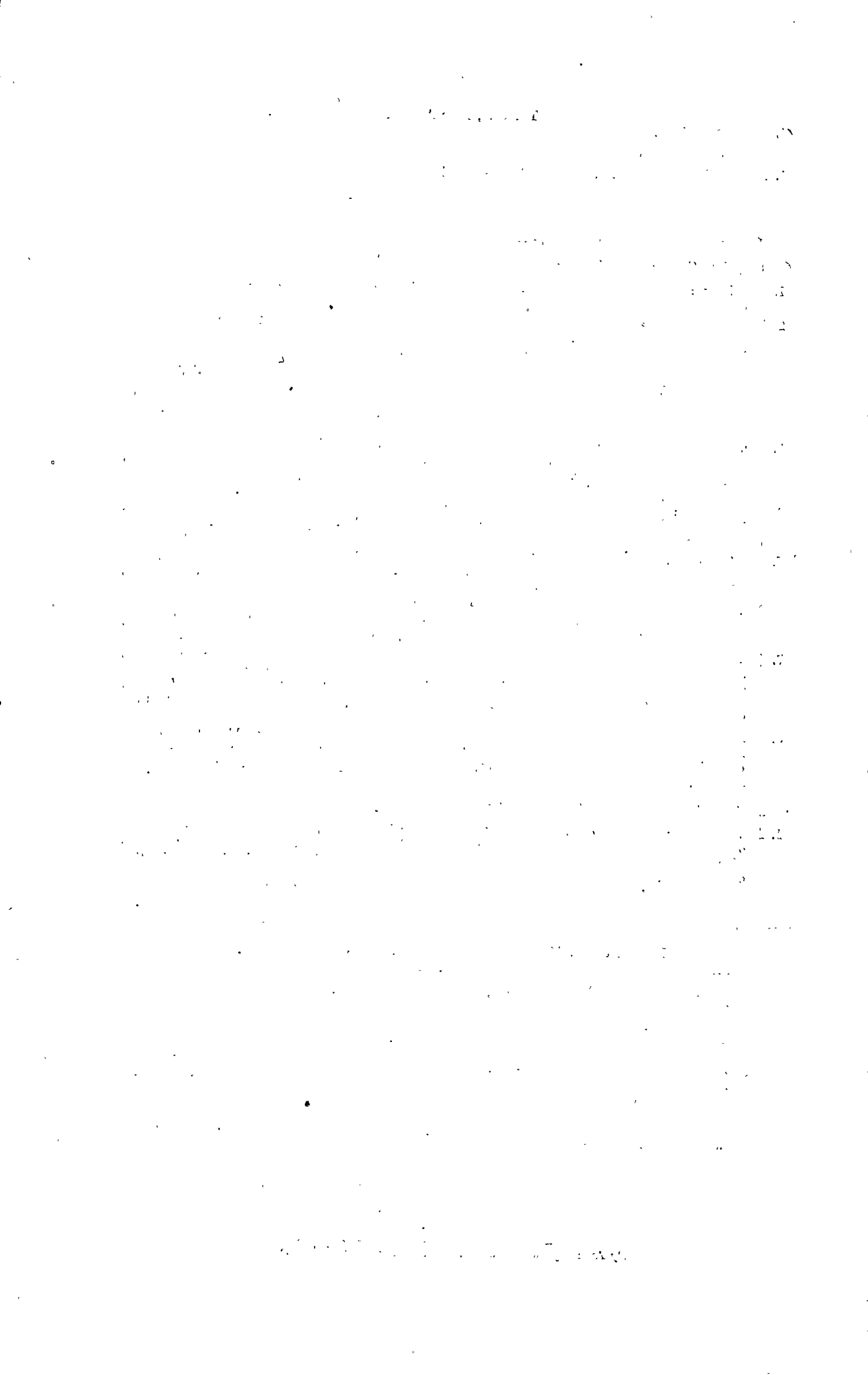
1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, as an amendment, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 5TH AUGUST 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when the Government intend to introduce their Railway Bill.
2. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether, during the forthcoming municipal and shire elections, in cases where a ballot is taken for councillors, it is imperative that a ballot shall also be taken under the Licensing Act to increase or otherwise the number of public houses in the several districts.
3. MR. D. M. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he has made any experiments in his department to test the quality of the Lal-Lal lignite ; and if so, will he inform the House as to the result of those experiments.
4. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will, as early as possible, take into consideration the desirability, from a national point of view, of reducing the railway freight upon all articles included under the head "Agricultural Produce Class," to a uniform rate of one penny per ton per mile, irrespective of the present restrictions as to distance from Melbourne.
5. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Government have determined to accede to the report recently made by the representatives of the local bodies, to grant a sum of money for the conservancy of water in the agricultural districts.
6. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will take early steps to pay to the newly formed Shires of Gippsland the amounts which are provided for them on the Estimates for this year in lieu of subsidy, pending the passing of the new Local Government Act.
7. MR. MACBAIN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when he intends to take a vote for the allotment of that portion of the loan already promised to country districts for conserving water.
8. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the whole £5,000 which was voted for three commissioners to England is to be absorbed by the two who proceeded thither.
9. MR. FINCHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what steps he has taken to introduce into the State schools of Victoria the teaching of life-saving directions as proposed by Mr. J. Ellis Stewart; and what, if any, recognition of his services has been awarded by the Government to Mr. Stewart.
10. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is his intention to cause the second return, under section 7, of the Education Act Amendment Act, showing the number of children residing in each school district between school ages, to be collected and prepared; and, if so, when will such return be proceeded with.
11. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if the practice which has heretofore prevailed in his department of inviting reports from local police magistrates as to the fitness and position of persons suggested for appointment to the commission of the peace has been discontinued.
12. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he has received a report of a meeting of the officers of his Department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employes of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company; and a memo. from the Traffic Manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employes in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employes belonging to the several religious denominations.
2. MR. HUNT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of unclassified school teachers removed in consequence of not having passed the examination for a license to teach, the names of each person, and the amount of salary received by them during the twelve months preceding their compulsory retirement from the service.
3. MR. BLACKETT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money paid by the Government during the past year for drugs supplied to the various public departments.

Government Business.

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1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Law relating to the Licensing of Public Houses.
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9. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
(1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
(2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
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WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

Private Bills.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move, That a Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer Powers upon the Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited,*" be now read a second time.

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS.

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
3. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

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6. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
8. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.

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1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
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3. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
4. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
5. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
6. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
7. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
8. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
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10. MR. DIXON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The estimate made by the Department of the value of property required to be taken for railway construction on the Gippsland Line between South Yarra and Oakleigh, with the name of the officer who made the estimate.
 - (2.) The amount already paid for such purpose, with an estimate of the amount to be paid for claims unsatisfied.
 - (3.) Names of each property owner and leaseholder.
 - (4.) The quantity of land taken in each case, and, if improved, the nature of such improvement and buildings.
 - (5.) The names of those from whom more land was taken than that required for railway purposes.
 - (6.) The estimated value of land so taken.
 - (7.) The amount of compensation first claimed in each case.
 - (8.) The amount of compensation first offered by the Government valuer.
 - (9.) The amount finally paid by the Crown in each case settled.
 - (10.) The number of claims now unsettled, and the amount of such claim in each case.
 - (11.) Claims, how settled ; whether by mutual agreement, arbitration, or appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (12.) The cost incurred by the Crown in each case of arbitration, or on appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (13.) The names of the arbitrator and referee appointed by the Crown in each case of arbitration.
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23. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of applications for the transfer of leases under the 20th section of "*The Land Act 1869*," refused by the Minister of Lands and the reason for the refusal.
24. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return giving the following particulars relating to each Royal Commission, or Board of Enquiry, appointed since 1st July 1877 :—
- (1.) The date of its appointment.
 - (2.) The object for which it was appointed.
 - (3.) The total cost in connection with it, classified as follows :—
 - (a.) Amount paid or due for transit expenses.
 - (b.) Amount paid or due for reporting and printing, including proportion of salaries.
 - (c.) Amount paid or due for hotel or refreshment expenses.
 - (d.) Amount paid or due to witnesses.
 - (e.) Amount paid or due for incidental and all other expenses.
 - (4.) The total cost of all Commissions and Boards appointed since 1st July 1877.
 - (5.) The same information respecting Select Committees of the Assembly, appointed during the present Parliament, which have obtained leave to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not sit.
25. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
26. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.

THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

Question.

1. **MR. DIXON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he is aware that the employé's at the goods sheds at Spencer street have not been paid for overtime since the month of May last ; and whether it is his intention to discontinue payment for overtime in that branch of the Railway department.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. WRIGHT** : To move, That there be laid before this House the Report of the Board appointed to investigate certain charges made by Crown Lands Bailiff Fitzjohn,

TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employes on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employes would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the items of divisions 67, 70, and 71, which were not furnished in the Estimates distributed in the House on the evening of July 15, 1879, shall be forthwith furnished, and until they are furnished, no expenditure shall take place in respect thereof.
6. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
8. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
11. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.

On the motion that the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, *as an amendment*, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.
2. MR. ORR : To move, That all the words after "now" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—Referred to a Select Committee of this House for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 30TH JULY.

- Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No 5.
 - Numbering of certain Acts Alteration Bill.—[13] As reported 29th July. (To Members of Council only.)
 - Toolamba and Tatura Railway Bill.—[20] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 - Controverted Elections (Council) Bill.—[25] As reported 29th July. (To Members of Council only.)
 - Resumption of Melbourne Lands Bill.—[28] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
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- Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 8.
 - Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[9]
 - Estimated Revenue, Special Appropriations, and Further Estimates of Expenditure, &c.—
Message. B.—No. 7.
 - Public Account.—Correspondence with the Associated Banks respecting Overdraft, &c. No. 48.
 - Public Account.—Further correspondence with the Associated Banks respecting Overdraft, &c.
No. 52.
 - Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Bill.—[27]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. DIXON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he is aware that the employéés at the goods sheds at Spencer street have not been paid for overtime since the month of May last; and whether it is his intention to discontinue payment for overtime in that branch of the Railway department.
2. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will, as early as possible, take into consideration the desirability, from a national point of view, of reducing the railway freight upon all articles included under the head "Agricultural Produce Class," to a uniform rate of one penny per ton per mile, irrespective of the present restrictions as to distance from Melbourne.
3. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Government have determined to accede to the report recently made by the representatives of the local bodies, to grant a sum of money for the conservancy of water in the agricultural districts.
4. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will take early steps to pay to the newly formed Shires of Gippsland the amounts which are provided for them on the Estimates for this year in lieu of subsidy, pending the passing of the new Local Government Act.
5. MR. MACBAIN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when he intends to take a vote for the allotment of that portion of the loan already promised to country districts for conserving water.
6. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the whole £5,000 which was voted for three commissioners to England is to be absorbed by the two who proceeded thither.
7. MR. FINCHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what steps he has taken to introduce into the State schools of Victoria the teaching of life-saving directions as proposed by Mr. J. Ellis Stewart; and what, if any, recognition of his services has been awarded by the Government to Mr. Stewart.
8. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is his intention to cause the second return, under section 7, of the Education Act Amendment Act, showing the number of children residing in each school district between school ages, to be collected and prepared; and, if so, when will such return be proceeded with.
9. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if the practice which has heretofore prevailed in his department of inviting reports from local police magistrates as to the fitness and position of persons suggested for appointment to the commission of the peace has been discontinued.
10. MR. SERVICE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether the proceeds of the £3,000,000 debentures, recently sold under authority of Act No. 608, have been allocated *pro rata* among the twelve items comprised in the Second Schedule to the said Act; and, if not, have the said proceeds been appropriated in any manner; and, if so, how.
11. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when it is the intention of the Government to appoint a County Court Judge in place of the late Judge Bindon.
12. MR. D. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will arrange so that the Trentham Station will be opened at as early a date as possible.
13. MR. ORR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways what progress has been made with the surveys of the various projected new lines of railway which it is proposed to construct out of the proceeds of the last loan.
14. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it be the fact that complaints are being made by miners in the Delatite electorate about the great delay that exists in obtaining mining leases; and that some of their applications are dated months back.
15. MR. FRASER : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if the postage of letters to Fiji from Melbourne is three times the amount it is from Sydney.
16. MR. MACBAIN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he intends to open the Doen Railway Station on the Horsham-line.
17. MR. D. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will return the £1 deposit required from the selectors at Mount Macedon in the case of single men, and those who could not accept subdivisions.
18. MR. YOUNG : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 - (1.) Whether the articles called "Tools," proposed to be exempted under the new tariff, comprise the whole of the tools used by curriers and tanners, blacksmiths and engineers, carpenters and joiners, wheelwrights and carriagebuilders, tinsmiths and coppersmiths, gardeners and miners, plasterers, bricklayers and masons, and woodcutters; or whether any of these will be dutiable under some other denomination.
 - (2.) Are sheep-shears, knife-blades for reaping machines, and cutlery, which have hitherto been admitted free, to be brought under the heading "General Hardware and Ironmongery," and subjected to 10 per cent. *ad valorem*.

19. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Education when he will be able to give effect to the recommendation of the Board of Advice, by providing suitable school accommodation at the Big Hill, near Sandhurst.
20. MR. LANGRIDGE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if all the police constables that have been doing duty in plain clothes have been ordered to resume their uniform in consequence of the misconduct of two of the force who have been lately dismissed ; and further, to ask if it is the intention of the police authorities to resume the practice of employing constables in plain clothes, with a view to the prevention of crime and misconduct in the public streets.
21. MR. LANGRIDGE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government are prepared to stop any further alienation of the lands of the colony, by selection or otherwise, until this important subject has been fully discussed by this House and the country ; and to ask if he will give a night for the consideration of the same.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

Private Bills.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate the shareholders of the National Bank of Australasia and for other purposes*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. W. C. Smith, Mr. Mirams, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Dwyer, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; and that leave be given to print the evidence to be taken before such Committee.
2. MR. CASEY : To move, That a Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer Powers upon the Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited,*" be now read a second time.

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
3. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
4. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill relating to the admission of Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors.
5. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
4. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
6. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
8. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
3. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.

4. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
5. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
6. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
7. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
8. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
9. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
10. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The estimate made by the Department of the value of property required to be taken for railway construction on the Gippsland Line between South Yarra and Oakleigh, with the name of the officer who made the estimate.
 - (2.) The amount already paid for such purpose, with an estimate of the amount to be paid for claims unsatisfied.
 - (3.) Names of each property owner and leaseholder.
 - (4.) The quantity of land taken in each case, and, if improved, the nature of such improvement and buildings.
 - (5.) The names of those from whom more land was taken than that required for railway purposes.
 - (6.) The estimated value of land so taken.
 - (7.) The amount of compensation first claimed in each case.
 - (8.) The amount of compensation first offered by the Government valuer.
 - (9.) The amount finally paid by the Crown in each case settled.
 - (10.) The number of claims now unsettled, and the amount of such claim in each case.
 - (11.) Claims, how settled; whether by mutual agreement, arbitration, or appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (12.) The cost incurred by the Crown in each case of arbitration, or on appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (13.) The names of the arbitrator and referee appointed by the Crown in each case of arbitration.
11. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
12. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
13. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
14. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
15. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
16. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
17. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

18. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency the Governor, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
19. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
20. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
21. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
22. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
23. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
24. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. WRIGHT : To move, That there be laid before this House the Report of the Board appointed to investigate certain charges made by Crown Lands Bailiff Fitzjohn.
2. MR. BLACKETT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost in detail per annum of the Post and Telegraph Offices at Brunswick and at Flemington, under the recent arrangements, compared with the total cost under former arrangements.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Law relating to the Licensing of Public Houses.
2. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Mining Statute 1865*."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
3. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be committed.
4. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE DURING 1879-80.—Resolution to be reported—
Resumption of Debate—*The question is*—
That the Estimate of Expenditure which the Minister of Public Instruction proposes to incur during the year ending 30th June 1880, under Act No. 608, Schedule 2, Item 11—For the erection of State school buildings throughout the colony, £85,270—be now read a second time.
5. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES (2)—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Resolution to be reported.
6. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. REPORT FROM THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—To be taken into consideration.
8. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
10. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RAMSAY : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.
2. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing how many, where and when, State school teachers have been charged with criminal assaults upon State school pupils.
3. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
(1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
(2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
4. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. UNEMPLOYED—Petition from—Motion for taking same into consideration—Resumption of Debate.

TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
2. MR. HUNT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of unclassified school teachers removed in consequence of not having passed the examination for a license to teach, the names of each person, and the amount of salary received by them during the twelve months preceding their compulsory retirement from the service.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST 1879.

Questions.

1. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he is aware that private companies are willing, with extended areas, to work the ground included in the Sebastopol and Durham drainage scheme ; and will he in introducing the Bill for the drainage of Sebastopol and the Durham, insert a provision allowing private companies the privilege of taking up and working a portion of the said ground.
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4. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if, under present circumstances, he will take into consideration the desirability of commencing the construction of the Hawthorn and Camberwell Railway.
5. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will take into his consideration the necessity of introducing a Dog Act Amendment Bill similar to that introduced by the Honorable member for Sandridge, Dr. Madden.
6. **MR. DIXON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether any of the employés on the Victorian Railways have been paid overtime since the month of May last; and, if so, to distinguish the branches so paid.
7. **MR. W. M. CLARK** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs—
 - (1.) If he will revise the system of drawbacks on engines and boilers.
 - (2.) Whether he will endeavor to assimilate the drawbacks on engines and boilers to the amount of duty charged in Sydney and other free trade ports.
8. **MR. McINTYRE** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the whole £5,000 which was voted for three commissioners to England is to be absorbed by the two who proceeded thither.
9. **DR. MADDEN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if the practice which has heretofore prevailed in his department of inviting reports from local police magistrates as to the fitness and position of persons suggested for appointment to the commission of the peace has been discontinued.
10. **MR. YOUNG** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
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11. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government are prepared to stop any further alienation of the lands of the colony, by selection or otherwise, until this important subject has been fully discussed by this House and the country ; and to ask if he will give a night for the consideration of the same.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
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3. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the dates on which, in the various years, the transfer of the £200,000 from the land revenue to the railway loan liquidation and construction account was made.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WOODS : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a Railway from Lancefield road to Lancefield.
2. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Mining Statute 1865.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACTS—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
2. LICENING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
5. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE DURING 1879-80.—Resolution to be reported.—
Resumption of Debate—*The question is—*
That the Estimate of Expenditure which the Minister of Public Instruction proposes to incur during the year ending 30th June 1880, under Act No. 608, Schedule 2, Item 11—For the erection of State school buildings throughout the colony, £85,270—be now read a second time.
6. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES (2)—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Resolution to be reported.
7. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. REPORT FROM THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—To be taken into consideration.
9. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
11. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BENT : To move; That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employes of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same-subject.
2. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
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4. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
(1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
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5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND.—Resumption of Debate—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
2. UNEMPLOYED—Petition from—Motion for taking same into consideration—Resumption of Debate.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

Private Bills.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move, That a Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer Powers upon the Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited,*" be now read a second time.—(Debate to be continued.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
3. MR. RAMSAY: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the election of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.

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5. MR. LAURENS: To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
6. MR. MCINTYRE: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
7. MR. WILLIAMS: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
8. MR. MCINTYRE: To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
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10. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
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13. MR. DIXON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
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 - (2.) The amount already paid for such purpose, with an estimate of the amount to be paid for claims unsatisfied.
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 - (9.) The amount finally paid by the Crown in each case settled.
 - (10.) The number of claims now unsettled, and the amount of such claim in each case.
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General.

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1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill relating to the admission of Attorneys, Solicitors and Proctors.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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7. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.

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Resumption of Melbourne Lands Bill—Addition to clause 2, &c. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 10.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he intends to bring in a Bill during the present session to amend the Fencing Act.
2. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he has made, or purposes making, any reduction in the cost of the carriage of colonial wine.
3. MR. GAVAN DUFFY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 - (1.) Who is in charge of the Government Waterworks at Blackwood.
 - (2.) When was he appointed.
 - (3.) What is the rate of his remuneration.
4. MR. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, in view of the very frequent changes in the tariff, he will consider the propriety of appointing a Commission to take evidence on the subject from merchants and manufacturers, so that it may be definitely ascertained where duties may be levied to the advantage of the various manufacturing industries, and what articles used in those manufactures ought to be admitted free.
5. MR. GAUNSON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if at any time he granted a free pass to the manager of the Victorian Brown Coal Company, Limited, Lal Lal; and if he, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways, is a shareholder in such company.
6. DR. MADDEN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if the practice which has heretofore prevailed in his department of inviting reports from local police magistrates as to the fitness and position of persons suggested for appointment to the commission of the peace has been discontinued.
7. MR. YOUNG: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 - (1.) Whether the articles called "Tools," proposed to be exempted under the new tariff, comprise the whole of the tools used by carriers and tanners, blacksmiths and engineers, carpenters and joiners, wheelwrights and carriagebuilders, tinsmiths and coppersmiths, gardeners and miners, plasterers, bricklayers and masons, and woodcutters; or whether any of these will be dutiable under some other denomination.
 - (2.) Are sheep-shears, knife-blades for reaping machines, and cutlery, which have hitherto been admitted free, to be brought under the heading "General Hardware and Ironmongery," and subjected to 10 per cent. *ad valorem*.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

Private Bills.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CASEY: To move, That a Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer Powers upon the Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited,*" be now read a second time.—(*Debate to be continued.*)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
3. MR. RAMSAY: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*—That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
5. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND.—Resumption of Debate—*The question is*—That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
6. UNEMPLOYED—Petition from—Motion for taking same into consideration—Resumption of Debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That there be laid before this House all the papers in the Ogier inquiry case.
4. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
5. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
6. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
7. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
8. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held, in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
9. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
10. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
11. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
12. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
13. MR. DIXON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The estimate made by the Department of the value of property required to be taken for railway construction on the Gippsland Line between South Yarra and Oakleigh, with the name of the officer who made the estimate.
 - (2.) The amount already paid for such purpose, with an estimate of the amount to be paid for claims unsatisfied.
 - (3.) Names of each property owner and leaseholder.
 - (4.) The quantity of land taken in each case, and, if improved, the nature of such improvement and buildings.
 - (5.) The names of those from whom more land was taken than that required for railway purposes.
 - (6.) The estimated value of land so taken.
 - (7.) The amount of compensation first claimed in each case.
 - (8.) The amount of compensation first offered by the Government valuer.
 - (9.) The amount finally paid by the Crown in each case settled.
 - (10.) The number of claims now unsettled, and the amount of such claim in each case.
 - (11.) Claims, how settled ; whether by mutual agreement, arbitration, or appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (12.) The cost incurred by the Crown in each case of arbitration, or on appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (13.) The names of the arbitrator and referee appointed by the Crown in each case of arbitration.

14. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
15. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
16. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
17. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
18. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
19. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
20. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
21. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
22. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
23. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
24. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
25. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
26. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.
27. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
28. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
29. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
30. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
31. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
32. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move, That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after 11 p.m. be read and rescinded, so far as Government business is concerned.
2. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Mining Statute 1865.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACTS—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
4. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
5. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
6. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE DURING 1879–80.—Resolution to be reported—
Resumption of Debate—*The question is—*
That the Estimate of Expenditure which the Minister of Public Instruction proposes to incur during the year ending 30th June 1880, under Act No. 608, Schedule 2, Item 11—For the erection of State school buildings throughout the colony, £85,270—be now read a second time.
7. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES (2)—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Resolution to be reported.
8. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. REPORT FROM THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—To be taken into consideration.
10. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
12. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he is proceeding with the proclamation of public roads as recommended in the progress report of the Royal Commission on Closed Roads ; and, if so, at what rate per month are the parish plans being completed and issued ; also, what number of parishes have been proclaimed since the presentation of the progress report referred to, and what number remain unproclaimed.
2. MR. McINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the whole £5,000 which was voted for three commissioners to England is to be absorbed by the two who proceeded thither.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill relating to the admission of Attorneys, Solicitors and Proctors.
2. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency the Governor, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
2. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
3. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the items of divisions 67, 70, and 71, which were not furnished in the Estimates distributed in the House on the evening of July 15, 1879, shall be forthwith furnished, and until they are furnished, no expenditure shall take place in respect thereof.
6. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
8. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
11. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
12. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
13. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.

On the motion that the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, *as an amendment*, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.
2. MR. ORR : To move, That all the words after "now" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—Referred to a Select Committee of this House for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 9TH-13TH AUGUST.

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 only.)
 Licensing Act Amendment Bill.—[33] (Issue completed.)
 Banks and Currency Statute 1864 Amendment Bill.—[34]
 Lancefield Railway Construction Bill.—[39]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he is proceeding with the proclamation of public roads as recommended in the progress report of the Royal Commission on Closed Roads ; and, if so, at what rate per mile are the parish plans being completed and issued ; also, what number of parishes have been proclaimed since the presentation of the progress report referred to, and what number remain unproclaimed.
2. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the whole £5,000 which was voted for three commissioners to England is to be absorbed by the two who proceeded thither.
3. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will inform the House of the Electoral district or districts in which Poowong and Jeetho are situated.
4. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will appoint a singing master for Wangaratta, Benalla, Rutherglen and Wahgunyah State schools.
5. MR. W. M. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he intends repealing or modifying the tax on sheep, so as to relieve the meat preserving and other industries.
6. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether he would have any objection to name the parties to whom the £170,000 and upwards, referred to in his speech on the Budget on the 6th instant, belongs ; and if it be the fact that the amount has not been paid over.
7. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he has made, or purposes making, any reduction in the cost of the carriage of colonial wine.
8. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if at any time he granted a free pass to the manager of the Victorian Brown Coal Company, Limited, Lal Lal ; and if he, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways, is a shareholder in such company.
9. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if the practice which has heretofore prevailed in his department of inviting reports from local police magistrates as to the fitness and position of persons suggested for appointment to the commission of the peace has been discontinued.
10. MR. YOUNG : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 - (1.) Whether the articles called "Tools," proposed to be exempted under the new tariff, comprise the whole of the tools used by carriers and tanners, blacksmiths and engineers, carpenters and joiners, wheelwrights and carriagebuilders, tinsmiths and coppersmiths, gardeners and miners, plasterers, bricklayers and masons, and woodcutters ; or whether any of these will be dutiable under some other denomination.
 - (2.) Are sheep-shears, knife-blades for reaping machines, and cutlery, which have hitherto been admitted free, to be brought under the heading "General Hardware and Ironmongery," and subjected to 10 per cent. *ad valorem*.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. CARTER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The amount expended on experimental gas works at Princes Bridge station or elsewhere.
 - (2.) Whether these works were erected by contract or day labor, and from what vote they were paid for.
 - (3.) The cost per 1000 cubic feet of gas manufactured at these works, distinguishing cost of oil or other material, labor, tear and wear, interest on cost of plant.
 - (4.) What is the illuminating power of the gas manufactured, how often has it been tested, by whom, and the description of Photometer used in testing.
2. MR. TUCKER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total acreage of Crown lands alienated by sale, or by selection, each year from 1860 to the end of June 1879, and giving the following information :—
 - (1.) The acreage sold by auction, and the average price per acre obtained, and also the acreage selected each year distinguishing town from country lands.
 - (2.) The amount of revenue received each year, being the proceeds of sales by auction, separating town from country lands.
 - (3.) The amount received each year on account of lands selected.
 - (4.) The acreage of country lands selected, and afterwards sold by auction, stating the value of improvements, and the total amount, and average price per acre obtained.
 - (5.) The acreage each year of forfeited selections.
 - (6.) The acreage of selected lands under the Act of 1869 transferred or mortgaged each year, with the amount of money lent thereon.
 - (7.) The area of land under cultivation each year from 1860 to 1878, inclusive, separating that known as "artificial grasses."
 - (8.) The average acreage of land per head of the population alienated each year from 1860 to 1878, inclusive.
 - (9.) The average acreage of cultivated land (excluding grasses) per head of the population each year from 1860 to 1878 inclusive.
 - (10.) The balances receivable by the department on account of lands held under licenses or leases before the Crown grants will be issued.
 - (11.) The total remaining acreage for selection, classifying under three descriptions, viz.—"1st class, agricultural," "2nd class, agricultural," and "pastoral lands."
 - (12.) The number of employés in the Lands Department each year from 1860 to 1879.
 - (13.) The total cost of the Lands Department each year.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAY LOAN ACTS—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
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- (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
4. **MR. COOPER** : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
- Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.*
5. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
6. **MR. LAURENS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
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7. **MR. McINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
8. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
9. **MR. McINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
10. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
11. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
12. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
13. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879–80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
14. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The estimate made by the Department of the value of property required to be taken for railway construction on the Gippsland Line between South Yarra and Oakleigh, with the name of the officer who made the estimate.
 - (2.) The amount already paid for such purpose, with an estimate of the amount to be paid for claims unsatisfied.
 - (3.) Names of each property owner and leaseholder.
 - (4.) The quantity of land taken in each case, and, if improved, the nature of such improvement and buildings.
 - (5.) The names of those from whom more land was taken than that required for railway purposes.
 - (6.) The estimated value of land so taken.
 - (7.) The amount of compensation first claimed in each case.
 - (8.) The amount of compensation first offered by the Government valuer.
 - (9.) The amount finally paid by the Crown in each case settled.
 - (10.) The number of claims now unsettled, and the amount of such claim in each case.
 - (11.) Claims, how settled; whether by mutual agreement, arbitration, or appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (12.) The cost incurred by the Crown in each case of arbitration, or on appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (13.) The names of the arbitrator and referee appointed by the Crown in each case of arbitration.
15. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.

16. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
17. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
18. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
19. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
20. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
21. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
22. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
23. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
24. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
25. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
26. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employes in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employes belonging to the several religious denominations.
27. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employes of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
28. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
29. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
30. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
31. **MR. GAUNSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
2. **GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.**—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 26TH AUGUST.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*— That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
3. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*— That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MUNRO: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876*."
2. MR. STORY: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

1. MR. BELL: To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employes on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employes would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN: To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. GAUNSON: To move, That the items of divisions 67, 70, and 71, which were not furnished in the Estimates distributed in the House on the evening of July 15, 1879, shall be forthwith furnished, and until they are furnished, no expenditure shall take place in respect thereof.
6. MR. DWYER: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
7. MR. MASON: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
8. MR. MASON: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
9. MR. DWYER: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.

10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
- (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
11. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
12. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
13. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session,

On the motion that the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, *as an amendment*, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.
2. MR. ORR : To move, That all the words after "now" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—Referred to a Select Committee of this House for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 19th August.

PRINTING—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT) COMMITTEE—at half-past three o'clock.

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Licensing Act—Return showing the Amount of Work done by Inspectors of Licensed Premises and Liquor during the year ending 30th June 1879. No. 53.

Order in Council—Revoking Permission granted to James J. Cullen and party to occupy for Mining purposes a portion of the Railway Reserve, Sandhurst. No. 54.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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7. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he has made, or purposes making, any reduction in the cost of the Carriage of colonial wine.
8. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if at any time he granted a free pass to the manager of the Victorian Brown Coal Company, Limited, Lal Lal ; and if he, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways, is a shareholder in such company.
9. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if the practice which has heretofore prevailed in his department of inviting reports from local police magistrates as to the fitness and position of persons suggested for appointment to the commission of the peace has been discontinued.
10. MR. YOUNG : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 - (1.) Whether the articles called "Tools," proposed to be exempted under the new tariff, comprise the whole of the tools used by curriers and tanners, blacksmiths and engineers, carpenters and joiners, wheelwrights and carriagebuilders, tinsmiths and coppersmiths, gardeners and miners, plasterers, bricklayers and masons, and woodcutters ; or whether any of these will be dutiable under some other denomination.
 - (2.) Are sheep-shears, knife-blades for reaping machines, and cutlery, which have hitherto been admitted free, to be brought under the heading "General Hardware and Ironmongery," and subjected to 10 per cent. *ad valorem*.
11. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it was determined by his department to remove any or all the children from the Sunbury Industrial Schools ; if the removal was stopped a few days since after several trucks were loaded with luggage ; and, if so, was it on the representation of Mr. Peter Eadie, of Sunbury, introduced by Mr. Deakin, one of the candidates for the West Bourke electorate.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers, plans, reports, and correspondence relating to the Grand Victorian North-Western Canal, or the said Canal Company, either with the Chief Secretary's department, the department of Lands, the department of Mines, or any other Government office or department.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Mining Statute 1865.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 20TH AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will appoint a singing master for Wangaratta, Benalla, Rutherglen and Wahgunyah State schools.
2. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he is aware that the Government of Queensland have for some time largely used the Victorian manufactured blue cloth ; and, if so, will he, on behalf of the Victorian Government, encourage local manufacture by using such cloth in his department.

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NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled a Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the National Bank of Australasia and for other purposes*" be now taken into consideration.

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23. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
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28. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
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 (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
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31. **MR. GAUNSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
32. **MR. ZOx** : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
2. **GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.**—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 26TH AUGUST.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)** : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued; and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
3. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employes on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employes would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the items of divisions 67, 70, and 71, which were not furnished in the Estimates distributed in the House on the evening of July 15, 1879, shall be forthwith furnished, and until they are furnished, no expenditure shall take place in respect thereof.
6. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
8. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
11. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.

12. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
13. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.

On the motion that the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, *as an amendment*, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.
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In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 19th August.

STANDING ORDERS—at three o'clock.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 20TH AUGUST 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will appoint a singing master for Wangaratta, Benalla, Rutherglen and Wahgunyah State schools.
2. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he is aware that the Government of Queensland have for some time largely used the Victorian manufactured blue cloth ; and, if so, will he, on behalf of the Victorian Government, encourage local manufacture by using such cloth in his department.
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6. MR. YOUNG : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 - (1.) Whether the articles called "Tools," proposed to be exempted under the new tariff, comprise the whole of the tools used by carriers and tanners, blacksmiths and engineers, carpenters and joiners, wheelwrights and carriagebuilders, tinsmiths and coppersmiths, gardeners and miners, plasterers, bricklayers and masons, and woodcutters; or whether any of these will be dutiable under some other denomination.
 - (2.) Are sheep-shears, knife-blades for reaping machines, and cutlery, which have hitherto been admitted free, to be brought under the heading "General Hardware and Ironmongery," and subjected to 10 per cent. *ad valorem*.
7. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he will, in the amended Land Act, allow selectors under the 49th clause a Crown grant on paying £1 per acre, with conditions in the said Crown grant allowing miners the right of entry to and work the ground on payment of surface damage only.
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10. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if he will bring in a Bill to divert a portion of the surplus water of the Broken River into the Broken Creek.
11. MR. A. K. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if his attention has been called to a report "That the water-pipes on the Sandridge Railway Pier are in such a corroded state that there was only a small stream of water which would have been of very little use had the fire that occurred on board the steamship *Wotonga* not been promptly attended to at the beginning;" and if the Honorable the Commissioner will have all such corroded pipes throughout the city and suburbs cleaned out with the least possible delay, so as to be efficiently available in time of need.
12. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will acknowledge, in some suitable manner, the effective action rendered by the Sandhurst police in capturing the Lancefield bank robbers.
13. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer the amount of money available out of the present loan for the construction of new railways.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled a Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the National Bank of Australasia and for other purposes*" be now taken into consideration.

ORDER OF THE DAY RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. TRUSTEES AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

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General.

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2. MR. DWYER: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"
3. MR. RAMSAY: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.
8. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
10. UNEMPLOYED—Petition from—Motion for taking same into consideration—Resumption of Debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. DIXON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The estimate made by the Department of the value of property required to be taken for railway construction on the Gippsland Line between South Yarra and Oakleigh, with the name of the officer who made the estimate.
 - (2.) The amount already paid for such purpose, with an estimate of the amount to be paid for claims unsatisfied.
 - (3.) Names of each property owner and leaseholder.
 - (4.) The quantity of land taken in each case, and, if improved, the nature of such improvement and buildings.
 - (5.) The names of those from whom more land was taken than that required for railway purposes.
 - (6.) The estimated value of land so taken.
 - (7.) The amount of compensation first claimed in each case.
 - (8.) The amount of compensation first offered by the Government valuer.
 - (9.) The amount finally paid by the Crown in each case settled.
 - (10.) The number of claims now unsettled, and the amount of such claim in each case.
 - (11.) Claims, how settled ; whether by mutual agreement, arbitration, or appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (12.) The cost incurred by the Crown in each case of arbitration, or on appeal to the Supreme Court.
 - (13.) The names of the arbitrator and referee appointed by the Crown in each case of arbitration.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Mining Statute 1865.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
4. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
5. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
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9. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
11. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
12. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 26TH AUGUST.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
3. MR. NIMMO : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners, and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
3. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the items of divisions 67, 70, and 71, which were not furnished in the Estimates distributed in the House on the evening of July 15, 1879, shall be forthwith furnished, and until they are furnished, no expenditure shall take place in respect thereof.
6. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
8. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
11. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
12. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.

13. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.

On the motion that the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, *as an amendment*, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.
2. MR. ORR : To move, That all the words after "now" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—Referred to a Select Committee of this House for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 21ST AUGUST 1879.

Questions.

1. **DR. MADDEN:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if the practice which has heretofore prevailed in his department of inviting reports from local police magistrates as to the fitness and position of persons suggested for appointment to the commission of the peace has been discontinued.
2. **MR. YOUNG:** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 - (1.) Whether the articles called "Tools," proposed to be exempted under the new tariff, comprise the whole of the tools used by carriers and tanners, blacksmiths and engineers, carpenters and joiners, wheelwrights and carriagebuilders, tinsmiths and coppersmiths, gardeners and miners, plasterers, bricklayers and masons, and woodcutters; or whether any of these will be dutiable under some other denomination.
 - (2.) Are sheep-shears, knife-blades for reaping machines, and cutlery, which have hitherto been admitted free, to be brought under the heading "General Hardware and Ironmongery," and subjected to 10 per cent. *ad valorem*.
3. **MR. CASEY:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will direct the enquiry into the existence of the *phylloxera vastatrix* in the Geelong vineyards to be continued, and when necessary take steps to prevent the disease spreading.
4. **MR. CASEY:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will acknowledge, in some suitable manner, the effective action rendered by the Sandhurst police in capturing the Lancefield bank robbers.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).**—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.**—Second reading.
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7. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
8. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.**—Resolution to be reported.
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10. **NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.**—Second reading.
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12. **GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.**—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. ZOX:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
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4. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH:** To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Braxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.

TUESDAY, 26TH AUGUST.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled a Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the National Bank of Australasia and for other purposes*" be now taken into consideration.

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
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4. MR. RAMSAY : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.

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2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*—That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
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4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
5. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
8. UNEMPLOYED—Petition from—Motion for taking same into consideration—Resumption of Debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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3. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
4. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force; and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
5. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.

6. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election:
7. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
8. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
9. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
10. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
11. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
12. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
13. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
14. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
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WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. DWYER: To move for leave to introduce a Bill relating to the admission of Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors.
2. MR. DWYER: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 26TH AUGUST 1879.

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Government Business.

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1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
6. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
7. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
10. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
12. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
13. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
14. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GAUNSON: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
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3. MR. MIRAMS: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.

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5. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH :** To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL:—

1. **MR. CASEY :** To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled a Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the National Bank of Australasia and for other purposes*" be now taken into consideration.

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. **MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*):** To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. **MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*):** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
3. **MR. NIMMO :** To move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners, and for other purposes.
4. **MR. RAMSAY :** To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.

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1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
3. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
5. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
8. UNEMPLOYED—Petition from—Motion for taking same into consideration—Resumption of Debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MUNRO :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
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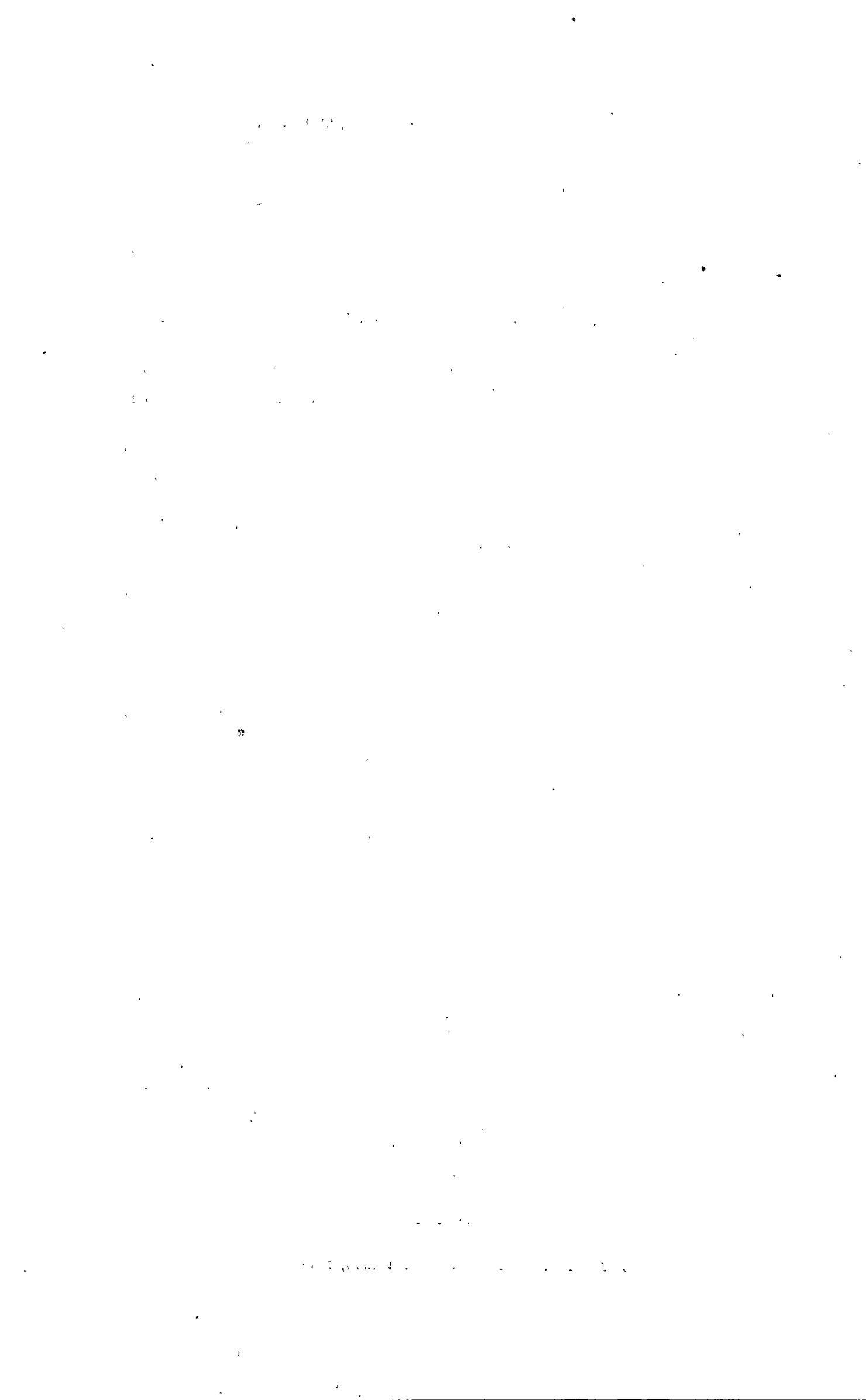
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WEDNESDAY, 27TH AUGUST 1879.

Questions.

1. **MR. YOUNG:** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 - (1.) Whether the articles called "Tools," proposed to be exempted under the new tariff, comprise the whole of the tools used by carriers and tanners, blacksmiths and engineers, carpenters and joiners, wheelwrights and carriagebuilders, tinsmiths and coppersmiths, gardeners and miners, plasterers, bricklayers and masons, and woodcutters; or whether any of these will be dutiable under some other denomination.
 - (2.) Are sheep-shears, knife-blades for reaping machines, and cutlery, which have hitherto been admitted free, to be brought under the heading "General Hardware and Ironmongery," and subjected to 10 per cent. *ad valorem*.
2. **MR. FINCHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if his attention has been called to the many complaints that have recently been made of the irregularity of inspection in the State schools; and if he will make provision for the inspection of every State school at least once in every eight months.
3. **DR. MADDEN:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will take steps to have the repairs to the yard and staircase of the Sandridge State school, which have been long promised by the Education Department, effected.
4. **MR. FINCHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if his attention has been specially directed to the many complaints that have been made of money being extracted from letters forwarded through the Ballarat Post Office; and if he intends introducing a more strict system of supervision, in order to prevent such fraudulent proceedings being repeated.
5. **DR. MADDEN:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if a reward has been paid for the discovery of the Steiglitz gold-field; and if so, to whom; and if to more than one person, in what proportions.
6. **MR. MASON:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will state when he will provide a State School for the Rock Cutting, on the Gippsland line of Railway.
7. **MR. YOUNG:** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he is aware of the insufficient height of the fencing on the Carlsruhe and Daylesford Railway; and if the fencing on the other lines now in course of construction is of the same character.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILLS:—

1. **MR. CASEY:** To move, That the Report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled a Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the National Bank of Australasia and for other purposes*" be now taken into consideration.
2. **MR. CASEY:** To move, That the Bill intituled "*An Act to confer powers on the Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited*" be committed to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Grant, Sir John O'Shanassy, Mr. Ramsay, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and that leave be given to print the evidence taken before such Committee.

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst):** To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst):** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
3. **MR. NIMMO:** To move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners, and for other purposes.
4. **MR. RAMSAY:** To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Dower.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second-reading.
2. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
3. **LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
4. **SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
6. **CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **UNEMPLOYED—Petition from—Motion for taking same into consideration—Resumption of Debate.**

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876*."
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
4. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
5. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
6. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
7. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
8. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
9. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
10. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
11. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
12. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
13. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
14. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
15. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
16. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
17. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
18. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
19. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.

20. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
21. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
22. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
23. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
24. MR. ZOX : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
25. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
26. MR. DWYER : To move, That there be laid before this House all the papers in the Ogier inquiry case.
27. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions
28. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
29. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
30. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
31. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
32. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
33. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
6. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
7. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
10. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
12. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
13. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
14. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will have sidings made at the stations on the Brighton line to afford facilities for conveying produce between Melbourne and Gippsland.
2. MR. COOPER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways—
 (1.) Whether he has had a line of telegraph specially erected for the Railway department;
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5. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether, in his Amended Mining Statute, he intends to abolish Mining Boards.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. DWYER: To move for leave to introduce a Bill relating to the admission of Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors.
2. MR. DWYER: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
4. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BIRD: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
3. MR. LAURENS: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
4. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
5. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL: To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for, the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN: To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.

5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the items of divisions 67, 70, and 71, which were not furnished in the Estimates distributed in the House on the evening of July 15, 1879, shall be forthwith furnished, and until they are furnished, no expenditure shall take place in respect thereof.
6. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
8. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
11. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
12. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
13. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the report presented at matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.

On the motion that the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, as an amendment, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.
2. MR. ORR : To move, That all the words after "That" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—The subject of the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart., Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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THURSDAY, 28TH AUGUST 1879.

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6. MR. SERVICE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands, seeing the rule of the Lands Department is to give an allotment of land under certain circumstances to a particular person, what public advantage is to be served by first throwing such allotment open for selection to all comers, and afterwards submitting the applications for the same to the local land board.
7. MR. LAURENS : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, in the new Electoral Bill, he will provide that returning officers, when ballot papers run short, shall take the names of electors who then present themselves to vote, and intimate to such electors the time when he will supply them with ballot papers and receive their votes.
8. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will cause the more important rulings of the Speakers of this House to be printed for the use of Honorable Members.
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11. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if a reward has been paid for the discovery of the Steiglitz gold-field ; and if so, to whom ; and if to more than one person, in what proportions.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

12. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the names, ages, duties, salaries, and all allowances of the Inspectors of the Stock and Scab Department for the last three years.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
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4. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
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 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
4. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
5. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress; what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
6. MR. MUNRO: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
7. MR. BARR: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
8. MR. MCINTYRE: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
9. MR. WILLIAMS: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.

10. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
11. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
12. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
13. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
14. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
15. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
16. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
17. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
18. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
19. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
20. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
21. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
22. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employes in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employes belonging to the several religious denominations.
23. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
24. MR. ZOx : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
25. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
26. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.
27. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
28. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
29. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That there be laid before this House all the papers in the Ogier inquiry case.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second Reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

3. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
4. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
5. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
6. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
7. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
8. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the items of divisions 67, 70, and 71, which were not furnished in the Estimates distributed in the House on the evening of July 15, 1879, shall be forthwith furnished, and until they are furnished, no expenditure shall take place in respect thereof.

6. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
8. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
11. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
12. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
13. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
14. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.

On the motion that the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, *as an amendment*, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.
2. MR. ORR : To move, That all the words after "That" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—The subject of the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart., Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 28TH AUGUST.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 9.

Towns Management, &c., Bill.—New clause proposed by Hon. W. E. Hearn. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 18.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[19]

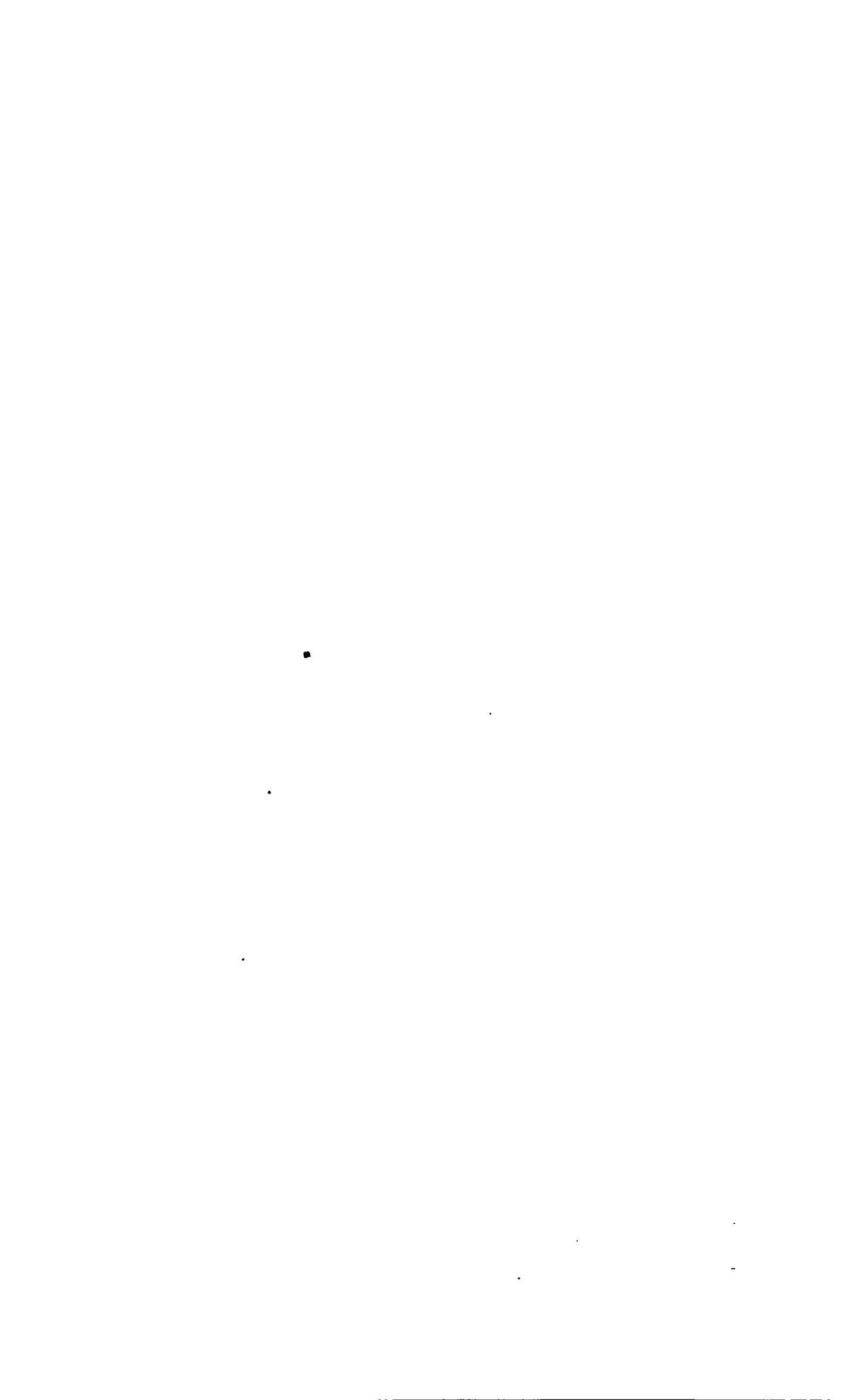
Loan Acts, 332 and 531.—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 5.

Penal Establishments and Gaols.—Report of the Inspector-General for the year 1878. No. 35.

Reports of the Mining Surveyors and Registrars.—Quarter ended 30th June 1879. No. 44.

Postal Contract.—Copy of the Contract entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of a Fortnightly Mail between Melbourne and Ceylon. No. 59.

Dower Abolition Bill.—[45.] (To Members of Assembly only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will have sidings made at the stations on the Brighton line to afford facilities for conveying produce between Melbourne and Gippsland.
2. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will take steps to have the repairs to the yard and staircase of the Sandridge State school, which have been long promised by the Education Department, effected.
3. MR. YOUNG: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 - (1.) Whether the articles called "Tools," proposed to be exempted under the new tariff, comprise the whole of the tools used by carriers and tanners, blacksmiths and engineers, carpenters and joiners, wheelwrights and carriagebuilders, tinsmiths and coppersmiths, gardeners and miners, plasterers, bricklayers and masons, and woodcutters; or whether any of these will be dutiable under some other denomination.
 - (2.) Are sheep-shears, knife-blades for reaping machines, and cutlery, which have hitherto been admitted free, to be brought under the heading "General Hardware and Ironmongery," and subjected to 10 per cent. *ad valorem*.
4. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if a reward has been paid for the discovery of the Steiglitz gold-field; and if so, to whom; and if to more than one person, in what proportions.
5. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he is aware that machinery merchants consider it cheaper to carry engine boilers by road than rail; and if he will reduce the freight on boilers from 7d. per ton per mile to 4d. per ton per mile, as charged on portable engines.
6. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he is aware that Mr. R. Brough Smyth had been engaged by a former Government to compile a work on the "Physical Geology, Geography, and Mineral Resources of Victoria," that, on the completion thereof, the amount agreed upon was paid by the Government to Mr. Smyth, and that a portion of the volume has been set in type; and if the Government intend to publish the work for the public benefit.
7. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when he will be able to build a new State school at Epsom.
8. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will take early steps to have the goods-sheds and cattle-yards, which are provided for on this year's Estimates for certain stations on the Gippsland Railway, constructed.
9. MR. BLACKETT : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General, in reference to the return laid on the Table relative to the recent large increase in the cost of the Post and Telegraph Offices at Brunswick and Flemington, whether, previous to the late changes, any public representations had been made of inconvenience suffered by the inhabitants under the former more economical management.
10. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will take into consideration the necessity of having a guide-book to the colony of Victoria published.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate—And *the amendment*, that all the words after "That" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—
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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DIXON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

Private Bill Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move, That a Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the National Bank of Australasia and for other purposes,*" be now read a third time.

General.

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WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second Reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*—That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

4. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
5. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
6. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
7. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
8. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
9. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for, the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.

5. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the items of divisions 67, 70, and 71, which were not furnished in the Estimates distributed in the House on the evening of July 15, 1879, shall be forthwith furnished, and until they are furnished, no expenditure shall take place in respect thereof.
6. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
8. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
11. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
12. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
13. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
14. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.

On the motion that the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, *as an amendment*, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 2nd September.

TRUSTEES AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL—at 11 o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH AUGUST.

Mining on Private Property Bill.—[43]

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 19.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[20]

Victorian Water Supply.—Statement, &c. A.—No. 4.

Authority for Miners to occupy for mining purposes a portion of the Camp Reserve, Heathcote.—
Order in Council. No. 60.

Dower Abolition Bill.—[45] (Issue completed.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will take steps to have the repairs to the yard and staircase of the Sandridge State school, which have been long promised by the Education Department, effected.
2. MR. YOUNG: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 - (1.) Whether the articles called "Tools," proposed to be exempted under the new tariff, comprise the whole of the tools used by carriers and tanners, blacksmiths and engineers, carpenters and joiners, wheelwrights and carriagebuilders, tinsmiths and coppersmiths, gardeners and miners, plasterers, bricklayers and masons, and woodcutters; or whether any of these will be dutiable under some other denomination.
 - (2.) Are sheep-shears, knife-blades for reaping machines, and cutlery, which have hitherto been admitted free, to be brought under the heading "General Hardware and Ironmongery," and subjected to 10 per cent. *ad valorem*.
3. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if a reward has been paid for the discovery of the Steiglitz gold-field; and if so, to whom; and if to more than one person, in what proportions.
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Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

Private Bill Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move, That a Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the National Bank of Australasia and for other purposes,*" be now read a third time.

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill relating to the admission of Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors.
2. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"
3. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Establishment and Regulation of Fire Brigades within the Colony of Victoria.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
4. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.
6. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
7. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*—That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
8. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. UNEMPLOYED—Petition from—Motion for taking same into consideration.—Resumption of Debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
3. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
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10. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
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That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
13. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
14. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. McINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends submitting to the House a written report of the embassy proceedings, so far as they relate to the public business of the embassy, and if so, when ; also, will he likewise cause to be included in the report a detailed account of the expenditure incurred in connection with the business of the embassy.

2. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will order the Reports for 1876, 1877, and 1878 of the Secretary for Agriculture to be printed.
3. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if it be true that the groined stone vaulting of the arcade of the principal front of the new Law Courts is giving way.
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Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate—And *the amendment*, that all the words after "That" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :— The subject of the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart., Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover, five to form a quorum.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The cost of the new Law Courts up to the present time, and the further amount required to complete the buildings fit for occupation.
 - (2.) The amount already paid away for professional and clerical assistance and supervision, including office rent and other incidental expenses.

TUESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. MACBAIN : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The area of runs in the Wimmera district (including grazing licenses) abandoned, and rents in arrear at this date.
 - (2.) The reasons, if any, given for the abandoning such runs.
 - (3.) The runs given up during the last two years which have been re-let, the former rents of such runs, and also the rents now obtained for them.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second Reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

4. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
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 - (2.) The number of male and female pupil teachers employed in the State schools during the year ended 30th June last, and the number of each who have been granted leave of absence on account of sickness.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for, the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "The Land Act 1878" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.

11. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
12. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
13. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.

On the motion that the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, *as an amendment*, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 4th September.

TRUSTEES AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL—at 12 o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH AUGUST—3RD SEPTEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 10.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 20.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[21]

Drawback Regulations. A.—No. 3.

Hospitals for the Insane—Report of the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums on, for the year ending 31st December 1878. No. 36.

Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.—[44]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends submitting to the House a written report of the embassy proceedings, so far as they relate to the public business of the embassy, and if so, when ; also, will he likewise cause to be included in the report a detailed account of the expenditure incurred in connection with the business of the embassy.
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5. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will take steps to have the repairs to the yard and staircase of the Sandridge State school, which have been long promised by the Education Department, effected.
6. MR. MIRAMS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when the grant in aid of the Victorian Rifle Association, which has been passed in the last Supply Bill, will be available.
7. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will introduce a new clause into the Licensing Bill, now before the House, to remove all doubts that exist on the 18th and 44th sections of the present Licensing Act.
8. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) If the regulations for the hiring out of Industrial School girls prohibit the department from permitting Jewish families being allowed the privilege of engaging them unless the Industrial School girls be of the Jewish persuasion.
 - (2.) If so, will the Honorable the Chief Secretary cause such regulations to be abolished.
9. MR. WILLIAMS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what are the text books to be used by the teachers in the study of physiology, chemistry, geology, and mineralogy to be introduced into the State schools.
10. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction that as the Honorable the Chief Secretary has stated that compensation allowances ought to be paid promptly to civil servants, will he grant the same indulgence to State school teachers, whose cases have been considered twelve months ago by the Parliamentary Board of Enquiry, and awards made to them for unpaid salaries.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate—And *the amendment*, that all the words after "That" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—The subject of the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart., Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover, five to form a quorum.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
4. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
6. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
7. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
8. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
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4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
5. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
6. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*— That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
7. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

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 - (2.) The number of male and female pupil teachers employed in the State schools during the year ended 30th June last, and the number of each who have been granted leave of absence on account of sickness.
11. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
12. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
13. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
14. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
15. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
16. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
17. **MR. R. CLARK** (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
18. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
19. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
20. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
21. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
22. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
23. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
24. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
25. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
26. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
27. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
28. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
29. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.

30. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
31. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
32. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
2. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
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6. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
11. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
12. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
13. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.

On the motion that the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, *as an amendment*, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 4th September.

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LIBRARY COMMITTEE—at 3 o'clock.

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Unclassified School Teachers—Return. C.—No. 3.

Land Act 1869—Regulations. Order in Council. No. 61.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends submitting to the House a written report of the embassy proceedings, so far as they relate to the public business of the embassy, and if so, when ; also, will he likewise cause to be included in the report a detailed account of the expenditure incurred in connection with the business of the embassy.
2. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will order the Reports for 1876, 1877, and 1878 of the Secretary for Agriculture to be printed.
3. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if it be true that the groined stone vaulting of the arcade of the principal front of the new Law Courts is giving way.
4. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he is aware that Mr. R. Brough Smyth had been engaged by a former Government to compile a work on the "Physical Geology, Geography, and Mineral Resources of Victoria," that, on the completion thereof, the amount agreed upon was paid by the Government to Mr. Smyth, and that a portion of the volume has been set in type ; and if the Government intend to publish the work for the public benefit.
5. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will take steps to have the repairs to the yard and staircase of the Sandridge State school, which have been long promised by the Education Department, effected.
6. MR. MIRAMS : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when the grant in aid of the Victorian Rifle Association, which has been passed in the last Supply Bill, will be available.
7. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will introduce a new clause into the Licensing Bill, now before the House, to remove all doubts that exist on the 18th and 44th sections of the present Licensing Act.
8. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) If the regulations for the hiring out of Industrial School girls prohibit the department from permitting Jewish families being allowed the privilege of engaging them unless the Industrial School girls be of the Jewish persuasion.
 - (2.) If so, will the Honorable the Chief Secretary cause such regulations to be abolished.
9. MR. WILLIAMS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what are the text books to be used by the teachers in the study of physiology, chemistry, geology, and mineralogy to be introduced into the State schools.
10. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction that as the Honorable the Chief Secretary has stated that compensation allowances ought to be paid promptly to civil servants, will he grant the same indulgence to State school teachers, whose cases have been considered twelve months ago by the Parliamentary Board of Enquiry, and awards made to them for unpaid salaries.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. MACBAIN : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The area of runs in the Wimmera district (including grazing licenses) abandoned, and rents in arrear at this date.
 - (2.) The reasons, if any, given for the abandoning such runs.
 - (3.) The runs given up during the last two years which have been re-let, the former rents of such runs, and also the rents now obtained for them.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate—And *the amendment*, that all the words after "That" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—The subject of the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart., Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover, five to form a quorum.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
4. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
6. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
7. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
8. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.

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9. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
11. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
13. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
14. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
15. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The cost of the new Law Courts up to the present time, and the further amount required to complete the buildings fit for occupation.
 - (2.) The amount already paid away for professional and clerical assistance and supervision, including office rent and other incidental expenses.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second Reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
5. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
6. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
7. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
4. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
5. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
6. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
7. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
8. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
9. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.

10. **MR. CARTER** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of children on the rolls of the State schools and night schools respectively for each quarter of the year ended 30th June last, and the number of children attending the State and night schools respectively who have not completed the thirty days attendance required by clause 3 of the "*Education Amendment Act*" for the same period.
 - (2.) The number of male and female pupil teachers employed in the State schools during the year ended 30th June last, and the number of each who have been granted leave of absence on account of sickness.
11. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
12. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
13. **MR. McINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
14. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly criminal in any Minister or Ministers of the Crown of the colony of Victoria, directly, or indirectly, to use the powers of office in the election of representatives to serve in Parliament, and any attempt at such influence will at all times be resented by this House as aimed at its independence as an infringement of the dearest rights of every subject throughout the colony, and tending to destroy the freedom of election.
15. **MR. McINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
16. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
17. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
18. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
19. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
20. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
21. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
22. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
23. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
24. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
25. **MR. ZOx** : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
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28. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
29. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.

30. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
31. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
32. MR. DIXON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew; Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
2. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

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On the motion that the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be now read a second time

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, *as an amendment*, That inasmuch as it is contrary to the usages and practice of the Imperial Parliament (which the Parliament of Victoria is bound to follow) to initiate in the House of Commons any Bill affecting the Constitution of the House of Lords, this Bill is a violation of such usage.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 9th September.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will reduce the rate of carriage on boilers on the Victorian Railways to the same rate as that charged on portable engines.
2. **MR. MASON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will make provision in the new Local Government Bill to empower local bodies to construct tramways.
3. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when his scheme for the classification of teachers will be completed, and when it is his intention to lay the same before the House.
4. **MR. CARTER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if the Education Department recognizes the practice of counting holidays in making up the thirty days attendance of defaulting scholars.
5. **MR. MASON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what steps he purposes taking with a view to providing suitable employment for those teachers of long standing in his department whose services have been dispensed with in consequence of their inability to procure a license to teach.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)** : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
4. **SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL.**—Second reading.
6. **LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
7. **CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. **MR. STORY** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. **MR. COOPER** : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

4. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
5. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.

6. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
7. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
8. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
9. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
10. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
11. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
12. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
13. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
14. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
15. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
16. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
17. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
18. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
19. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
20. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
21. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
22. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
23. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
24. MR. BARR ; To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
25. MR. ZOx : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
26. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
27. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.

28. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
29. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
30. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART.** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Electoral Act 1865.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.**—Resolution to be reported.
4. **LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).**—To be further considered in Committee.
5. **LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.**—Second reading.
6. **RABBIT NUISANCE.**—Resolution to be reported.
7. **STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
9. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.**—Resolution to be reported.
10. **PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
11. **NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.**—Second reading.
12. **SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
13. **GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.**—Second reading.
14. **CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.**—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. COOPER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether official notice has been sent to the Ballarat Water Commission, intimating that the Government intend to take over the works within a few months; also, whether such notice has been sent to any other water commission, or is it intended to send any such notice.
2. **MR. B. G. DAVIES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he is aware that Mr. R. Brough Smyth had been engaged by a former Government to compile a work on the "Physical Geology, Geography, and Mineral Resources of Victoria," that, on the completion thereof, the amount agreed upon was paid by the Government to Mr. Smyth, and that a portion of the volume has been set in type; and if the Government intend to publish the work for the public benefit.
3. **DR. MADDEN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will take steps to have the repairs to the yard and staircase of the Sandridge State school, which have been long promised by the Education Department, effected.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. CARTER** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of children on the rolls of the State schools and night schools respectively for each quarter of the year ended 30th June last, and the number of children attending the State and night schools respectively who have not completed the thirty days attendance required by clause 3 of the "Education Amendment Act" for the same period.
 - (2.) The number of male and female pupil teachers employed in the State schools during the year ended 30th June last, and the number of each who have been granted leave of absence on account of sickness.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading—Resumption of debate—And *the amendment*, that all the words after "That" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—The subject of the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loghlen, Bart., Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover, five to form a quorum.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.

TUESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government have decided upon any permanent provision for the widows and orphans of the police officers who were murdered on the Wombat Ranges on the 26th October last year.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
2. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
4. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
5. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
6. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.

7. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.
8. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. BELL** : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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Speaker.

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THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. COOPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether official notice has been sent to the Ballarat Water Commission, intimating that the Government intend to take over the works within a few months ; also, whether such notice has been sent to any other water commission, or is it intended to send any such notice.
2. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what steps he purposes taking with a view to providing suitable employment for those teachers of long standing in his department whose services have been dispensed with in consequence of their inability to procure a license to teach.
3. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he is aware that Mr. R. Brough Smyth had been engaged by a former Government to compile a work on the "Physical Geology, Geography, and Mineral Resources of Victoria," that, on the completion thereof, the amount agreed upon was paid by the Government to Mr. Smyth, and that a portion of the volume has been set in type ; and if the Government intend to publish the work for the public benefit.
4. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will take steps to have the repairs to the yard and staircase of the Sandridge State school, which have been long promised by the Education Department, effected.
5. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will make provision in the new Local Government Bill to empower local bodies to construct tramways.
6. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will be in a position to pay the moiety of endowment to municipalities before the 30th September, in order that these bodies may be able to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

General Business.

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1. MR. CARTER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of children on the rolls of the State schools and night schools respectively for each quarter of the year ended 30th June last, and the number of children attending the State and night schools respectively who have not completed the thirty days attendance required by clause 3 of the "Education Amendment Act" for the same period.
 - (2.) The number of male and female pupil teachers employed in the State schools during the year ended 30th June last, and the number of each who have been granted leave of absence on account of sickness.

Government Business.

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1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, BART. : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Electoral Act 1865.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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1. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government have decided upon any permanent provision for the widows and orphans of the police officers who were murdered on the Wombat Ranges on the 26th October last year.

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5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
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11. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
12. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.

4. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
5. **MR. BENT :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
6. **MR. ZOX :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
7. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.
8. **MR. NIMMO :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
9. **MR. RAMSAY :** To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
10. **MR. BENT :** To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
11. **MR. RAMSAY :** To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
12. **MR. ZOX :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
13. **MR. BIRD :** To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
14. **MR. BARR :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
15. **MR. McINTYRE :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
16. **MR. McINTYRE :** To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
17. **MR. SHARPE :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
18. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera) :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
19. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
20. **MR. BROPHY :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
21. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.

22. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
23. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
24. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
25. MR. BARR ; To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
26. MR. ZOx : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
27. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
28. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
29. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
30. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Braxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
31. MR. DIXON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second reading.
2. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
3. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876*."
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.

3. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

4. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
5. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
11. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
12. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
13. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 11TH SEPTEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 11.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 12.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 24.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[25]
Land Tax Commission—Return. C.—No. 4.
Printing Committee—First Report. D.—No. 2.
Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Williams.
(To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER 1879.

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3. MR. 'D. M. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will furnish the free libraries of the colony with copies of the continental map of Australia, now being prepared in his department.
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5. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will make provision in the new Local Government Bill to empower local bodies to construct tramways.

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1. MR. BERRY : To move, That on Thursday, 25th September instant, the House be called.
2. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the compulsory taking of land for the Dunmunkle and St. Arnaud Shires Waterworks.

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WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)** : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second reading.
2. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
3. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.

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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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2. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
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7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
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 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
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 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
11. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
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13. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

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Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if his attention has been called to the great agitation going on in England for wholesale emigration to the Australian Colonies; and whether he will take steps to place the depressed state of the labor market here before the laboring population in England.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Second reading.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
4. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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9. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
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11. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
13. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
14. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
15. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate—And *the amendment*, that all the words after “That” be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—The subject of the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O’Loughlen, Bart., Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover, five to form a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o’clock till twenty-five minutes past six o’clock.)*General.*

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second reading.
2. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
3. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled “ *The Licensing Act 1876.*”
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

4. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
5. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.

THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. HOUSE TO BE CALLED.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o’clock to four o’clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o’clock to six o’clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson’s Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O’Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House,

5. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
11. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
12. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
13. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
14. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works what is the cause of the delay in laying down water-pipes at South Preston and Gowerville, and when will the work be proceeded with.
2. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will make a reduction in the price of monthly tickets on the suburban lines, in cases where there are several members of the same family using the railway all the year round, in order to reach their places of business in the city.
3. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Superannuation and Reward Fund, which was formed several years ago in connection with the officers of the Penal Department, is still in existence, and in what manner it is invested.
4. MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what steps the Government intend to take with a view of providing police protection to the residents of Campbellfield, now that the station has been broken up.
5. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer under what circumstances Lieut.-Colonel Hutton resigned his Commission in the Volunteer Force.
6. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will make provision in the new Local Government Bill to empower local bodies to construct tramways.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That there be laid before this House the Report of the Board appointed by the Honorable the Treasurer on matters connected with the Military Forces.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Second reading.
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15. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
16. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. D. CAMERON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) Why, in the return recently submitted to Parliament, *re* the direct line of railway from Ballarat to Melbourne, it was set forth by the Railway Department that the working expenses were 50 to 52 per cent. of the revenue on the present North-Western line, which is 100½ miles in length, and the same on the proposed direct line, which will only be 77 miles in length.
 - (2.) Why, in the same return, it is stated that goods carried over 100½ miles will cost less than the same goods carried over 77 miles, except those under the head of “special class.”
 - (3.) The meaning of “special class” referred to in that return.

TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. SHARPE: To move, That there be laid before this House all papers in connection with the application of Samuel White, jun., for a selection of land in the parish of Laceby.
2. MR. MACBAIN: To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the recent correspondence with the Home Government regarding the proposal made to land all our mails for England at Brindisi, in place of at Brindisi and Southampton, as contracted for; also, a copy of the correspondence with the South Australian Government regarding the mail contract recently entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Company.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
3. MR. DWYER: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second reading.
2. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
3. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
6. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
8. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
12. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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6. MR. BENT: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
7. MR. ZOx: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
8. MR. DWYER: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.

9. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
10. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
11. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
12. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
13. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
14. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
15. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
16. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
17. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
18. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
19. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
20. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
21. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
22. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
23. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
24. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
25. MR. ZOx : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
26. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
27. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
28. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
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32. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
33. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
34. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.

THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. HOUSE TO BE CALLED.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
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14. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. FERGUSSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will inform the House if he will be able to introduce the new Railway Bill before the contemplated adjournment of next month.
2. MR. D. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when it is his intention to proceed with the road from Barry's Reef to Trentham Railway station.
3. MR. BROPHY : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer what provision, if any, is intended to be made in lieu of tolls, and the subsidy which will expire this month under section 346 of "*The Local Government Act 1874.*"
4. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether it was with his authority that a pipe-channel was cut between the railway dam and the railway station, St. Arnaud, along a proclaimed and settled district, without consultation with the Borough Council.
5. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is aware that South Australia and New South Wales have prohibited the importation of grapes, on account of the introduction of the *phylloxera vastatrix*; and if he will be prepared to put in active force the present Act; also, whether it is his intention to have a thorough inspection of the different vineyards of the colony, so as to inspire confidence in the neighbouring colonies to purchase our produce.
6. MR. W. McG. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will make a reduction in the price of monthly tickets on the suburban lines, in cases where there are several members of the same family using the railway all the year round, in order to reach their places of business in the city.
7. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer under what circumstances Lieut.-Colonel Hutton resigned his Commission in the Volunteer Force.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. SHARPE : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers in connection with the application of Samuel White, jun., for a selection of land in the parish of Laceby.
2. MR. MACBAIN : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the recent correspondence with the Home Government regarding the proposal made to land all our mails for England at Brindisi, in place of at Brindisi and Southampton, as contracted for; also, a copy of the correspondence with the South Australian Government regarding the mail contract recently entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Company.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate—And *the amendment*, that all the words after "That" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—
The subject of the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart., Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover, five to form a quorum.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
4. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
6. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
7. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
8. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
11. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
13. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
14. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
15. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of “*The Land Act 1869.*”
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
2. MR. D. CAMERON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) Why, in the return recently submitted to Parliament, *re* the direct line of railway from Ballarat to Melbourne; it was set forth by the Railway Department that the working expenses were 50 to 52 per cent. of the revenue on the present North-Western line, which is 100½ miles in length, and the same on the proposed direct line, which will only be 77 miles in length.
 - (2.) Why, in the same return, it is stated that goods carried over 100½ miles will cost less than the same goods carried over 77 miles, except those under the head of “special class.”
 - (3.) The meaning of “special class” referred to in that return.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
3. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend “*The Companies Statute 1864.*”

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second reading.
2. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
3. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
6. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
8. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
12. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled “*The Licensing Act 1876.*”
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619; to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

4. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
5. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
6. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
7. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.

8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.
9. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
10. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
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12. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
13. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
14. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
15. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
16. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
17. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
18. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
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25. MR. ZOX : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
26. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
27. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
28. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.

29. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branzholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
30. MR. DIXON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
31. MR. SERVICE : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
32. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
33. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
34. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.

THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. HOUSE TO BE CALLED.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
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 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
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JOHN JAMES,
Deputy-Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 25th September.

TRUSTEES AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL—at 12 o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19TH SEPTEMBER.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[29]
Fisheries—Copy of Notice, &c. No. 65.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will continue the present convenient practice of issuing packets of railway tickets on the suburban lines.
2. MR. FERGUSSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will inform the House if he will be able to introduce the new Railway Bill before the contemplated adjournment of next month.
3. MR. W. McG. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will make a reduction in the price of monthly tickets on the suburban lines, in cases where there are several members of the same family using the railway all the year round, in order to reach their places of business in the city.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
3. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second reading.
2. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
3. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
6. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
8. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
12. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

4. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
5. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.

6. MR. BENT: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
7. MR. ZOX: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
8. MR. DWYER: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions:
9. MR. RAMSAY: To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
10. MR. BENT: To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
11. MR. RAMSAY: To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
12. MR. ZOX: To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
13. MR. BIRD: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
14. MR. BARR: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
15. MR. MCINTYRE: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
16. MR. MCINTYRE: To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
17. MR. SHARPE: To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
18. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
19. MR. BOWMAN: To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
20. MR. BROPHY: To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
21. MR. A. T. CLARK: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
22. MR. BOWMAN: To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
23. MR. ZOX: To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
24. MR. BARR: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
25. MR. ZOX: To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
26. MR. TUCKER: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
27. MR. MIRAMS: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.

28. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here; especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
29. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th. August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branzholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
30. MR. DIXON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
31. MR. SERVICE : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
32. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
33. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
34. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
35. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "The Land Act 1869."
 (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
36. MR. D. CAMERON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) Why, in the return recently submitted to Parliament, *re* the direct line of railway from Ballarat to Melbourne, it was set forth by the Railway Department that the working expenses were 50 to 52 per cent. of the revenue on the present North-Western line, which is 100½ miles in length, and the same on the proposed direct line, which will only be 77 miles in length.
 (2.) Why, in the same return, it is stated that goods carried over 100½ miles will cost less than the same goods carried over 77 miles, except those under the head of "special class."
 (3.) The meaning of "special class" referred to in that return.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. SHARPE : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers in connection with the application of Samuel White, jun., for a selection of land in the parish of Lacey.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate—And *the amendment*, that all the words after "That" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—
The subject of the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart., Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover, five to form a quorum.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
4. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
6. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
7. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
8. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
11. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
13. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*—
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
14. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
15. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the drainage of Condah Swamp in the county of Normanby.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. HOUSE TO BE CALLED.

TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Land Acts of 1869 and 1878.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)**General.**

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension; they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
4. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
5. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
6. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.

3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 25th September.

TRUSTEES AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL—at 12 o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 20-24TH SEPTEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 14.
 Dunmunkle and St. Arnaud Shires Waterworks Bill.—[48] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Legislative Council Constitution Bill.—[49]
 Legislative Council Constitution Bill—Explanatory Schedule.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 28 and No. 29.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[30]
 Weekly Report of Divisions No. 5.
 Melbourne International Exhibition 1880—Despatches from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to. No. 45.
 Australasian Mails—Papers relating to the proportion to be retained by the Imperial Post Office of the Postage Receipts on Correspondence passing between England and the Australasian Colonies. No. 66.
 Mining on Private Property Bill.—[43] From Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors Admission Bill.—[51]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) What was the amount of funds actually paid to the Inspectors of Vineyards last year.
 - (2.) How many are retained, exclusive of the Secretary for Agriculture, to inspect the whole of the vineyards of the Colony.
 - (3.) What was the cause of the dismissal of the former Inspectors.
 - (4.) If they were appointed to inspect vineyards outside of Geelong, is it a fact that the inspections were not carried on over the remainder of the vineyards of the Colony.
2. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will authorize a competent engineer to visit the northern part of the Colony, with a view to enquiring and reporting upon the best means of procuring and conserving water for agricultural purposes.
3. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will pay the Government subsidy to the local bodies on or before Tuesday next, so as to allow those bodies to comply with the provisions of the Municipal Act.
4. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he will make provision in his proposed measure to amend the Land Act to grant facilities to miners and others to take up suburban areas in the vicinity of goldfields, say, to the extent of five acres, for the purpose of *bonâ fide* residence and cultivation, on the same terms as regards deferred payments as the law now provides for in the case of country lands.
5. MR. HUNT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will take prompt action to render habitable the gatekeepers' cottages on the North-Eastern Railway.
6. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will continue the present convenient practice of issuing packets of railway tickets on the suburban lines.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the drainage of Condah Swamp in the county of Normanby.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. HOUSE TO BE CALLED.
2. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate—And *the amendment*, that all the words after "That" be left out, with a view of inserting the following :—
The subject of the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days when the House does not meet; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart., Mr. Lalor, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Service, Mr. Francis, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Lyell, and the Mover, five to form a quorum.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
5. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
7. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
8. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
9. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
12. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
14. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
15. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
16. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Land Acts of 1869 and 1878.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
5. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
7. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
8. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
10. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
4. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
5. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
6. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
7. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
8. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, what delivered at, said station, and the department of keeping open this station.

9. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
10. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
11. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
12. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
13. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
14. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
15. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
16. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
17. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
18. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
19. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
20. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
21. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
22. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
23. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
24. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
25. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
26. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
27. MR. ZOx : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
28. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
29. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government, should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.

30. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
31. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
32. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
33. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emeraki Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
34. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
35. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
36. **MR. GAUNSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
37. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869*."
 (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)** : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876*."
2. **MR. STORY** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
4. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

1. **MR. BELL** : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.

3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
11. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
12. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
13. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
14. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 25th September.

TRUSTEES AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL—at 12 o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH SEPTEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 14.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 30.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General when he intends to bring before the House an amending Licensing Bill.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Wallis, the Secretary for Agriculture, is purchasing various kinds of stock for the Dookie Farm.
 - (2.) Whether he is doing this with the sanction of Parliament; and if not, by whose authority.
3. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he will withdraw from sale the allotments of land situated in Franklin and Swanston streets, being portion of the courts and gaol reserve, until such time as the Government have finally decided as to their intention of removing the Melbourne Gaol.
4. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if Mr. Wallis, the Secretary for Agriculture, charges travelling expenses to inspect the vineyards over and above his salary of £650 per annum, and does he also charge the same for going to the Dookie Farm.
5. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands the cause of delay in the issue of leases for the newly settled parts of South Gippsland.
6. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) Where the Dookie Model Farm is situated, and what advantage can the farmers from the Wimmera, Gippsland, Warrnambool, or any other distant district gain from this model institution.
 - (2.) In what does this farm differ from the model farm which formerly proved a failure in this Colony, after great public expense.
7. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he is aware that Mr. R. Brough Smyth had been engaged by a former Government to compile a work on the "Physical Geology, Geography, and Mineral Resources of Victoria," that, on the completion thereof, the amount agreed upon was paid by the Government to Mr. Smyth; and that a portion of the volume has been set in type; and if the Government intend to publish the work for the public benefit.
8. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will authorize a competent engineer to visit the northern part of the Colony, with a view to enquiring and reporting upon the best means of procuring and conserving water for agricultural purposes.
9. MR. McINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he will make provision in his proposed measure to amend the Land Act to grant facilities to miners and others to take up suburban areas in the vicinity of goldfields, say, to the extent of five acres, for the purpose of *bonâ fide* residence and cultivation, on the same terms as regards deferred payments as the law now provides for in the case of country lands.
10. MR. HUNT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will take prompt action to render habitable the gatekeepers' cottages on the North-Eastern Railway.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MASON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all revenues derived by the State from lands and other sources within the boundaries of the Shires of Buln Buln and Narracan, for the year 1872, and the financial year ending the 30th of June 1879.
2. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the application of E. R. Hughes for land in the parish of Oxley, and subsequent sale.
3. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence relative to the sale of the land occupied by the cement works, Stony Creek; Williams-town, to Thomas Bent, Esq, M.P.
4. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the sale of allotment 29, parish of Korweinguboora.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Land Acts of 1869 and 1878.
2. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the drainage of Condah Swamp in the county of Normanby.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
4. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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6. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
7. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
8. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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14. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
15. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
2. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
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7. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
8. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
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10. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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28. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
29. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
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31. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
32. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
33. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
34. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
35. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
36. **MR. GAUNSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
37. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)** : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. **MR. STORY** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
4. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employés on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employés would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
11. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
12. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
13. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
14. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
15. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
16. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 - (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 30th September.

TRUSTEES AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL—at 2 o'clock.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands—
 - (1.) Whether he has read the report in the *Argus* of the 30th September 1879, of the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of *Abbott v. the Commercial Bank*.
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4. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is true that a number of men have been recently sent from Melbourne to the works now going on at the Railway Station, Sandhurst ; and, if so, how many.
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 - (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Wallis, the Secretary for Agriculture, is purchasing various kinds of stock for the Dookie Farm.
 - (2.) Whether he is doing this with the sanction of Parliament ; and if not, by whose authority.
6. MR. RICHARDSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will make a regulation permitting the use of State schools in the country districts for political meetings at the next general election.
7. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if Mr. Wallis, the Secretary for Agriculture, charges travelling expenses to inspect the vineyards over and above his salary of £650 per annum, and does he also charge the same for going to the Dookie Farm.
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 - (1.) Where the Dookie Model Farm is situated, and what advantage can the farmers from the Wimmera, Gippsland, Warrnambool, or any other distant district gain from this model institution.
 - (2.) In what does this farm differ from the model farm which formerly proved a failure in this Colony, after great public expense.
10. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he is aware that Mr. R. Brough Smyth had been engaged by a former Government to compile a work on the "Physical Geology, Geography, and Mineral Resources of Victoria," that, on the completion thereof, the amount agreed upon was paid by the Government to Mr. Smyth, and that a portion of the volume has been set in type ; and if the Government intend to publish the work for the public benefit.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"
2. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Administration Act 1872.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
5. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
7. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
8. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
10. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

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 (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
17. **MR. McINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
18. **MR. McINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
19. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
20. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
21. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
22. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
23. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
24. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
25. **MR. ZOx** : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
26. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
27. **MR. ZOx** : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
28. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
29. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
30. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
31. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Braxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
32. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17, of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
33. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
34. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
35. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
36. **MR. GAUNSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.

37. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
38. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Land Acts of 1869 and 1878.
2. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the drainage of Condah Swamp in the county of Normanby.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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2. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
4. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
5. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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7. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
8. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
9. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
12. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
14. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
 That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
15. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
16. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands under what circumstances, and at whose instance, have large areas of country lands, at upset of One pound per acre, been sold by auction at Mansfield, contrary to the ostensible policy of the Lands Department.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the application of E. R. Hughes for land in the parish of Oxley, and subsequent sale.
2. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the sale of allotment 29, parish of Korweinguboora.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
2. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employes on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employes would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
11. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.

12. **MR. DOW** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
13. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
14. **DR. MADDEN** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
15. **MR. HUNT** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
16. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. **MR. BARR** : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 27TH SEPTEMBER—1ST OCTOBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 15.

Certain Departmental Expenditure—Returns of. A 5.

Statute of Duties Bill.—[29]

Police Offences Bill.—[35] As reported 23rd September.

Dunmunkle and St. Arnaud Shires Waterworks Bill.—[48] As reported 30th September. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 32.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[33]

Land Tax Commission—Supplementary Return. C.—No. 4*.

Lunatic Asylums—Return of the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums of the number of patients visited, and the number of miles travelled by him during the six months ending 30th June 1879. No. 64.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands under what circumstances, and at whose instance, have large areas of country lands, at upset of One pound per acre, been sold by auction at Mansfield, contrary to the ostensible policy of the Lands Department.
2. MR. ZOx: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it be true that holders of annual tickets on the Government Railways are precluded from travelling free on the Melbourne and suburban lines; and if so, why.
3. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he purposes being able to proceed with the erection of goods sheds and cattle yards at the several stations on the Gippsland Railway, which were provided for in the Supply Bill that was recently passed by this House.
4. MR. McINTYRE: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is true that a number of men have been recently sent from Melbourne to the works now going on at the Railway Station, Sandhurst; and, if so, how many.
5. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Wallis, the Secretary for Agriculture, is purchasing various kinds of stock for the Dookie Farm.
 - (2.) Whether he is doing this with the sanction of Parliament; and if not, by whose authority.
6. MR. RICHARDSON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will make a regulation permitting the use of State schools in the country districts for political meetings at the next general election.
7. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if Mr. Wallis, the Secretary for Agriculture, charges travelling expenses to inspect the vineyards over and above his salary of £650 per annum, and does he also charge the same for going to the Dookie Farm.
8. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands the cause of delay in the issue of leases for the newly settled parts of South Gippsland.
9. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) Where the Dookie Model Farm is situated, and what advantage can the farmers from the Wimmera, Gippsland, Warrnambool, or any other distant district gain from this model institution.
 - (2.) In what does this farm differ from the model farm which formerly proved a failure in this Colony, after great public expense.
10. MR. B. G. DAVIES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he is aware that Mr. R. Brough Smyth had been engaged by a former Government to compile a work on the "Physical Geology, Geography, and Mineral Resources of Victoria," that, on the completion thereof, the amount agreed upon was paid by the Government to Mr. Smyth, and that a portion of the volume has been set in type; and if the Government intend to publish the work for the public benefit.

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1. MR. GAUNSON: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the application of E. R. Hughes for land in the parish of Oxley, and subsequent sale.
2. MR. GAUNSON: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the sale of allotment 29, parish of Korweinguboora.

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General Business.

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1. **MR. NIMMO :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
2. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).**—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.**—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst) :** To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst) :** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
3. **MR. DWYER :** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"
4. **MR. DWYER :** To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Administration Act 1872.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
6. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. **CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
10. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MUNRO :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. **MR. STORY :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. **MR. ORR :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
4. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.

5. **MR. LAURENS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
6. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
7. **MR. COOPER** : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
- Contingent* upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
8. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
9. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
10. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
11. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
12. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
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28. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
29. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
30. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
31. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branzholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
32. MR. DIXON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
33. MR. SERVICE : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
34. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
35. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
36. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.
37. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.

2. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
3. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
4. **MR. NIMMO :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
5. **MR. BIRD :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. BELL :** To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **MR. F. L. SMYTH :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. **MR. BENT :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employes on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employes would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. **DR. MADDEN :** To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
6. **MR. MASON :** To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. **MR. MASON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
9. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.

11. **MR. BENT** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
12. **MR. DOW** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
13. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
14. **DR. MADDEN** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
15. **MR. HUNT** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
16. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 - (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. **MR. BARR** : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will give instructions for the erection of a more suitable building for a railway station at Avenel.
2. MR. D. M. DAVIES: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he has made provision in the amended Land Bill about to be introduced, to place licensees under the 49th section on the same footing as licensees under the 47th section; and if not, will he do so.
3. MR. ZOX: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs—
 - (1.) Upon what principle horse nails are charged 12s. per cwt. duty and only allowed 3s. per cwt. drawback.
 - (2.) Upon what principle perforated zinc is made liable to a duty of 25 per cent. and no drawback allowed.
4. MR. LAURENS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he has caused an enquiry to be made as to the statement recently made by the Rev. Chas. T. Perks, in the Church Assembly, to the effect that the Rev. Robert Potter had been refused the use of the Hotham State school for the purpose of imparting religious instruction unless he paid for such use; and, if such an enquiry has been made, what is the result.
5. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will appoint a singing master for the following State schools, viz., Wahgunyah, Rutherglen, Wangaratta, Benalla, Violet-town, Euroa, Longwood, and Avenel.
6. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he would not prefer to distribute a certain amount of funds in the various farming districts, for the purpose of encouraging the farmers, rather than to expend a lump sum in Dookie, which is inaccessible to the mass of the farmers of the colony.
7. MR. ZOX: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs whether he will allow a drawback on colonial made saddles, somewhat equivalent to the amount of duty paid upon the articles required in their manufacture.
8. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands what steps he intends to take to still the rumour that *Phylloxera* is prevalent over the colony.
9. MR. BENT: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will assimilate the rates for monthly tickets upon the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway to those charged upon Williamstown line.
10. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he intends to establish an Agricultural College in preference to, or in connection with, the Model Farm at Dookie.
11. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands under what circumstances, and at whose instance, have large areas of country lands, at upset of One pound per acre, been sold by auction at Mansfield, contrary to the ostensible policy of the Lands Department.
12. MR. McINTYRE: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is true that a number of men have been recently sent from Melbourne to the works now going on at the Railway Station, Sandhurst; and, if so, how many.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
6. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
7. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
9. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
10. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
11. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
13. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
15. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
16. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
17. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
18. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
19. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
3. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate-Wednesdays.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is his intention to introduce a Bill during the present session to amend the Mining Statute ; and if so, when.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move, That the report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer powers upon the Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Limited*" be now taken into consideration.

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
3. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"
4. MR. DWYER ; To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Administration Act 1872.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge; jury, and executioner.
6. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
7. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.

5. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
6. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
7. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
- Contingent* upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
8. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
9. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
10. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
11. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
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THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
4. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
5. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869*."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employes on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employes would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.

9. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
- (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
11. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
12. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
13. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
14. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
15. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
16. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employes in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employes in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 3RD OCTOBER.

Police Offences Bill.—[35] As reported 30th September. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 34.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[35]

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Minutes of Evidence taken before the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Progress of Settlement under the Land Act of 1869, &c. No. 72.

Report of the Crown Lands Commission of Inquiry on both the Agricultural and Pastoral Occupation of the Public Lands to be instituted on the expiration of the present Land Act at the close of 1880. No. 73.

Dunmunkle and St. Arnaud Shires Waterworks Bill—Amendment made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited Bill. (*Private.*)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is his intention to introduce a Bill during the present Session to amend the Mining Statute; and if so, when.
2. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether the statements made in a letter in the *Ballarat Star* of 1st October, signed "Sebastopol Miner," is correct, "That mining leases are to be granted to work a portion of the Crown lands reserved as the Sebastopol drainage area, without first throwing the land open for mining purposes."
3. MR. WILLIAMS: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether the statement made in the leading article of the *Bendigo Independent* of the 1st October, "That the line of railway to Kerang will not be provided for in the Railway Construction Bill about to be introduced by the Government" is true.
4. MR. RICHARDSON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if the practice of issuing return tickets, adopted on the suburban lines, cannot be extended to the Ballarat and Maryborough line, and to the other railways of the colony.
5. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when the Government intend to bring in their new Railway Bill.
6. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will take steps to reduce the great length of time occupied by passenger trains in running between Inglewood and Ballarat.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL:—

1. MR. CASEY: To move, That the report of the Select Committee on a Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer powers upon the Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company Limited*" be now taken into consideration.

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That all fees that may be incurred by the promoters of the Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst, on its passage through this House be remitted.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest land in the Mayor, Councillors, and citizens of Sandhurst.
3. MR. DWYER: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"
4. MR. DWYER: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Administration Act 1872.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
6. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
7. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MUNRO: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. ORR: To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.

4. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.
5. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
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6. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
7. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
8. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
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10. MR. ZOZ : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
11. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
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19. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
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 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
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40. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **SUPPLY.**—Resolutions to be reported.
3. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.**—Resolution to be reported.
5. **RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.**—To be considered in Committee.
6. **ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).**—To be further considered in Committee.

8. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
9. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
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Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will take steps in connection with the importation of dogs into this colony, to prevent the introduction of the disease known as hydrophobia.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.

3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
4. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
5. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of “*The Land Act 1869.*”
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 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employes on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employes would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of “*The Land Act 1878*” providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per-acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
11. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
12. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
13. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head “*Agricultural produce class*” should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.

14. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
15. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
16. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Ferguson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
17. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the discontinuance of the practice which has heretofore prevailed on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway line for the supply of sand ballast to shipping at the Sandridge Railway Pier ; and to ask if he will cause such practice to be resumed, or failing that, if he will afford facilities to men heretofore employed on the railway to carry on the business themselves by letting the railway trucks to them at a reasonable hire.
18. DR. MADDEN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employés on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employés in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.
3. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To move, That the tax on stock be repealed.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 14th October.

LIBRARY—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 4TH-8TH OCTOBER.

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Assent to Acts—Message. B.—No. 10.
Aborigines—Fifteenth Report of the Board for the Protection of the. No. 68.
Trustees Executors and Agency Company (Limited) Bill—Report from Select Committee ; with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (*Private.*)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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4. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether, in accordance with his statement that the inspectors have inspected the vineyards of Sandhurst and Castlemaine, he will have any objection to lay before this House the reports of those gentlemen thereon.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Ballarat Plateau, the Durham Lead, and auriferous lands adjacent thereto.
2. MR. WOODS: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a junction line of railway in Melbourne from Spencer street Railway Station to West Flinders street Railway Station, and to amend "*The South Yarra and Oakleigh Railway Construction Act 1878.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
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4. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
5. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
6. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
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19. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HARPER: To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
2. MR. NIMMO: To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.

3. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
4. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2)**.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. DOW** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will take steps in connection with the importation of dogs into this colony, to prevent the introduction of the disease known as hydrophobia.
2. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Board appointed to inquire into the management of the Industrial Schools and Reformatories have sent in their report ; and, if so, when it is the intention of the Government to lay the same before the House.
3. **MR. CASEY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will introduce a Bill to exempt hares from the protection given to them by the Act to protect Game.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. **MR. KERNOT** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands what action the Government intend to take in reference to the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into Fieldhouse's case.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

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7. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
8. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL**.—Second reading.
9. **FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL**.—Second reading.
10. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE**.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
11. **CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
12. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL**.—Second reading.
13. **LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE**.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

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6. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
7. **MR. LAURENS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
8. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
9. **MR. COOPER** : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
10. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
11. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
12. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
13. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
14. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of the meeting of the officers of the railway department, held on the 28th June last, in reference to the employés of the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, and a memo. from the traffic manager of the Victorian Railways on the same subject.
15. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
16. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
17. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
18. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
19. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
20. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
21. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.

22. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
23. MR. BOWMAN: To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
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31. MR. MIRAMS: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
32. MR. MIRAMS: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
33. MR. TYTHERLEIGH: To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
34. MR. DIXON: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
35. MR. SERVICE: To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
36. MR. BENT: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
37. MR. GAVAN DUFFY: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
38. MR. GAUNSON: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, all coroners' juries and witnesses in police cases should be paid their reasonable expenses.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL:—

1. MR. DWYER: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading.
2. ADMINISTRATION ACT 1872 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MUNRO: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. DWYER: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the right to travel to and from their employment will be continued to the employes on the late Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway, they having this permission prior to the purchase of the said property, and the House having been assured that the said employes would in no way suffer by the said purchase.
4. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
5. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
7. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of " *The Land Act 1878* " providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Mason, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
9. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
11. MR. BENT : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the injurious effects to the public caused by having plain-clothes constables patrolling the streets of the city and suburbs.
12. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
13. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head " *Agricultural produce class* " should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
14. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
15. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
16. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 - (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.

17. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the discontinuance of the practice which has heretofore prevailed on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway line for the supply of sand ballast to shipping at the Sandridge Railway Pier; and to ask if he will cause such practice to be resumed, or failing that, if he will afford facilities to men heretofore employed on the railway to carry on the business themselves by letting the railway trucks to them at a reasonable hire.
18. DR. MADDEN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employés on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employés in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.
3. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To move, That the tax on stock be repealed.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony; and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 14th October.

LIBRARY—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 9TH OCTOBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 17.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 18.

Constitution of Council Bill—Clauses to be proposed by the Hon. R. D. Reid. (To Members of Council only.)

Constitution of Council Bill—Clause 23, *as amended*. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 36.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[37]

Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the Quarter ended 30th June 1879. A.—No. 10.

Management of Towns, &c., Bill.—[35] From Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will take steps in connection with the importation of dogs into this colony, to prevent the introduction of the disease known as hydrophobia.
2. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Board appointed to inquire into the management of the Industrial Schools and Reformatories have sent in their report ; and, if so, when it is the intention of the Government to lay the same before the House.
3. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will introduce a Bill to exempt hares from the protection given to them by the Act to protect Game.
4. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether his attention has been called to a paragraph in the *Herald* of October 4, alluding to the shooting of Constable Monks, in which the following passages occur :—“Constable Monks is more annoyed at not taking the man than at the wound, and declares he would easily have taken him if he had a quiet horse ; but the horse he was riding would neither stand or be tied up. The Government are blamed for giving the Police unmanageable horses.” “I (the correspondent of the *Herald*) learn from other sources that two months ago the horse was reported to head-quarters as unmanageable, and the letter was not answered ; also, that application was made for cartridges to be allowed to make the horse used to firearms ; this application was refused”—and whether the above account is substantially correct ; and, if it be so, what steps the Government are prepared to take to remedy such a condition of things.
5. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has read—
 - (1.) The judgment of His Honor Mr. Justice Molesworth, and of the full Court in the case of Hicks v. the Commercial Bank.
 - (2.) The quarterly Gazette returns of the said Bank for the last three years.
 - (3.) The half-yearly balance-sheets of the said Bank for the last three years ; and
 - (4.) Whether in view of the facts disclosed by the said judgment, returns, and balance-sheets, he intends to take steps to terminate the Government connection with the said Bank.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. SERVICE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount paid to each newspaper in the colony each year, from 1st July 1874 till 30th June 1878, for Government advertisements received either through the Government Printer or direct from the several Departments.
2. MR. SERVICE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of all the teachers in the State schools who have been discharged because they were unable to pass the necessary examination, and who have applied for compensation, the dates of their first appointment under the department of Public Instruction, how long they had been engaged in teaching previous to such appointment, and whether in private schools, or in connection with some denomination (if the latter, specifying the denomination), what notice they had that their services would be no longer required, and, if any compensation has been granted to them, how much in each case.
3. MR. SERVICE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of all supernumeraries employed in the printing branch of the Government Printing Office, since May 1877, with the number of years and months actually employed.
 - (2.) The names, length of actual service, and grounds of appointment of those placed on the 3rd Schedule since May 1877.
 - (3.) On whose recommendation the various appointments and promotions were made since May 1877.
 - (4.) The nature and amount of work performed by each of such employés, with the number of hours occupied in such work during the month of January 1878.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
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4. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
5. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
6. SPENCER AND FLINDERS STREETS JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
7. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
11. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
12. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
14. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.

16. **SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
17. **GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.**—Second reading.
18. **CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.**—Second reading.
19. **DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.**—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
20. **LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
21. **CONDAR SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.**—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. HARPER :** To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
2. **MR. NIMMO :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
3. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
4. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. **MR. KERNOT :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands what action the Government intend to take in reference to the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into Fieldhouse's case.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. **MR. CASEY :** To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer powers on the Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company (Limited)*" be now read a third time.

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. **LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
7. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL.**—Second reading.
9. **FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.**—Second reading.
10. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
11. **CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
12. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Second reading.
13. **LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.

3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
4. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
5. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "The Land Act 1869."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
6. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
7. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
8. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
9. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
10. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
11. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
12. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
13. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
14. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
15. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
16. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
17. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
18. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.

19. **MR. McINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
20. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
21. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
22. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
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Such trains to stop at the principal intermediate stations on those lines.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading.
2. ADMINISTRATION ACT 1872 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
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3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.

11. **DR. MADDEN** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. **MR. HUNT** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Ferguson; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. **DR. MADDEN** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employes on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employes in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. **MR. BAER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.
3. **SIR J. O'SHANASSY** : To move, That the tax on stock be repealed.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employes in the Government service being moved.

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employes in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 14th October.

LIBRARY—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 10TH OCTOBER.

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Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 19.

Constitution of Council Bill.—Clauses to be proposed in Committee by the Hon. W. E. Hearn.
(To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 37.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[38]

Lieut.-Colonels Gardner and Lemarchand—Return. C.—No. 6.

Statistical Register for 1878. Part V.—Law, Crime, &c. No. 51.

Phylloxera Vastatrix—Report of the Secretary for Agriculture on the Inspection of Vineyards under "The Diseases in Vines Act 1877." No. 57.

Melbourne International Exhibition 1880—First Report of the Commissioners; with a statement of the Income and Expenditure for the period ending 30th June 1879. No. 78.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands what action the Government intend to take in reference to the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into Fieldhouse's case.
2. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he intends introducing into the State schools the "Agricultural Teacher" in use in the Danish schools, and translated and adapted for the Australian colonies by Mr. William Laplau, of Ballarat.
3. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands and Agriculture when he expects to be able to send a water-boring machine to that part of the country lying between the North-Eastern Railway and the River Murray.
4. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether there is a sum provided on the present Estimates for the erection of a Post Office at Linton ; and, if so, when does he intend proceeding with the erection of the same.
5. MR. ZOx : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs when it is his intention to recoup importers the amounts paid by them upon goods, the duties for which have since been either lessened or abrogated.
6. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is correctly reported that certain alterations are now projected at the Kew Lunatic Asylum.
7. MR. A. K. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if there is any foundation for the statement made in one of the morning papers, viz.:—"That Mr. Henry Binden, an engine driver on the Gippsland line of railway, had received intimation of his dismissal by the Commissioner without being afforded an opportunity of answering the *ex parte* complaint on which he has been sent adrift."

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. MR. CASEY : To move, That the Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer powers on the Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company (Limited)*" be now read a third time.

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
9. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
10. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
11. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
13. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
14. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.

3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
4. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
5. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869*."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
6. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
7. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
8. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
9. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
10. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
11. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money that has been lent by the Trustees of the Victorian Savings Bank upon securities outside of the colony.
12. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
13. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
14. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
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17. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
18. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
19. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.

20. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
21. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
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24. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
25. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
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39. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
40. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
41. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown, (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
42. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PATTERSON : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for diverting the flood waters of the Broken River into the Broken Creek, and for compulsorily taking land for the Shepparton Shire Waterworks.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
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4. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
5. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
6. SPENCER AND FLINDERS STREETS JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
7. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
11. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
12. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
14. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
16. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
17. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
18. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
19. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
20. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
21. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.

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1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the purchase of land at Springvale for a Public Cemetery.
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WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading.
2. ADMINISTRATION ACT 1872 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.

11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. DR. MADDEN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employes on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employes in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. MR. ZOZ : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.
16. MR. BOSISTO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy.
- (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.
 - (3.) A copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the Crown Law Officers and the Master in Lunacy, in reference to the dissensions in the Lunacy Office, and the measures taken to place the department in a state of efficiency.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.
3. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To move, That the tax on stock be repealed.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employes in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employes in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 19.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[39]

Education—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1878-9. No. 63. (To Members of both Houses.)

Trustees Executors and Agency Company Limited Bill. (*Private.*) (To Members of Assembly only.)

Executors Company's Bill 1879.—Addition to new clause 18, proposed by Sir Bryan O'Loughlen. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. BROPHY: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether, with a view to public convenience, he will consider the propriety of running trains, as follows, on Sundays, during the summer months:—
 - (1.) Melbourne to Ballarat; Ballarat to Melbourne.
 - (2.) Melbourne to Sandhurst; Sandhurst to Melbourne.
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 - (2.) The quarterly Gazette returns of the said Bank for the last three years.
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 - (4.) Whether in view of the facts disclosed by the said judgment, returns, and balance-sheets, he intends to take steps to terminate the Government connection with the said Bank.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when he intends to proceed with the additions to the Horsham State school.
6. MR. ZOX: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs when it is his intention to recoup importers the amounts paid by them upon goods, the duties for which have since been either lessened or abrogated.
7. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is correctly reported that certain alterations are now projected at the Kew Lunatic Asylum.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
5. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
6. SPENCER AND FLINDERS STREETS JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
7. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
11. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
12. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
14. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
16. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
17. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.

18. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
 19. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
 20. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
 21. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
3. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.
2. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDER OF THE DAY RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL.—Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—Resumption of debate.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

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2. ADMINISTRATION ACT 1872 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
6. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
7. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.
4. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
5. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
6. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

7. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
8. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
9. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
10. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
11. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
12. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
13. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
14. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
15. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
16. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
17. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
18. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
19. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
20. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
21. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
22. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
23. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
24. MR. ZOX : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
25. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
26. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
27. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.

28. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
29. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
30. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
31. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
32. **MR. GAYAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
33. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
34. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
2. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
3. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
4. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.

5. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
6. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.

13. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Ferguson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. DR. MADDEN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employes on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employes in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. MR. ZOZ : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.
16. MR. BOSISTO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy.
- (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.
 - (3.) A copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the Crown Law Officers and the Master in Lunacy, in reference to the dissensions in the Lunacy Office, and the measures taken to place the department in a state of efficiency.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.
3. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To move, That the tax on stock be repealed.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employes in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employes in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 20.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. D. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he will have the reclaimed Melbourne Swamp parcelled out into small lots for market gardening and grazing purposes, and let by tender.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether, now that the season has commenced for the re-appearance of Phylloxera Vastatrix amongst our vines he will cause the different vineyards of the colony to be at once inspected, as was done at Castlemaine and partially at Sandhurst, and whether he will take effectual steps to have a cordon drawn round the diseased district and cause the Phylloxera to be at once eradicated, and the colony thereupon declared free of the disease.
3. MR. D. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether any proceedings have been taken under the Public Health Statute (Mr. Bent's) passed last Session.
4. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will take steps to have horses and dogs brought under the quarantine regulations of the colony.
5. MR. D. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether, in future, he will order that advertisements be distributed to newspapers on the basis of circulation.
6. MR. BROPHY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether, with a view to public convenience, he will consider the propriety of running trains, as follows, on Sundays, during the summer months :—
 - (1.) Melbourne to Ballarat ; Ballarat to Melbourne.
 - (2.) Melbourne to Sandhurst ; Sandhurst to Melbourne.
 - (3.) Melbourne to Sale ; Sale to Melbourne.
 - (4.) Melbourne to Wangaratta ; Wangaratta to Melbourne.
 - (5.) Geelong to Queenscliff ; Queenscliff to Geelong.Such trains to stop at the principal intermediate stations on those lines.
7. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he has read—
 - (1.) The judgment of His Honor Mr. Justice Molesworth, and of the full Court in the case of Hicks v. the Commercial Bank.
 - (2.) The quarterly Gazette returns of the said Bank for the last three years.
 - (3.) The half-yearly balance-sheets of the said Bank for the last three years ; and
 - (4.) Whether in view of the facts disclosed by the said judgment, returns, and balance-sheets, he intends to take steps to terminate the Government connection with the said Bank.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. SERVICE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of all the teachers in the State schools who have been discharged because they were unable to pass the necessary examination, and who have applied for compensation, the dates of their first appointment under the department of Public Instruction, how long they had been engaged in teaching previous to such appointment, and whether in private schools, or in connection with some denomination (if the latter, specifying the denomination), what notice they had that their services would be no longer required, and, if any compensation has been granted to them, how much in each case.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
5. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
6. SPENCER AND FLINDERS STREETS JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
7. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
11. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
12. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
14. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
16. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
17. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
18. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
19. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
20. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
21. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.**NOTICES OF MOTION :—**

1. **MR. FERGUSSON :** To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
2. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The total cost of construction of the Alfred Graving Dock.
 - (2.) The amount of interest per annum paid on the total outlay.
 - (3.) The whole of the correspondence between the Customs Department and owners of private docks, respecting the reduced rate of fees for the Alfred Graving Dock.
3. **MR. COOK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
 - (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
4. **MR. HARPER :** To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
5. **MR. NIMMO :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
6. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).**—Second reading.
2. **LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.**ORDER OF THE DAY RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—**

1. **TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL.**—Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—Resumption of debate.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. **MR. DWYER :** To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **ADMINISTRATION ACT 1872 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.**—To be committed.
6. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. **CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
10. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"
2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.
4. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
5. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
6. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys:
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
7. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
8. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
9. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
10. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
11. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
12. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
13. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
14. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
15. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
16. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
17. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
18. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
19. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.

20. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
21. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
22. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
23. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
24. MR. ZOx : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
25. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
26. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
27. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
28. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
29. MR. DIXON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
30. MR. SERVICE : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
31. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
32. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
33. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
34. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
2. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
3. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation; and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
4. **MR. NIMMO :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
5. **MR. ORR :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
6. **MR. LAURENS :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. BELL :** To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **MR. F. L. SMYTH :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. **DR. MADDEN :** To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. **MR. MASON :** To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. **MR. MASON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.

8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 - (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. DR. MADDEN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employés on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employés in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. MR. ZOX : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.
16. MR. BOSISTO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy.
 - (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.
 - (3.) A copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the Crown Law Officers and the Master in Lunacy, in reference to the dissensions in the Lunacy Office, and the measures taken to place the department in a state of efficiency.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BARR : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, in lieu of the increased duties upon corn sacks, revenue should be raised by increased duties upon spirits and tobacco (foreign or native manufactured) and also by means of stamp duties.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.
3. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To move, That the tax on stock be repealed.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 21.
Constitution of Council Bill.—[49] As reported 15th October. (To Members of Council only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will reduce the charge of travelling for first-class passengers on the Victorian Railways so as to allow a large number of respectable persons to travel as first-class passengers who are now compelled to travel in the second-class.
2. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he intends establishing a Court of Petty Sessions at Nathalia; and, if so, when.
3. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he purposes allowing an adjournment of the House, so as to enable Honorable Members, so disposed, to visit the Exhibition at Sydney.
4. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he intends to call for tenders for the erection of the Telegraph between Horsham and Dimboola; also, between Harrow and Apsley *viâ* Edenhope.
5. MR. MIRAMS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he will make a modification of the terms upon which competitors for the State scholarships are allowed to compete in the direction of shortening the time during which they are obliged to attend a State school, prior to the date at which they compete.
6. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether he is aware that in a case recently tried at Hamilton Assizes, of one P. J. Smith, for arson, jurors were ordered to stand aside by the Crown, because such jurors were reported to belong to the Roman Catholic denomination.
(2.) Whether the Attorney-General will cause directions to be given that this practice shall not be repeated.
7. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he has made provision on the Estimates for refunding to the Hibernian Society of Emerald Hill the amounts expended by that society in improving the reserve formerly held by them.
8. MR. ORR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he will call for tenders for the goods shed and station buildings at Shepparton.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDER OF THE DAY RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL.—Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend "*The Companies Statute 1864.*"
2. MR. PEARSON : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to the University of Melbourne.
3. MR. RAMSAY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relative to Attorneys, Solicitors and Proctors.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading.
2. ADMINISTRATION ACT 1872 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
6. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
7. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.
12. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566, intituled "*The Licensing Act 1876.*"

2. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, ministers of religion, within the meaning of the Act 506, section 423, should be allowed to travel free on the Victorian railways when in the exercise of their sacerdotal functions.
4. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
5. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
6. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
7. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
8. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
9. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
10. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
11. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
12. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
13. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
14. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
15. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
16. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
17. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
18. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
19. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
20. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.

21. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
22. **MR. ZOx** : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
23. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
24. **MR. ZOx** : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
25. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
26. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
27. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
28. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Braxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
29. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
30. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
31. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
32. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
33. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
34. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis; with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
35. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.
36. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That a reduction of ten per cent. be made in all salaries from £400 and upwards.
37. **MR. FERGUSSON** : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
38. **MR. COOK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
 - (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.

39. **MR. HARPER** : To move, That there be laid before this House—
- (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
40. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
41. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **SUPPLY**.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. **SUPPLY**.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE**.—Resolution to be reported.
5. **RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY**.—To be considered in Committee.
6. **SPENCER AND FLINDERS STREETS JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL**.—Second reading.
7. **ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
8. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. **LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2)**.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. **LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL**.—Second reading.
11. **RABBIT NUISANCE**.—Resolution to be reported.
12. **STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
13. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT**.—Resolution to be reported.
14. **PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
15. **NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL**.—Second reading.
16. **SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE**.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
17. **GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL**.—Second reading.
18. **CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL**.—Second reading.
19. **DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL**.—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
20. **LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
21. **CONDRAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL**.—Second reading.
22. **SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL**.—Second reading.
23. **BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL**.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. CASEY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when the erection of the school at California Gully will be proceeded with, the contract for which was accepted so far back as August 1877.
2. **MR. CARTER** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when the Government proposes to invite tenders for the proposed new bridge over the Yarra in a line with Swanston street ; the Corporation of the City of Melbourne having agreed to contribute towards its construction the sum of £40,000, being one-half of the Government's estimate of its cost.
3. **MR. DWYER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 - (1.) Whether any bank or banks have sent clerks to the Education office to pay the departmental cheques to the payees at the office.
 - (2.) If so, whether the object of so doing was stated to the Minister.
 - (3.) If so, the names of the banks so acting.
 - (4.) If so, whether it was done with the Minister's sanction.
4. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether, now that the season has commenced for the re-appearance of Phylloxera Vastatrix amongst our vines he will cause the different vineyards of the colony to be at once inspected, as was done at Castlemaine and partially at Sandhurst, and whether he will take effectual steps to have a cordon drawn round the diseased district and cause the Phylloxera to be at once eradicated, and the colony thereupon declared free of the disease.
5. **MR. D. CAMERON** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether any proceedings have been taken under the Public Health Statute (Mr. Bent's) passed last Session.
6. **MR. BROPHY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether, with a view to public convenience, he will consider the propriety of running trains, as follows, on Sundays, during the summer months :—
 - (1.) Melbourne to Ballarat ; Ballarat to Melbourne.
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1. MR. CARTER: To move, That there be laid before this House the Report of the Conference of Boards of Advice of State schools.

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER.

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1. MR. BENT: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will appoint a Board to enquire into the claims of Martin Walsh, lately employed in the Audit and other offices under the Government.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
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4. MR. NIMMO: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 - (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. DR. MADDEN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employés on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employés in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. MR. ZOX : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.

16. MR. BOSISTO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy.
- (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.
- (3.) A copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the Crown Law Officers and the Master in Lunacy, in reference to the dissensions in the Lunacy Office, and the measures taken to place the department in a state of efficiency.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. SHARPE : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is inexpedient, considering the very depressed state of the farming interest, to increase the duty on bags or farming implements, while the Government have so many sources of a less objectionable character from which to raise a revenue.
2. SIR J. O'SHANASSY : To move, That the tax on stock be repealed.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service-being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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Defences of Victoria—Report by His Excellency Colonel Sir W. F. Drummond Jervois, R.E., K.C.M.G., C.B. No. 79.

Spencer and Flinder streets Junction Railway Bill.—[57]

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. **MR. CASEY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when the erection of the school at California Gully will be proceeded with, the contract for which was accepted so far back as August 1877.
2. **MR. CARTER** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when the Government proposes to invite tenders for the proposed new bridge over the Yarra in a line with Swanston street ; the Corporation of the City of Melbourne having agreed to contribute towards its construction the sum of £40,000, being one-half of the Government's estimate of its cost.
3. **MR. DWYER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 - (1.) Whether any bank or banks have sent clerks to the Education office to pay the departmental cheques to the payees at the office.
 - (2.) If so, whether the object of so doing was stated to the Minister.
 - (3.) If so, the names of the banks so acting.
 - (4.) If so, whether it was done with the Minister's sanction.
4. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether, now that the season has commenced for the re-appearance of Phylloxera Vastatrix amongst our vines he will cause the different vineyards of the colony to be at once inspected, as was done at Castlemaine and partially at Sandhurst, and whether he will take effectual steps to have a cordon drawn round the diseased district and cause the Phylloxera to be at once eradicated, and the colony thereupon declared free of the disease.
5. **MR. BROPHY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether, with a view to public convenience, he will consider the propriety of running trains, as follows, on Sundays, during the summer months :—
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6. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if a person named Smellie was engaged, without the Minister's knowledge or sanction, as an assistant clerk on board the *Cerberus*, and, if he is aware that, although Smellie is doing duty in that capacity, he is still rated on the books as a seaman.
7. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he will direct the use in the State schools of a more useful and profitable work on geography than the one purporting to have been compiled by Mr. James Smith, teacher at Emerald Hill school, and at present used in those schools.
8. **MR. HARPER** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will be prepared to open the Daylesford Railway to Trentham when the line is ready for traffic so far ; also, if he will now call for tenders for the construction of the road from Barry's reef to Trentham, so that it may be in readiness when the railway is opened.
9. **MR. RAMSAY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the works above Whittlesea, for the improvement and extension of the Yan Yean water supply.
10. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will reduce the charge of travelling for first-class passengers on the Victorian Railways so as to allow a large number of respectable persons to travel as first-class passengers who are now compelled to travel second-class.
11. **MR. MASON** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) What sum it is proposed to expend on the grounds round the Exhibition building, Carlton Gardens.
 - (2.) Whether a contract has been entered into for this work ; and, if so, whether it was let by public competition or by private agreement.
 - (3.) What is the name of the contractor, and to whom the work has been given ; and the name of the chairman of the committee who entered into the contract.

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Government Business.**ORDERS OF THE DAY :—**

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
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5. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
6. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
7. SPENCER AND FLINDERS STREETS JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
8. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
11. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
12. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
13. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
15. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
16. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
17. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
18. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
19. CONVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
20. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
21. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
22. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
23. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
24. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.**NOTICES OF MOTION :—**

1. MR. CARTER : To move, That there be laid before this House the Report of the Conference of Boards of Advice of State schools.
2. MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
 - (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
3. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
4. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
5. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
6. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will appoint a Board to enquire into the claims of Martin Walsh, lately employed in the Audit and other offices under the Government.
2. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will establish a police station at Nathalia ; and, if so, when.

3. MR. BROPHY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he will call for tenders for the Warrenheip, Dunn's Town, and Wallace railway goods sheds and stations.
4. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General the name of the Crown Prosecutor at the last Hamilton Assizes.
 - (2.) Whether the jurors were, in fact, ordered to stand aside because they were Roman Catholics.
 - (3.) If not, on what ground were they ordered to stand aside.
 - (4.) The name of the representative of the Crown Solicitor.
 - (5.) Whether he informed the Crown Prosecutor why he ordered them to stand aside.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FERGUSSON : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
2. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDER OF THE DAY RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL.—Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—Resumption of debate.

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7. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
10. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
11. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
12. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
14. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

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8. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
9. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
10. **MR. COOPER** : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
11. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
12. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
13. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
14. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
15. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
16. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
17. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
18. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
19. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
20. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
21. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
22. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.

23. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
24. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
25. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
26. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
27. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
28. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
29. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
30. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branzholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
31. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
32. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
33. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
34. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
35. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis; with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
36. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.
37. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That a reduction of ten per cent. be made in all salaries from £400 and upwards.
38. **MR. COOK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
39. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000, be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.

13. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. **DR. MADDEN** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employés on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employés in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.
16. **MR. BOSISTO** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy.
- (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.
 - (3.) A copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the Crown Law Officers and the Master in Lunacy, in reference to the dissensions in the Lunacy Office, and the measures taken to place the department in a state of efficiency.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That the amount £2 be struck out of the second resolution of the proposed Stamp duty, with a view of inserting £5, so that wages to that amount may be exempt.
2. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That the following goods shall be exempt from duty, viz.:—Bags, threshing machines, portable engines, agricultural implements and machinery.
3. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That " salt " be included in the list of exemptions.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will appoint a Board to enquire into the claims of Martin Walsh, lately employed in the Audit and other offices under the Government.
2. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will establish a police station at Nathalia ; and, if so, when.
3. MR. BROPHY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he will call for tenders for the Warrenheip, Dunn's Town, and Wallace railway goods sheds and stations.
4. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General the name of the Crown Prosecutor at the last Hamilton Assizes.
 - (2.) Whether the jurors were, in fact, ordered to stand aside because they were Roman Catholics.
 - (3.) If not, on what ground were they ordered to stand aside.
 - (4.) The name of the representative of the Crown Solicitor.
 - (5.) Whether he informed the Crown Prosecutor why he ordered them to stand aside.
5. MR. O'HEA : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether, in conformity with previous promises to the trade, he will bring in this session a short Bill to amend the Licensing Act in reference to retail wine licenses.
6. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will consider the advisability of running third class carriages in connection with the Victorian Railways.
7. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if the list of "minor articles," enumerated in a contingent notice of motion on to-day's Notice Paper, decided to be free in 1867, and which have been exempt since that period, will be admitted free under the present tariff.
8. MR. SERVICE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when he expects the Commissioners of Audit will be able to lay before this House their Report for the financial year 1878-9.
9. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when the erection of the school at California Gully will be proceeded with, the contract for which was accepted so far back as August 1877.
10. MR. CARTER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when the Government proposes to invite tenders for the proposed new bridge over the Yarra in a line with Swanston street ; the Corporation of the City of Melbourne having agreed to contribute towards its construction the sum of £40,000, being one-half of the Government's estimate of its cost.
11. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction—
 - (1.) Whether any bank or banks have sent clerks to the Education office to pay the departmental cheques to the payees at the office.
 - (2.) If so, whether the object of so doing was stated to the Minister.
 - (3.) If so, the names of the banks so acting.
 - (4.) If so, whether it was done with the Minister's sanction.
12. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether, now that the season has commenced for the re-appearance of Phylloxera Vastatrix amongst our vines he will cause the different vineyards of the colony to be at once inspected, as was done at Castlemaine and partially at Sandhurst, and whether he will take effectual steps to have a cordon drawn round the diseased district and cause the Phylloxera to be at once eradicated, and the colony thereupon declared free of the disease.
13. MR. BROPHY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether, with a view to public convenience, he will consider the propriety of running trains, as follows, on Sundays, during the summer months :—
 - (1.) Melbourne to Ballarat ; Ballarat to Melbourne.
 - (2.) Melbourne to Sandhurst ; Sandhurst to Melbourne.
 - (3.) Melbourne to Sale ; Sale to Melbourne.
 - (4.) Melbourne to Wangaratta ; Wangaratta to Melbourne.
 - (5.) Geelong to Queenscliff ; Queenscliff to Geelong.Such trains to stop at the principal intermediate stations on those lines.
14. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if a person named Smellie was engaged, without the Minister's knowledge or sanction, as an assistant clerk on board the *Cerberus*, and, if he is aware that, although Smellie is doing duty in that capacity, he is still rated on the books as a seaman.
15. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he will direct the use in the State schools of a more useful and profitable work on geography than the one purporting to have been compiled by Mr. James Smith, teacher at Emerald Hill school, and at present used in those schools.

16. MR. HARPER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will be prepared to open the Daylesford Railway to Trentham when the line is ready for traffic so far ; also, if he will now call for tenders for the construction of the road from Barry's reef to Trentham, so that it may be in readiness when the railway is opened.
17. MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the works above Whittlesea, for the improvement and extension of the Yan Yean water supply.
18. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
- (1.) What sum it is proposed to expend on the grounds round the Exhibition building, Carlton Gardens.
 - (2.) Whether a contract has been entered into for this work ; and, if so, whether it was let by public competition or by private agreement.
 - (3.) What is the name of the contractor to whom the work has been given ; and the name of the chairman of the committee who entered into the contract.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. CARTER : To move, That there be laid before this House the Report of the Conference of Boards of Advice of State schools.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
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5. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
6. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
7. SPENCER AND FLINDERS STREETS JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
8. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
11. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
12. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
13. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
15. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
16. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
17. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
18. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
19. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
20. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
21. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
22. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
23. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
24. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FERGUSON : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
2. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.
3. MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
 - (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
4. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
5. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.

6. **MR. McINTYRE :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
7. **MR. McINTYRE :** To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDER OF THE DAY RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL :—

1. **TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL.**—Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—Resumption of debate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. **LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
6. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
9. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL.**—Second reading.
10. **FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.**—Second reading.
11. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
12. **CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
13. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Second reading.
14. **LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
3. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
4. **MR. NIMMO :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
5. **MR. ORR :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.

6. **MR. LAURENS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
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28. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
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30. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
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32. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
33. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
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35. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
36. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That a reduction of ten per cent. be made in all salaries from £400 and upwards.
37. **MR. COOK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession,
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate ; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution ; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained ; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
38. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 41 of "The Land Act 1878" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.

13. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. **DR. MADDEN** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employés on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employés in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. **MR. ZOx** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.
16. **MR. BOSISTO** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy.
- (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.
 - (3.) A copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the Crown Law Officers and the Master in Lunacy, in reference to the dissensions in the Lunacy Office, and the measures taken to place the department in a state of efficiency.
17. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That the amount £2 be struck out of the second resolution of the proposed Stamp duty, with a view of inserting £5, so that wages to that amount may be exempt.
2. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That the following goods shall be exempt from duty, viz.:—Bags, threshing machines, portable engines, agricultural implements and machinery.
3. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That " salt " be included in the list of exemptions.
4. **MR. ZOx** : To move, That the following articles be exempt from duty :—Silk net ; crape trimmings ; gossamers ; silk fringes and trimmings ; silk lace gimps ; ribbon velvets ; elastic ribbons ; buttons of the ordinary description used in the making up of apparel only, not being jewellery or fancy goods ; hooks and eyes of ordinary descriptions ; reel cottons of all kinds ; knitting, mending, embroidery, and crochet cottons of all kinds ; linen threads of all kinds ; sewing and knitting silks in skeins, knots, or reels ; worsted—knitting and mending ; wool—angola and Berlin yarns in hanks, balls, and reels ; cords—cotton, linen, and worsted in hanks, knots, coils, or reels, used in the making up of apparel only ; bobbins—ring and skein wire, covered with cotton and silk ; bonnet wire and wire ribbon ; prepared whalebone and cane ; bone, wood, horn, and metal stay busks, plain and covered ; cotton worsted and silk wove braids and bindings ; cotton and linen tapes and filletings of all kinds ; cotton and linen and woollen and silk galloons and ferretings ; pins, in sheets, ounces, pounds, or packets, not being hair or fancy pins ; needles of all kinds ; crinoline steel ; cotton waddings ; cotton, woollen, and silk covered cord or web elastic of the description used in the making up of apparel only.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. **MR. MIRAMS:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he can, and will, make any effort to influence the Commissioners of the Harbor Trust in their acceptance of a contract for 2,000 piles for wharf construction in the direction of inducing them to give the preference to redgum as the material to be supplied.
2. **MR. D. CAMERON:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will take steps to prepare regulations under which stock designed for export either alive, preserved, or in carcase, will be allowed to come to Melbourne in bond or a rebate be made.
3. **MR. SHARPE:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he has written to the Government of New South Wales, inviting that Government to join with the Victorian Government in purchasing the Wahgunyah Bridge from the present shareholders, with a view of making the same a free bridge; and, if so, has any reply been received.
4. **MR. D. CAMERON:** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he will make a permanent order to the effect that, in future, advertisements be distributed according to the circulation of newspapers; all local advertisements to be given to the district journals.
5. **MR. BARR:** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if it is his intention to modify the regulations respecting firewood licenses, so as to provide against the cutting of any growing timber under ten inches diameter; and if it be his intention to do so, when the alterations of the regulation may be expected.
6. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what attention has been paid to the many and frequent applications made to the Government to provide police quarters and gaol accommodation at Coleraine.
7. **DR. MADDEN:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is aware that certain reports have appeared in the papers that the water at the stock quarantine ground is unwholesome, and that several valuable cattle have recently died there, presumably from that cause; and if the matter has been investigated, and, if not, if he will cause the water to be tested and reported on.
8. **MR. DOW:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he will take steps to have the St. Arnaud Silver Mines lease surrender question finally settled without further delay in the interests of the miners.
9. **DR. MADDEN:** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if, in view of a statement made by him on 15th October 1879, in Committee of Supply, he concurs in the propriety of the dismissal of Edward Ryan from the *Cerberus* in February 1878.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDER OF THE DAY RELATING TO PRIVATE BILL:—

1. **TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL.**—Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—Resumption of debate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. **LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
6. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
9. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL.**—Second reading.
10. **FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.**—Second reading.
11. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
12. **CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
13. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.**—Second reading.
14. **LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
15. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).**—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
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3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
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5. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
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19. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
20. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
21. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
22. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
23. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
24. **MR. ZOZ** : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
25. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
26. **MR. ZOZ** : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
27. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
28. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
29. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
30. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
31. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
32. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
33. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
34. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
35. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.

36. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That a reduction of ten per cent. be made in all salaries from £400 and upwards.
37. MR. COOK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
38. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
39. MR. BIRD : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
40. MR. FERGUSSON : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
41. MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
42. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
43. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
- (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
44. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
45. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
5. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
6. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
7. SPENCER AND FLINDERS STREETS JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
8. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
11. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
12. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
13. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
15. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
16. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.

17. **SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.**—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
18. **GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.**—Second reading.
19. **CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.**—Second reading.
20. **DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.**—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
21. **LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
22. **CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.**—Second reading.
23. **SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.**—Second reading.
24. **BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.**—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. FRASER :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is true that store stock, *i.e.*, a milch cow, was placed on board a hulk in the bay along with sheep *in transitu* from South Australia to New Zealand.
2. **MR. BARR :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands—
(1.) What progress has been made in the preparation of Parish Plans for the Colony, giving the number of Plans prepared and unprepared.
(2.) What progress has been made in the Proclamation of Roads in the Colony, giving the proportion of the colony in which the roads are proclaimed and the proportion as yet unproclaimed.
(3.) When the Honorable the Minister anticipates the completion of the whole of the Parish Plans and Proclamation of the Roads of the Colony.
3. **MR. F. L. SMYTH :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he will direct the use in the State schools of a more useful and profitable work on geography than the one purporting to have been compiled by Mr. James Smith, teacher at Emerald Hill school, and at present used in those schools.
4. **MR. RAMSAY :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the works above Whittlesea, for the improvement and extension of the Yan Yean water supply.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. YOUNG :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
(1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
(2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
(3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
(4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.**—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. **COMMON-LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.**—To be committed.
5. **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.**—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. STORY :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 - (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. DR. MADDEN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employés on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employés in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. MR. ZOZ : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.

16. MR. BOSISTO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy.
- (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.
- (3.) A copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the Crown Law Officers and the Master in Lunacy, in reference to the dissensions in the Lunacy Office, and the measures taken to place the department in a state of efficiency.
17. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. SHARPE : To move, That the following goods shall be exempt from duty, viz.:—Bags, threshing machines, portable engines, agricultural implements and machinery.
2. MR. YOUNG : To move, That "salt" be included in the list of exemptions.
3. MR. ZOX : To move, That the following articles be exempt from duty:—Crape trimmings; silk trimmings; ribbon velvets; and ribbons.
4. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That all payments of salaries, wages, commissions, contracts, and tributes to persons actually in the service of employers of labor be included amongst the exemptions.

On the Report of the Tariff Resolutions.

1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That the duty on boys, youths, and men's hats, and on parasols and umbrellas, should in no case exceed 25 per cent.; and failing the alteration to 25 per cent. *ad valorem*, importers should be allowed to clear at the old rates all goods in bond, and those ordered for the coming season's trade.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 29th October.

PRINTING—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH-29TH OCTOBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 24.

Supreme Court Jurisdiction and Procedure Bill.—[36] As reported 28th October. (To Members of Council only.)

Supreme Court Judicature and Procedure Bill—Clauses proposed by Hon. R. S. Anderson. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 44.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[45]

Weekly Report of Divisions No. 8.

Statistical Register for 1878. Part VI.—Production. No. 62.

Melbourne University Bill.—[58]

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both primary and secondary data collection techniques. The primary data was gathered through direct observation and interviews, while secondary data was obtained from existing reports and databases.

The third section details the statistical analysis performed on the collected data. Various tests were conducted to determine the significance of the findings. The results indicate a strong correlation between the variables being studied, suggesting that the observed trends are not merely coincidental.

Finally, the document concludes with a series of recommendations based on the research findings. These suggestions are aimed at improving the efficiency of the processes being analyzed and addressing the identified weaknesses. It is hoped that these measures will lead to more effective outcomes in the future.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. FRASER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is true that store stock, *i.e.*, a milch cow, was placed on board a hulk in the bay along with sheep *in transitu* from South Australia to New Zealand.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he will direct the use in the State schools of a more useful and profitable work on geography than the one purporting to have been compiled by Mr. James Smith, teacher at Emerald Hill school, and at present used in those schools.
3. MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the works above Whittlesea, for the improvement and extension of the Yan Yean water supply.
4. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if it is his intention to modify the regulations respecting firewood licenses, so as to provide against the cutting of any growing timber under ten inches diameter ; and, if so, when the alterations of the regulation may be expected.
5. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is aware that certain reports have appeared in the papers that the water at the stock quarantine ground is unwholesome, and that several valuable cattle have recently died there, presumably from that cause; and if the matter has been investigated, and, if not, if he will cause the water to be tested and reported on.
6. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he will take steps to have the St. Arnaud Silver Mines lease surrender question finally settled without further delay in the interests of the miners.
7. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if, in view of a statement made by him on 15th October 1879, in Committee of Supply, he concurs in the propriety of the dismissal of Edward Ryan from the *Cerberus* in February 1878.
8. MR. DIXON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he intends to provide a siding for firewood at either the Hawksburn, Toorak, or Armadale stations on the Gippsland line ; and, if so, when.
9. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is his intention to give a holiday to all the schools throughout the colony, to commemorate the Melbourne Cup day.
10. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he is aware that the *Phylloxera Vastatrix* has broken out in South Australia ; and to ask him if he will at once give orders to have the means of eradicating the disease (without destroying the vines), now used on the Continent, employed on the known diseased vineyards of this colony.
11. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable Member for Creswick (Mr. Richardson) if it is his intention to invite the House, during the present session, to take into consideration the report of the Select Committee (of which he was Chairman) that recently enquired into the subject of the establishment of a daily *Hansard*.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*.
2. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) What progress has been made in the preparation of Parish Plans for the Colony, giving the number of Plans prepared and unprepared.
 - (2.) What progress has been made in the Proclamation of Roads in the Colony, giving the proportion of the colony in which the roads are proclaimed and the proportion as yet unproclaimed.
 - (3.) When the Honorable the Minister anticipates the completion of the whole of the Parish Plans and Proclamation of the Roads of the Colony.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
5. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
6. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.

7. SPENCER AND FLINDERS STREETS JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
8. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
11. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
12. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
13. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
15. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
16. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
17. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
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19. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
20. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
21. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
22. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
23. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
24. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That, during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
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8. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
9. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
10. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
11. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
12. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
13. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
14. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
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16. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
17. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
18. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
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20. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
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22. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.

23. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
24. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
25. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branzholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
26. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
27. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
28. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
29. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
30. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis; with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
31. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That a reduction of ten per cent. be made in all salaries from £400 and upwards.
32. **MR. COOK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
33. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
34. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
35. **MR. FERGUSSON** : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
36. **MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House:—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.

37. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
38. **MR. HARPER** : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
39. **MR. McINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
40. **MR. McINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.
2. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
3. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
4. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
5. **MR. LAURENS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. BELL** : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.

3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 - (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. DR. MADDEN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employés on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employés in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. MR. ZOx : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.
16. MR. BOSISTO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy.
 - (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.
 - (3.) A copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the Crown Law Officers and the Master in Lunacy, in reference to the dissensions in the Lunacy Office, and the measures taken to place the department in a state of efficiency.
17. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. SHARPE : To move, That the following goods shall be exempt from duty, viz. :—Bags, threshing machines, portable engines, agricultural implements and machinery.
2. MR. YOUNG : To move, That " salt " be included in the list of exemptions.
3. MR. ZOX : To move, That the following articles be exempt from duty :—Crape trimmings ; silk trimmings ; ribbon velvets ; and ribbons.
4. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That all payments of salaries, wages, commissions, contracts, and tributes to persons actually in the service of employers of labor be included amongst the exemptions.

On going into Committee of Ways and Means.

1. MR. BENT : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, instead of increasing taxation, should reduce the public expenditure.

On the Report of the Tariff Resolutions.

1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That the duty on boys, youths, and men's hats, and on parasols and umbrellas, should in no case exceed 25 per cent. ; and failing the alteration to 25 per cent. *ad valorem*, importers should be allowed to clear at the old rates all goods in bond, and those ordered for the coming season's trade.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

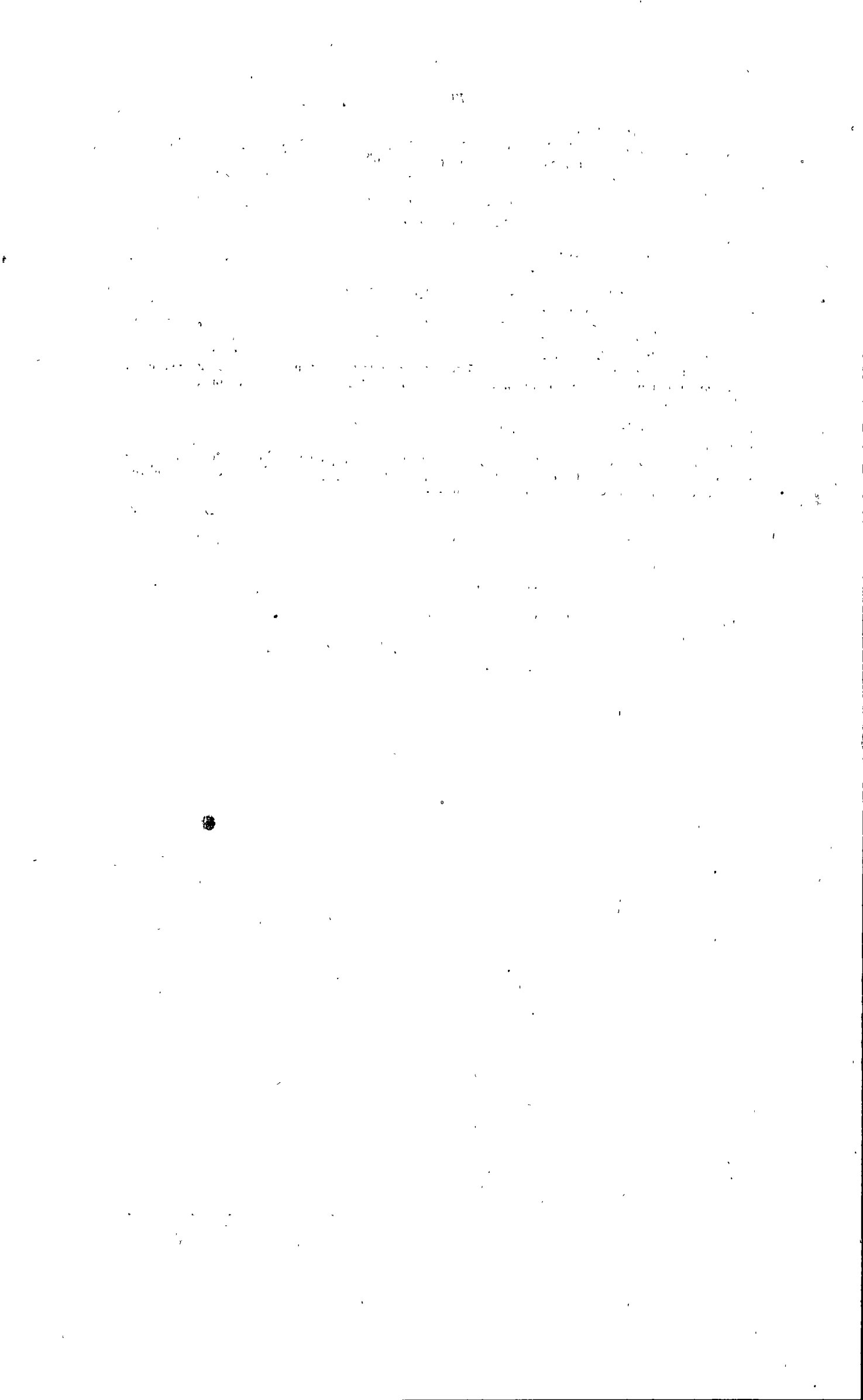
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. MACBAIN: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will take steps to provide platform accommodation at the Murtoa and Dooen Stations, with the view of affording facilities for transit of the anticipated increase of wheat during the coming harvest.
2. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
 - (1.) If the gardeners who were employed in the Carlton Gardens prior to the passing of the Exhibition Act were allowed to continue in the service of the Exhibition Commissioners after the latter took possession of the said gardens.
 - (2.) Whether these men were paid by the Exhibition Commissioners or by the Lands Department, between the date of the former taking possession of the gardens and the dismissal of the men.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

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 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.

8. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
9. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the *Yan Yean*.
10. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
11. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
12. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
13. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
14. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the *Wimmera* district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
15. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
16. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
17. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
18. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
19. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
20. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
21. MR. ZOX : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
22. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
23. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
24. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
25. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
26. MR. DIXON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
27. MR. SERVICE : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
28. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.

29. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
30. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent); that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
31. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That a reduction of ten per cent. be made in all salaries from £400 and upwards.
32. **MR. COOK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate ; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution ; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained ; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
33. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
34. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
35. **MR. FERGUSON** : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
36. **MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
37. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
38. **MR. HARPER** : To move, That there be laid before this House—
- (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
39. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
40. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
41. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. MASON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, showing—
 - (1.) The name of the Exhibition Commissioner or Commissioners on whose motion it was determined to have gold medals manufactured for and presented to each Commissioner.
 - (2.) How many gold medals have been manufactured and presented to such Commissioners.
 - (3.) If any of these medals have been presented to persons other than Commissioners, and, if so, what are their names.
 - (4.) Where were the medals manufactured, and how much did the gold per medal cost.
 - (5.) Whether these medals were paid for out of the money voted by this House for the erection of the Exhibition Building.
 - (6.) What is the total cost both for material and manufacturing the said medals.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move—
 - (1.) That so much of the Sessional Order as fixes the hour of meeting of this Assembly on Tuesdays and Thursdays be read and rescinded.
 - (2.) That during the remainder of the Session two o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 - (3.) That during the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motion, General Business, take precedence of Orders of the Day, General Business, on alternate Wednesdays.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SPENCER AND FLINDERS STREETS JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading, resumption of debate.
3. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
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6. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
7. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
8. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
9. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
11. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
12. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
13. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
15. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
16. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
17. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government business is concerned.
18. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
19. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
20. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
21. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
22. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
23. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
24. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when he intends to proceed with the second reading of the Sebastopol Plateau Drainage Bill.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he will direct the use in the State schools of a more useful and profitable work on geography than the one purporting to have been compiled by Mr. James Smith, teacher at Emerald Hill school, and at present used in those schools.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.

2. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recover Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
3. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
4. **MR. ORR :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
5. **MR. LAURENS :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. BELL :** To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **MR. F. L. SMYTH :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for the purpose of rewarding any employee in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. **DR. MADDEN :** To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act, No. 383.
5. **MR. MASON :** To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. **MR. MASON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. **MR. DOW :** To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. **MR. DOW :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. **DR. MADDEN :** To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.

12. **MR. HUNT** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. **DR. MADDEN** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employés on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employés in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. **MR. ZOZ** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.
16. **MR. BOSISTO** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy.
- (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.
 - (3.) A copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the Crown Law Officers and the Master in Lunacy, in reference to the dissensions in the Lunacy Office, and the measures taken to place the department in a state of efficiency.
17. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That the following goods shall be exempt from duty, viz.:—Bags, threshing machines, portable engines, agricultural implements and machinery.
2. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That " salt " be included in the list of exemptions.
3. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That all payments of salaries, wages, commissions, contracts, and tributes to persons actually in the service of employers of labor be included amongst the exemptions.

On going into Committee of Ways and Means.

1. **MR. BENT** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, instead of increasing taxation, should reduce the public expenditure.

On the Report of the Tariff Resolutions.

1. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH** : To move, That the duty on boys, youths, and men's hats, and on parasols and umbrellas, should in no case exceed 25 per cent. ; and failing the alteration to 25 per cent. *ad valorem*, importers should be allowed to clear at the old rates all goods in bond, and those ordered for the coming season's trade.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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THURSDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when he intends to proceed with the second reading of the Sebastopol Plateau Drainage Bill.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he will direct the use in the State schools of a more useful and profitable work on geography than the one purporting to have been compiled by Mr. James Smith, teacher at Emerald Hill school, and at present used in those schools.
3. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it be true that vessels discharging their cargoes at the Sandridge Town Pier, and at the Wharves on the Yarra, are precluded from loading their outward cargoes either at the Sandridge or Williamstown Railway Piers.
4. MR. HARPER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands the circumstances under which the selections of McWhirter and Savage were refused by him, in the face of the recommendation in their favor by the Local Land Board which sat at Keilor on 13th October.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SPENCER AND FLINDERS STREETS JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading, resumption of debate.
5. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. LOAN ACTS NOS. 332 AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
7. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
8. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876, No. 531.—ESTIMATE OF FURTHER EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
9. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be further considered in Committee.
11. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
12. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
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21. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
22. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
23. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
24. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when the Report of the Prospecting Board will be laid before this House.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place upon an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,300 for the purpose of compensating the singing masters for their loss of salary during the time of their suspension, they having been prohibited from practising their profession by order of the Department during such suspension, the promise of re-instatement having been made by the Ministry two months before their re-appointment.

2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to place on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £400, to recoup Dr. McCarthy, of the Melbourne Inebriate Retreat, costs obtained against him in consequence of a defective warrant in the case of Mr. Thos. E. Langley.
3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties showing most progress, what disease (if any) had been most prevalent in the vineyard, and how treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
4. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
5. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
6. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
7. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
8. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
9. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
10. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
11. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
12. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
13. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
14. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
15. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
16. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
17. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.

18. **MR. BROPHY :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
19. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
20. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
21. **MR. ZOX :** To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
22. **MR. BARR :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
23. **MR. ZOX :** To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
24. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
25. **MR. MIRAMS :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
26. **MR. MIRAMS :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
27. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH :** To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branzholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
28. **MR. DIXON :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
29. **MR. SERVICE :** To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
30. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
31. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
32. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
33. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK :** To move, That a reduction of ten per cent. be made in all salaries from £400 and upwards.
34. **MR. COOK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
 - (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate ; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution ; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained ; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.

35. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
36. MR. BIRD : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
37. MR. FERGUSSON : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
38. MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
39. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
40. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
- (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
41. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
42. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
43. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
4. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. STORY** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869*."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
3. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. BELL** : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. **DR. MADDEN** : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. **MR. MASON** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. **MR. MASON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. **MR. DOW** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. **DR. MADDEN** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. **MR. HUNT** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879–80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.

13. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. **DR. MADDEN** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employés on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employés in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.
16. **MR. BOSISTO** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy.
- (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.
 - (3.) A copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the Crown Law Officers and the Master in Lunacy, in reference to the dissensions in the Lunacy Office, and the measures taken to place the department in a state of efficiency.
17. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That the following goods shall be exempt from duty, viz.:—Bags, threshing machines, portable engines, agricultural implements and machinery.
2. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That " salt " be included in the list of exemptions.
3. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That all payments of salaries, wages, commissions, contracts, and tributes to persons actually in the service of employers of labor be included amongst the exemptions.

On the Report of the Tariff Resolutions.

1. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH** : To move, That the duty on boys, youths, and men's hats, and on parasols and umbrellas, should in no case exceed 25 per cent. ; and failing the alteration to 25 per cent. *ad valorem*, importers should be allowed to clear at the old rates all goods in bond, and those ordered for the coming season's trade.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 11th November.

LIBRARY—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1ST-6TH NOVEMBER.

- Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 25.
 Supreme Court Jurisdiction and Procedure Bill.—Report from Select Committee ; with Proceedings of Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendix. D 3.
 Trustees Executors and Agency Company (Limited) Bill.—Report from Select Committee of Legislative Assembly ; with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (*Private.*) (To Members of Council only.)
 Trustees Executors and Agency Company (Limited) Bill. (*Private.*) (To Members of Council only.)

- Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 47.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[48]
 Weekly Report of Divisions No. 9.
 Railway Loan Act, No. 531.—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 13.
 Management of Towns Bill.—[35] (With additional notes.) (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Attorneys, &c., Law Amendment Bill.—[59]

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when the Report of the Prospecting Board will be laid before this House.
2. MR. MUNRO : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) Will he permit the second reading of the Legislative Council Constitution Alteration Bill to take place on Wednesday, 19th November, during the time reserved for Government Business.
 - (2.) Will the Government oppose the second reading of the said Bill.
3. MR. BLACKETT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs when he will have the drawback regulations for the exportation of patent medicines framed.
4. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will reconsider the petition presented to him from the inhabitants of Lara, and residents between there and Geelong, that the seven o'clock p.m. passenger train from Melbourne to Geelong, which stops at Lara as a staff station, may, while so stopping, be made available for passenger traffic.
5. MR. MACBAIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when he will accept tenders for the erection of a State school at the Ararat Dam, promised some time ago.
6. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is his intention to propose that the Government railways of this colony should be leased in accordance with the 98th, 99th, and 100th sections of the Public Works Statute No. 289.
7. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if it has come under his notice that a lottery for £20,000 has recently been distributed at Ballarat, under the guise of the Ballarat Art Union; and if it is his intention to take steps for legalising such lotteries or otherwise.
8. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he will direct the use in the State schools of a more useful and profitable work on geography than the one purporting to have been compiled by Mr. James Smith, teacher at Emerald Hill school, and at present used in those schools.
9. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it be true that vessels discharging their cargoes at the Sandridge Town Pier, and at the Wharves on the Yarra, are precluded from loading their outward cargoes either at the Sandridge or Williamstown Railway Piers.
10. MR. HARPER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands the circumstances under which the selections of McWhirter and Savage were refused by him, in the face of the recommendation in their favor by the Local Land Board which sat at Keilor on 13th October.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. BOSISTO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy.
 - (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STAMP DUTIES BILL.—Second reading.
2. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—Second reading.
3. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
5. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—Resolution to be reported.
7. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876, No. 531—ESTIMATE OF FURTHER EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
8. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be reported.
11. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
12. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
13. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
15. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
16. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
17. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
18. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
19. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
20. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
21. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
22. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
23. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

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 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
10. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
11. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
12. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
13. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.

14. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
15. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
16. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
17. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
18. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
19. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
20. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
21. **MR. ZOZ** : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
22. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employes in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employes belonging to the several religious denominations.
23. **MR. ZOZ** : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
24. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
25. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
26. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
27. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
28. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
29. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
30. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
31. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
32. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis; with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
33. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That a reduction of ten per cent. be made in all salaries from £400 and upwards.

34. **MR. COOK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
35. **MR. NIMMO :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
36. **MR. BIRD :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
37. **MR. FERGUSSON :** To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
38. **MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK :** To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
39. **MR. BENT :** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
40. **MR. HARPER :** To move, That there be laid before this House—
- (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
41. **MR. MCINTYRE :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
42. **MR. MCINTYRE :** To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
43. **MR. YOUNG :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
3. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.

9. **MR. DOW :** To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. **MR. DOW :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per-mile.
11. **DR. MADDEN :** To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. **MR. HUNT :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. **MR. PURVES :** To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. **DR. MADDEN :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employes on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employes in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. **MR. ZOZ :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.
16. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK :** To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee of Ways and Means.

1. **MR. MCINTYRE :** To move, That all payments of salaries, wages, commissions, contracts, and tributes to persons actually in the service of employers of labor be included amongst the exemptions.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employes in the Government service being moved.

1. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employes in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY :** To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

JOHN JAMES,
Deputy-Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 11th November.

LIBRARY—at three o'clock.

Wednesday, 12th November.

STANDING ORDERS—at three o'clock.

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Grazing Runs, Wimmera District—Return. C.—No. 7.

Aborigines—Report and Correspondence relative to the mortality amongst the residents of the Aboriginal Stations of Victoria, &c. No. 86.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 1879.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

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9. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
10. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.

11. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
12. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
13. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
14. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
15. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
16. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
17. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
18. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
19. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
20. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
21. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
22. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
23. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
24. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
25. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
26. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
27. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branzholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
28. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
29. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
30. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
31. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.

32. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
33. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That a reduction of ten per cent. be made in all salaries from £400 and upwards.
34. **MR. COOK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate ; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution ; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained ; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
35. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
36. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
37. **MR. FERGUSON** : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
38. **MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
39. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
40. **MR. HARPER** : To move, That there be laid before this House—
- (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
41. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
42. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
43. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October ; including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
8. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

Government Business.

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1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878—WATER SUPPLY.—Resolution to be reported.
4. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876, No. 531—ESTIMATE OF FURTHER EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
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6. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—Second reading.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is his intention to introduce this session a separate Bill for the construction of a railway from Jung Jung to Dimboola.
2. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he purposes taking early steps to recognize in a suitable manner the very excellent and effective services rendered the country by Dr. McDonald, J.P., of Sale, and Constable Beck, of Moe, in capturing the two men who attempted to rob the Bank of Australasia at that place.
3. MR. WILLIAMS: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether he will send a boring machine to the Kerang district, in order to ascertain if water can be found to supply the great want of the farmers in that locality; and, if so, when he will send it.
4. MR. COOPER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction how many assistants are employed in the State schools of Ballarat, Ballarat East, and Sebastopol, over and above the proper allotment.
5. MR. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Royal Commission or Committee of Inquiry, which he stated to a deputation a few days since, would be appointed to investigate and report upon what protective duties may be advantageously levied, will be required generally to report as to the best means for promoting and encouraging industries and manufactures, and also the trade and commerce of the colony; and when he proposes to appoint such Commission.
6. MR. COOPER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when the scheme of classification for State school teachers is to be submitted to this House.
7. MR. KERNOT: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if it has come under his notice that a lottery for £20,000 has recently been distributed at Ballarat, under the guise of the Ballarat Art Union; and if it is his intention to take steps for legalising such lotteries or otherwise.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. BOSISTO: To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the number of paying patients in all the lunatic asylums of the colony, on the 1st January in each year, from 1868 to 1879 inclusive; specifying the number contributing sums equivalent to or in excess of the average weekly cost of maintenance of lunatic patients, and the total amount paid into the Treasury by the Master in Lunacy for the same years.
 - (2.) The total amount of arrears of maintenance due by patients entered upon the books of the lunacy office, as paying patients on the 30th June 1874, and for each succeeding year to the 30th June 1879 respectively.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. STAMP DUTIES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
3. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard.*

TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURT JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IMPROVEMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.

8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. DR. MADDEN : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of the eight-hours' system ought to be extended to the labor of the employes on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway lines, and that the right of these men to occupy a similar position to the other railway employes in the Government service as provided by law ought not to be longer contravened.
15. MR. ZOX : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.
16. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee on the Customs Duties Bill.

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That all payments of salaries, wages, commissions, contracts, and tributes to persons actually in the service of employers of labor be included amongst the exemptions.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employes in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employes in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 8TH-12TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 26.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 27.

Dunmunkle and St. Arnaud Shires Waterworks Bill.—Amendment made by the Legislative Council and disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 49.

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Private and Press Messages—Order in Council. No. 85.

Licensing Act Amendment Bill.—[33] As reported 6th November. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Stamp Duties Bill.—[42]

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by Mr. Williams. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—Clause 6, as proposed to be amended in Committee by Sir B. O'Loughlen. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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8. MR. ZOx: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when it is his intention to lay before this House the distribution of the vote for charitable purposes.

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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he intends to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Nathalia ; and, if so, when.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
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14. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of “*The Land Act 1869.*”
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
3. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
4. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
5. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.

Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

6. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
7. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
8. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
9. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.

10. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
11. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
12. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
13. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
14. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
15. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the " unforeseen " vote for the year 1878-9.
16. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
17. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
18. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
19. **MR. DIXON** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
20. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
21. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
22. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
23. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That a reduction of ten per cent. be made in all salaries from £400 and upwards.
24. **MR. COOK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate ; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution ; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained ; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
25. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
26. **MR. FERGUSSON** : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.

27. MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
28. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
29. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
30. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.
31. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURT JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IMPROVEMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
3. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
4. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
6. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.

7. **MR. BARR :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
8. **MR. ZOZ :** To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
9. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
10. **MR. NIMMO :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
11. **MR. BENT :** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
12. **MR. HARPER :** To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. BELL :** To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **MR. F. L. SMYTH :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employés, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. **DR. MADDEN :** To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. **MR. MASON :** To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. **MR. MASON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. **MR. DOW :** To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.

10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. MR. ZOX : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived for legislative action to be taken respecting Charitable and Lunatic Institutions, and that a Commission be issued to enquire into the management of such institutions with reference to abuses incident thereto.
15. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee on the Customs Duties Bill.

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That all payments of salaries, wages, commissions, contracts, and tributes to persons actually in the service of employers of labor be included amongst the exemptions.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 13TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 27.

Spencer and Flinders streets Junction Railway Bill.—[57] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 50.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[51]

Supreme Court Jurisdiction and Procedure Improvement Bill.—[36] From Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Constitution Reform Bill.—New clauses proposed by Mr. D. Cameron. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LÉGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he intends this Session to proceed with the Bill for the drainage of Sebastopol and the Durham Leads.
2. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he purposes taking early steps to recognize in a suitable manner the very excellent and effective services rendered the country by Dr. McDonald, J.P., of Sale, and Constable Beck, of Moe, in capturing the two men who attempted to rob the Bank of Australasia at that place.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of a petition presented to the Honorable the Chief Secretary by the Shire Council of Mansfield, praying that the case of Mrs. Kennedy, of Mansfield, might be favorably considered by the Government.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STAMP DUTIES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—Second reading.
6. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—To be reported.
9. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
10. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
11. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
13. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
15. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
16. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
17. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
18. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
19. CONDAR SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
20. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
21. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

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1. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a change of Government is necessary.
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he intends to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Nathalia ; and, if so, when.

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 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
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26. **MR. FERGUSSON** : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
27. **MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
28. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
29. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.

30. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.
31. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if it is the practice of the Lands department to allow of increase in valuation for improvements on land for sale made after the same has been applied for to be sold.

TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURT JURISDICTION, AND PROCEDURE IMPROVEMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
3. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
4. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
6. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
7. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
8. MR. ZOX : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.

9. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
10. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
11. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
12. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general Revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "The Land Act 1878" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
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 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rate of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.

12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee on the Customs Duties Bill.

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That all payments of salaries, wages, commissions, contracts, and tributes to persons actually in the service of employers of labor be included amongst the exemptions.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if he intends to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Nathalia ; and, if so, when.
2. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when he will be able to have a boring machine sent to the Rochester district, to search for water, in accordance with a promise which he recently made to a deputation from that district.
3. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when it is his intention to erect the additional school accommodation, as promised, in the Carlton district.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
12. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
13. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
14. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
16. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

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 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained ; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
25. MR. BIRD : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.

26. MR. FERGUSSON : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
27. MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
28. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
29. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
30. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.
31. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
32. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhölm to Casterton be now taken into consideration.

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 - (3.) The cost per cube yard in hauling to and depositing the same within the boundaries of the Railway station at Spencer street, including engine-power, labor in unloading, superintendence, &c.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STAMP DUTIES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
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6. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
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THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

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2. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he intends this Session to proceed with the Bill for the drainage of Sebastopol and the Durham Leads.
3. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he purposes taking early steps to recognize in a suitable manner the very excellent and effective services rendered the country by Dr. McDonald, J.P., of Sale, and Constable Beck, of Moe, in capturing the two men who attempted to rob the Bank of Australasia at that place.

TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURT JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IMPROVEMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
3. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
4. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
6. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879–80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
7. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
8. MR. ZOX : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
9. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
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11. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.

12. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
 2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
 3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
 4. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.

14. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee on the Stamp Duties Bill.

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That all payments of salaries, wages, commissions, contracts, and tributes to persons actually in the service of employers of labor be included amongst the exemptions.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 15TH-19TH NOVEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 28.
Discharged and Appointed Officials [Explanatory.] A 7 [Explanatory.]
Railway Connection with South Australia—Return. A 8.
Bills Drafted—Return. A 9.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 52.
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Weekly Report of Divisions No. 10.
Railway Loan Account Application Bill.—[55].
Constitution Reform Bill—New Clauses proposed by Mr. D. Cameron. (No. 2.) (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER 1879.

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1. MR. BARR: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if it is the practice of the Lands department to allow of increase in valuation for improvements on land for sale made after the same has been applied for to be sold.
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3. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he purposes taking early steps to recognize in a suitable manner the very excellent and effective services rendered the country by Dr. McDonald, J.P., of Sale, and Constable Beck, of Moe, in capturing the two men who attempted to rob the Bank of Australasia at that place.
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5. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is his intention to make arrangements for the reception of grain and other produce at the Doon railway station during the coming harvest.
6. MR. BARR: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will cause the removal of the Post and Telegraph Office from the Railway Station at Homebush to the township of Homebush for the public convenience.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY: To move, That on Thursday, 4th December next, the House be called.
2. SIR B. O'LOGHLEN: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to continue various expiring laws.

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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when the Government will move the second reading of the Local Government Bill.
2. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether in future he will cause the trains for Gordon to run through from Ballarat, instead of being made up at Warrenheip, as at present.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General when the Land Tax Amendment Bill will be introduced.
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Government Business.**ORDER OF THE DAY :—**

1. SUPREME COURT JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IMPROVEMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.**NOTICE OF MOTION :—**

1. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Mining leases in the Sandhurst district, and the number of men required for each lease, according to the labor covenants ; also in the Ballarat district.

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14. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869*."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
15. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
16. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
17. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
18. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
19. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
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21. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
22. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
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32. **MR. SERVICE :** To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
33. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
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35. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK :** To move, That a reduction of ten per cent. be made in all salaries from £400 and upwards.
36. **MR. COOK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
37. **MR. BIRD :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
38. **MR. FERGUSSON :** To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
39. **MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK :** To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House:—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
40. **MR. MCINTYRE :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
41. **MR. MCINTYRE :** To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.

42. MR. YOUNG: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT.—Second reading.
7. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
12. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
13. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
14. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.

5. **MR. MASON** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. **MR. MASON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
9. **MR. DOW** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. **DR. MADDEN** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. **MR. HUNT** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 - (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee on the Stamp Duties Bill.

1. **MR. McINTYRE** : To move, That all payments of salaries, wages, commissions, contracts, and tributes to persons actually in the service of employers of labor be included amongst the exemptions.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when the Government will move the second reading of the Local Government Bill.
2. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether in future he will cause the trains for Gordon to run through from Ballarat, instead of being made up at Warrenheip, as at present.
3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General when the Land Tax Amendment Bill will be introduced.
4. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he intends this Session to proceed with the Bill for the drainage of Sebastopol and the Durham Leads.
5. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he purposes taking early steps to recognize in a suitable manner the very excellent and effective services rendered the country by Dr. McDonald, J.P., of Sale, and Constable Beck, of Moe, in capturing the two men who attempted to rob the Bank of Australasia at that place.
6. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) Whether there is any annual report issued by the Stock Department, and whether any prosecutions take place except at the instance of private individuals.
 - (2.) Do these prosecutions average three per annum ; if so, will he have any objection to state the number of convictions obtained during the last five years.
 - (3.) Is it a fact that cases of disease are merely reported, and not investigated by the Department.
 - (4.) Whether the present staff might not be reduced without any ill result.
 - (5.) How many of the inspectors of stock are over 60 years of age.
7. MR. BLACKETT : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether it is the intention of the Government to obtain the services of an Imperial Officer, well versed in modern military tactics, for the purpose of re-organizing the Volunteer Forces.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. A. K. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return, describing and showing—
 - (1.) The mode of excavating, and the quantity excavated in cube yards, from what is known as Woods' Dock, in Batman's Swamp.
 - (2.) The cost of filling the material so excavated into trucks per cube yard, including all labor and superintendence.
 - (3.) The cost per cube yard in hauling to and depositing the same within the boundaries of the Railway station at Spencer street, including engine-power, labor in unloading, superintendence, &c.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. STAMP DUTIES BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—Second reading.
6. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Consideration of Report.
10. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
11. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
12. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council insisted on by Council.—To be taken into consideration.
13. SUPREME COURT JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IMPROVEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
16. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
17. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
18. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
19. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
20. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
21. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
22. CONDAR SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
23. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
24. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Mining leases in the Sandhurst district, and the number of men required for each lease, according to the labor covenants ; also in the Ballarat district.
2. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branzholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. BENT : To move, That the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
3. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
4. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
6. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
7. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employes in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employes belonging to the several religious denominations.
8. MR. ZOX : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
9. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers three to form a quorum.
10. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
11. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
12. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
13. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.

14. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
15. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
16. **MR. COOPER** : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
17. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
18. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
19. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
20. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
21. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
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General.

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1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Résumption of debate.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.

8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
12. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
13. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
14. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. HOUSE TO BE CALLED.
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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly, or in part, out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees or managers, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest, at least, in every seven days, or, at the option of the employes, compensation in the form of additional salary to be given to employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
8. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.

9. **MR. DOW** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
10. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
11. **DR. MADDEN** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
12. **MR. HUNT** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
13. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
14. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER 1879.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. BENT : To move, That the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
3. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
4. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
6. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
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8. MR. ZOX : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
9. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
10. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
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12. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
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13. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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14. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.

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5. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading.

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23. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
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6. MR. BLACKETT: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether it is the intention of the Government to obtain the services of an Imperial Officer, well versed in modern military tactics, for the purpose of re-organizing the Volunteer Forces.
7. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he intends this Session to proceed with the Bill for the drainage of Sebastopol and the Durham Leads.

TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is a fact that 80 head of Mr. Tyson's cattle died between Melbourne and Pakenham, a distance of about 35 miles; if so, has that mob been inspected, a *post mortem* examination made, and a report on the nature of disease sent in to the Chief Secretary; and, if so, will he publish it for the benefit of stockowners.
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WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
12. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
13. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
14. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. HOUSE TO BE CALLED.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
4. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.

6. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria ; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
- (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.
7. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
8. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
9. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
10. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
11. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
12. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
13. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employés in the Government service being moved.

1. MR. DWYER : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employés in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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9. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if there is any foundation for the rumor that an order has been, or is about to be, sent to England for a set of flags for one of our men-of-war.
10. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether any commencement has been made in the erection of a passenger station and goods shed at Shepparton ; and, if so, is he aware when these buildings will be completed.
11. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will direct that a truant officer's services be made available for the Delatite district ; and if there is any truant officer for that district.

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2. RAILWAY LOAN ACT NO. 608—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
3. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)**General.**

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. BENT : To move, That the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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3. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
4. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
5. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
6. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.

7. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
8. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Mining leases in the Sandhurst district, and the number of men required for each lease, according to the labor covenants; also in the Ballarat district.

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. HOUSE TO BE CALLED.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LAURENS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
2. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
3. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
4. **MR. R. CLARK** (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
5. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
6. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
7. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
8. **MR. L. L. SMITH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
9. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
10. **MR. BENT** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
11. **MR. HARPER** : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
12. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
13. **MR. COOPER** : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

14. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
15. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
16. **MR. RAMSAY** : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
17. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
18. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
19. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
20. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
21. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
22. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
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 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing

the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.

- (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
- (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
32. **MR. FERGUSSON** : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
33. **MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
34. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
35. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
36. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.
37. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. ATTORNEYS, &C., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. BELL** : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **DR. MADDEN** : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
3. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting His Excellency to take such steps as may be necessary to continue the Act No. 383.
4. **MR. MASON** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
5. **MR. MASON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
6. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a Royal Commission should be appointed to enquire into and report upon the banking system at present existing in Victoria; the method of dealings, and the character of the relations existing between—
 - (1.) The Banks and the Government.
 - (2.) The Banks and the Public.
 - (3.) The Banks and their Directors and Officers.

7. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should at once take steps to establish a State Bank.
8. **MR. DOW** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
9. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
10. **DR. MADDEN** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
11. **MR. HUNT** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
12. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
13. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

On Mr. Barr's motion as to employes in the Government service being moved.

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That the following words be added thereto, viz. :—Distinguishing the number of such employes in each branch, and specifying the total amount of salary paid to each denomination ; such return to include the number of each denomination of the population in the Colony, and the numbers of the several denominations in Parliament.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is a fact that 80 head of Mr. Tyson's cattle died between Melbourne and Pakenham, a distance of about 35 miles; if so, has that mob been inspected, a *post mortem* examination made, and a report on the nature of disease sent in to the Chief Secretary; and, if so, will he publish it for the benefit of stockowners.
2. MR. W. MCG. CLARK: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if there is any foundation for the rumor that an order has been, or is about to be, sent to England for a set of flags for one of our men-of-war.
3. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is aware that a mob of Mr. Tyson's cattle was seized in Adelaide, and that six were slaughtered and found not to be suffering from pleuro-pneumonia, but were evidently suffering from some fatal disease unknown, and that numbers were dying.
4. MR. COPE: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if it is the intention of the Government to erect a lighthouse on Cape Nelson; if so, when they purpose commencing the work.
5. MR. DOW: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways—
 - (1.) Whether upon the completion of the railway connection between Spencer street and Sandridge he will have wheat and other agricultural produce conveyed right through to the seaboard at the same rates as those between the up-country stations and Spencer street, and
 - (2.) Whether instead of charging at the rate of 3d. per ton per mile between the seaboard and Spencer street upon wheat and other grain rejected for export purposes he will allow it to return free.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. SIR B. O'LOGHLEN: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the extension of the Carlsruhe and Daylesford Railway.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—Second reading.
3. RAILWAY LOAN ACT NO. 608—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
4. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
7. PASSENGERS, HARBORS, AND NAVIGATION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. WATERWORKS—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee
9. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
10. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Consideration of Report.
11. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
12. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
13. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
15. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
16. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council insisted on by Council.—To be taken into consideration.
17. SUPREME COURT JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IMPROVEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
18. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
20. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
21. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
22. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
23. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
24. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
25. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
26. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
27. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. BENT : To move, That the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
12. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
13. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
14. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
16. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
3. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
4. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
5. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
6. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
7. MR. BIRD : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
8. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Mining leases in the Sandhurst district, and the number of men required for each lease, according to the labor covenants ; also in the Ballarat district.

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. HOUSE TO BE CALLED.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
3. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
4. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
5. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
6. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
7. MR. ZOx : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
8. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
9. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
10. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
11. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
12. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
13. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
14. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
15. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.

16. **MR. RAMSAY :** To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
17. **MR. ZOX :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
18. **MR. SHARPE :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
19. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
20. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
21. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
22. **MR. ZOX :** To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
3. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
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5. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
6. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head " *Agricultural produce class* " should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
7. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.

8. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
9. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
10. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

In Committee on the Customs Duties Bill.

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move the following amendment—That all the words in the second schedule of “*The Customs Duties Act 1877*,” No. 593, commencing with the word “or” and ending with the word “respectively” be omitted, being “or in bottles containing an Imperial quart or pint respectively,” and coming after the words “ale, porter, spruce and other beer, cider and perry in wood.”

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 3rd December.

STANDING ORDERS—at three o'clock.

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Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 30.
Stamp Duties Bill.—[42] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

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Land Act 1869—Regulations. Order in Council. No. 89.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when he considers the business before the House will allow him to proceed with the Bill for the drainage of the Sebastopol and Durham leads.
2. MR. GILLIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if his attention has been drawn to the very inadequate accommodation at present existing for children attending the State school at Murchison ; and when he proposes to provide additional accommodation.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. BENT : To move, That the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMMON LAW PROCEDURE STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
9. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
11. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
12. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
13. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
14. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
16. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
3. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
4. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "The Land Act 1869."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.

5. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
6. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
7. MR. BIRD : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
8. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Mining leases in the Sandhurst district, and the number of men required for each lease, according to the labor covenants ; also in the Ballarat district.
9. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The names, occupations, and salaries of all persons discharged, removed, or resigned, from the various Government departments, between 1st January 1878 and 1st January 1879.
 - (2.) The names, occupations, and salaries, of all persons appointed, or re-appointed, during the same period in the various Government departments, and showing the appointments for each department.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—Second reading.
3. RAILWAY LOAN ACT NO. 608—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
4. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
7. PASSENGERS, HARBORS, AND NAVIGATION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. WATERWORKS—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee
9. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
10. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Consideration of Report.
11. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
12. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
13. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
15. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
16. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council insisted on by Council.—To be taken into consideration.
17. SUPREME COURT JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IMPROVEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
18. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
20. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
21. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
22. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
23. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
24. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
25. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
26. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
27. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. DIXON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether provision can be made—
 - (1.) For conducting the examination for degrees in medicine, at the Melbourne University, in the same manner as adopted by the Universities in Great Britain.
 - (2.) For appointing two examiners in each subject to assist the lecturer in examination.
 - (3.) For requiring each student, instead of signing his name on the examination papers, to be known by a number only ; and,
 - (4.) If he will cause enquiry to be made into the system of examination adopted at this University, with a view of preventing the continued exodus of students to the Universities of Great Britain.
2. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands, if it be true that the Kama-rooka State Forest has been taken from under the control of the local Forest Board ; and if it is his intention to throw open the said forest for selection.
3. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if there is any foundation for the rumor that an order has been, or is about to be, sent to England for a set of flags for one of our men-of-war.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. HOUSE TO BE CALLED.
2. CARLSRUHE AND DAYLESFORD RAILWAY EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
3. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
4. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
5. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
6. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
7. MR. ZOX : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
8. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
9. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
10. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
11. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
12. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
13. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
14. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
15. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
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18. **MR. SHARPE :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
19. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
20. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
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23. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
24. **MR. MIRAMS :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
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26. **MR. DIXON :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874, in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
27. **MR. SERVICE :** To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
28. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
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8. **MR. HUNT :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.

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- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
10. MR. W. MCG. CLARK: To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.
11. MR. ZOZ: To call attention to the Report of the Council of the Victorian Branch of the British Medical Association as to the defective arrangements of the Kew Lunatic Asylum.

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1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY: To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

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1. MR. MIRAMS: To move the following amendment—That all the words in the second schedule of "*The Customs Duties Act 1877*," No. 593, commencing with the word "or" and ending with the word "respectively" be omitted, being "or in bottles containing an Imperial quart or pint respectively," and coming after the words "ale, porter, spruce and other beer, cider and perry in wood."

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1. MR. GAUNSON: To move, To omit the word "now," and to add after the word "time" the words "this day three months."

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 3rd December.

STANDING ORDERS—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH NOVEMBER—3RD DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 30.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[59]

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Reports of the Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Quarter ended 30th September 1879. No. 83.

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—[17] As reported from the Committee 2nd December. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. DIXON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether provision can be made—
 - (1.) For conducting the examination for degrees in medicine, at the Melbourne University, in the same manner as adopted by the Universities in Great Britain.
 - (2.) For appointing two examiners in each subject to assist the lecturer in examination.
 - (3.) For requiring each student, instead of signing his name on the examination papers, to be known by a number only ; and,
 - (4.) If he will cause enquiry to be made into the system of examination adopted at this University, with a view of preventing the continued exodus of students to the Universities of Great Britain.
2. MR. McINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if it be true that the Kama-rooka State Forest has been taken from under the control of the local Forest Board ; and if it is his intention to throw open the said forest for selection.
3. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if there is any foundation for the rumor that an order has been, or is about to be, sent to England for a set of flags for one of our men-of-war.
4. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the provision of section 39 of the Civil Service Act relating to superannuation is being put in force ; and, if so, in what departments ; and whether public servants who have attained the age of 60 years are forced to retire, without exception, from some departments and not from others.
5. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether, in view of the strong desire on the part of the inhabitants of Smythesdale, he will retain Mr. Collier as head teacher of the State school, instead of the re-appointment of Mr. Hayes.
6. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is aware that a difficulty has arisen in making out the ratepayers' roll within the Shire of Shepparton ; and if the Government will instruct the different Electoral Registrars how to act under the circumstances.
7. MR. FERGUSSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands what cost the Government would be put to by supplying all the Free Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria with copies of the new map of the Continent of Australia ; and what cost has already been incurred by supplying Members of Parliament with the said map.
8. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will take steps to protect the public against the present system of issuing the documents known as " H " orders upon the Treasury, and whether such documents are not often found valueless when presented for payment, in consequence of there being no check to prevent the issue of several " H " orders for the same sum of money.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
2. RAILWAY LOAN ACT NO. 608—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
3. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. WATERWORKS—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
5. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
6. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
7. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Consideration of Report.
8. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. HOUSE TO BE CALLED.
10. CARLSRUHE AND DAYLESFORD RAILWAY EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
11. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
12. PASSENGERS, HARBORS, AND NAVIGATION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
14. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
15. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
16. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
17. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
18. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council insisted on by Council.—To be taken into consideration.
19. SUPREME COURT JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IMPROVEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
20. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
21. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
22. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
23. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
24. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
25. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
26. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
27. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
28. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
29. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of officers employed at the head office of the Mining Department, distinguishing those who are classified under the “*Civil Service Act.*”
 - (2.) The number of such officers who passed the Civil Service Examination, with the date of passing such examination.

TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the names of all relations by marriage or otherwise of Members of the Legislature who are now employed in the Government service, together with the date of appointment, and the salaries attached to each office.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
3. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
4. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the *Wimmera* district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
5. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
6. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employes in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employes belonging to the several religious denominations.
7. MR. ZOx : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
8. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
9. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
10. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
11. MR. HARPER : To move, That there be laid before this House—
 - (1.) A copy of the letter written by the Secretary of the Harbor Trust to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, under date 14th August 1879.
 - (2.) A copy of the reply thereto by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.

12. **MR. RICHARDSON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
13. **MR. COOPER :** To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
14. **MR. ZOx :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
15. **MR. RAMSAY :** To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
16. **MR. RAMSAY :** To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
17. **MR. ZOx :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
18. **MR. SHARPE :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
19. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
20. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
21. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
22. **MR. ZOx :** To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
23. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
24. **MR. MIRAMS :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
25. **MR. MIRAMS :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
26. **MR. DIXON :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
27. **MR. SERVICE :** To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
28. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
29. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.

30. **MR. COOK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
31. **MR. FERGUSSON :** To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
32. **MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK :** To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
33. **MR. McINTYRE :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
34. **MR. McINTYRE :** To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
35. **MR. YOUNG :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.
36. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH :** To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
37. **MR. BIRD :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869.*"
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
38. **MR. ORR :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
39. **MR. WILLIAMS :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Mining leases in the Sandhurst district, and the number of men required for each lease, according to the labor covenants; also in the Ballarat district.
40. **MR. BIRD :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The names, occupations, and salaries of all persons discharged, removed, or resigned, from the various Government departments, between 1st January 1878 and 1st January 1879.
 - (2.) The names, occupations, and salaries, of all persons appointed, or re-appointed, during the same period in the various Government departments, and showing the appointments for each department.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed—Resumption of debate.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
8. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
10. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
11. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
12. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
13. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
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NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
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9. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 - (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit, of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
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11. MR. ZOx : To call attention to the Report of the Council of the Victorian Branch of the British Medical Association as to the defective arrangements of the Kew Lunatic Asylum.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

In Committee on the Customs Duties Bill.

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move the following amendment—That all the words in the second schedule of "*The Customs Duties Act 1877*," No. 593, commencing with the word "or" and ending with the word "respectively" be omitted, being "or in bottles containing an Imperial quart or pint respectively," and coming after the words "ale, porter, spruce and other beer, cider and perry in wood."
2. MR. MIRAMS : To move the following amendment in the Customs Duties Act of 1877, No. 593, in the Second Schedule, referring to the duties upon bottled ale, porter, spruce and other cider and perry:—The omission of the words "reputed quart" and "reputed pint;" the insertion of the word "half" in the blank made by the omission of the words "reputed pint," and the addition of the words "containing not more than one gallon."

On motion that Reform Bill be now read a third time.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, To omit the word "now," and to add after the word "time" the words "this day three months."
2. MR. MUNRO : To move, That the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill be discharged, and that the Bill be recommitted with the view of substituting for Parts I. and II. provisions for lowering the qualifications for electors and Members of the Legislative Council, shortening the term for which Members are elected, and reducing the size of the provinces.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. **MR. DIXON** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether provision can be made—
 - (1.) For conducting the examination for degrees in medicine, at the Melbourne University, in the same manner as adopted by the Universities in Great Britain.
 - (2.) For appointing two examiners in each subject to assist the lecturer in examination.
 - (3.) For requiring each student, instead of signing his name on the examination papers, to be known by a number only ; and,
 - (4.) If he will cause enquiry to be made into the system of examination adopted at this University, with a view of preventing the continued exodus of students to the Universities of Great Britain.
2. **MR. FERGUSSON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands what cost the Government would be put to by supplying all the Free Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria with copies of the new map of the Continent of Australia ; and what cost has already been incurred by supplying Members of Parliament with the said map.
3. **MR. D. CAMERON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will consider the case of Mrs. McIntosh, widow of a late railway employé at Riddell's Creek.
4. **MR. BAYLES** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Boards of Advice have made any complaints with respect to the manner in which the Inspectors and Officers for Scab Prevention and Disease in Stock have performed their duties ; and if the Chief Secretary will direct that a meeting of the various Boards should be called in the usual way, that an expression of their opinions on that subject may be obtained ; if the apprehension entertained by the Government Veterinary Surgeon of the outbreak of disease amongst the stock of the colony is in their opinion borne out by facts ; and whether the stock in each district is in a satisfactory state of health.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. KERNOT** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the Railway Department and ex-Members of the Assembly as to the using of Members' railway passes after their retirement from Parliament.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Question—That it be transmitted to the Legislative Council.—To be considered.
2. RAILWAY LOAN ACT NO. 608—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
3. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. WATERWORKS—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
7. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
8. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
9. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Consideration of Report.
10. CARLSRUHE AND DAYLESFORD RAILWAY EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
11. PASSENGERS, HARBORS, AND NAVIGATION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
13. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
14. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
16. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
17. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council insisted on by Council.—To be taken into consideration.
18. SUPREME COURT JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IMPROVEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
19. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
20. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
21. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
22. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
23. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
24. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
25. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
26. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
27. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
28. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the names of all relations by marriage or otherwise of Members of the Legislature who are now employed in the Government service, together with the date of appointment, and the salaries attached to each office.
2. **MR. GRAVES** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of officers employed at the head office of the Mining Department, distinguishing those who are classified under the "*Civil Service Act*."
 - (2.) The number of such officers who passed the Civil Service Examination, with the date of passing such examination.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAURENS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
3. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
4. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
5. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
6. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
7. MR. ZOZ : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
8. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
9. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
10. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
11. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
12. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
13. MR. ZOZ : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
14. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
15. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
16. MR. ZOZ : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.

17. **MR. SHARPE :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
18. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
19. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
20. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
21. **MR. ZOx :** To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the " unforeseen " vote for the year 1878-9.
22. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
23. **MR. MIRAMS :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
24. **MR. MIRAMS :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
25. **MR. DIXON :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
26. **MR. SERVICE :** To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
27. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
28. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
29. **MR. COOK :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
 - (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate ; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution ; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained ; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
30. **MR. FERGUSON :** To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.

31. MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
32. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
33. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
34. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.
35. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
36. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869*."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
37. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
38. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Mining leases in the Sandhurst district, and the number of men required for each lease, according to the labor covenants ; also in the Ballarat district.
39. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The names, occupations, and salaries of all persons discharged, removed, or resigned, from the various Government departments, between 1st January 1878 and 1st January 1879.
 - (2.) The names, occupations, and salaries, of all persons appointed, or re-appointed, during the same period in the various Government departments, and showing the appointments for each department.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed—Resumption of debate.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*—That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
8. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
10. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is*—That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
11. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
12. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
13. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
15. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. STORY :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices:
3. **MR. WILLIAMS :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
4. **MR. BIRD :** To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
5. **MR. BIRD :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. BELL :** To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **DR. MADDEN :** To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
3. **MR. MASON :** To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
4. **MR. MASON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
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In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

In Committee on the Customs Duties Bill.

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move the following amendment—That all the words in the second schedule of "*The Customs Duties Act 1877*," No. 593, commencing with the word "or" and ending with the word "respectively" be omitted, being "or in bottles containing an Imperial quart or pint respectively," and coming after the words "ale, porter, spruce and other beer, cider and perry in wood."
2. MR. MIRAMS : To move the following amendment in the Customs Duties Act of 1877, No. 593, in the Second Schedule, referring to the duties upon bottled ale, porter, spruce and other cider and perry:—The omission of the words "reputed quart" and "reputed pint;" the insertion of the word "half" in the blank made by the omission of the words "reputed pint," and the addition of the words "containing not more than one gallon."

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if, in placing all persons employed on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway in the same position as to the hours employed, the rate of pay, the same privileges as to holidays as on all other Government railways, he will cause the same to commence from the 1st day of July 1879, in accordance with the terms mentioned in clause 10 of the "Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company's Sale Bill."
2. **MR. STORY** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will bring down on the next Estimates the balance of the £5,000, namely £2,619, which was some years since voted by Parliament to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves as a reward for being the first discoverer of payable goldfields in Australia.
3. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he will take steps towards clearing the track the whole of the way from Colac to Apollo Bay.
4. **DR. MADDEN** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will order that the case of ex-constable James Frazer be enquired into by a board.
5. **MR. BENT** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways that an additional smoking carriage be placed upon the Brighton line during business hours of the day.
6. **MR. FERGUSSON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands what cost the Government would be put to by supplying all the Free Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria with copies of the new map of the Continent of Australia ; and what cost has already been incurred by supplying Members of Parliament with the said map.
7. **MR. D. CAMERON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will consider the case of Mrs. McIntosh, widow of a late railway employé at Riddell's Creek.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock to twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LAURENS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The different periods at which Victorian debentures have from time to time been issued and placed on the London market.
 - (2.) The amount of interest such debentures bore in each case.
 - (3.) The amount of loan advertised and sought to be effected on each occasion.
 - (4.) The whole amount offered by tenderers on or before the day appointed for the opening of tenders, and also in every case when the full amount sought was not offered, the amount untendered for and not floated.
2. **MR. NIMMO** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the allegations contained in the petition of Margaret Leggat, presented to this House on the 12th day of August last ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Bell, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Dixon, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
3. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of estates classified under the Land Tax Act.
 - (2.) The number of appeals made against such classification.
 - (3.) The number of appeals in which reductions have been made from such classification.
4. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Honorable the Minister of Railways in threatening to punish the Station Master at Horsham, for conversing with one of the Members of the Wimmera district, is a breach of the privileges of the Members of this House.
5. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.
6. **MR. BARR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employés in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise ; and also, the number of such employés belonging to the several religious denominations.
7. **MR. ZOx** : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.

8. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report as to the suitability of the two sites proposed for a Metropolitan burial ground ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Ramsay, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Laurens, and the Mover, with power to send for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
9. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
10. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
11. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
12. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
- Contingent* upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
13. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The whole cost of drafting Bills since the 1st October 1877 to this date, distinguishing the names of persons employed as draftsmen, the title of the Bills drawn, and the fees paid in respect of each Bill.
 - (2.) A list of the Bills drafted solely by the respective Ministers since the 1st October 1877 to date.
14. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.
15. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
16. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
17. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
18. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
19. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back ; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
20. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
21. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
22. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
23. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
24. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
25. MR. DIXON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.
26. MR. SERVICE : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.

27. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
28. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
29. **MR. COOK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate ; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution ; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained ; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
30. **MR. FERGUSSON** : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
31. **MR. W. M. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
32. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
33. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
34. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.
35. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
36. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869*."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
37. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
38. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Mining leases in the Sandhurst district, and the number of men required for each lease, according to the labor covenants ; also in the Ballarat district.

39. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The names, occupations, and salaries of all persons discharged, removed, or resigned, from the various Government departments, between 1st January 1878 and 1st January 1879.
 (2.) The names, occupations, and salaries, of all persons appointed, or re-appointed, during the same period in the various Government departments, and showing the appointments for each department.
40. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The number of officers employed at the head office of the Mining Department, distinguishing those who are classified under the "*Civil Service Act.*"
 (2.) The number of such officers who passed the Civil Service Examination, with the date of passing such examination.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of summonses issued, from the 1st of November 1879 to the 6th of December 1879, against drivers of waggonettes, cabs, and omnibusses respectively, and indicating the nature of the various offences charged, and the decisions ; such return to embrace the courts at Melbourne, Hotham, Flemington, Carlton, Fitzroy, Collingwood, Richmond, Sandridge, Emerald Hill, and St. Kilda.
2. MR. MASON : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of any correspondence which has passed between the late Member for Villiers and Heytesbury, Mr. Dwyer, and Mr. Mason, and the Honorable the Chief Secretary, relative to a statement made in this House on Friday morning last that Mr. Dwyer had offered his vote to the Opposition, and that they had refused it.
3. DR. MADDEN : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The number of licenses issued by the Government for the removal of sand from Crown Lands in the borough of Sandridge during the years 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878, distinguishing between ballast licenses and licenses of other kinds.
 (2.) The amount received for such licenses during the years named ; and
 (3.) The amount received for rent of land leased at any time during the years named for removal of sand for any purpose.
4. MR. O'HEA : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of persons who have applied to be put on the new electoral rolls since these were last made up, distinguishing the ratepayers' rolls from the general or residential rolls ; also distinguishing each of the electoral districts in the colony one from the other.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACT NO. 608—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—Resolution to be reported.
2. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—Consideration of Report.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. WATERWORKS—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
6. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
7. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
8. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Consideration of Report.
9. CARLSRUHE AND DAYLESFORD RAILWAY EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
10. PASSENGERS, HARBORS, AND NAVIGATION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
12. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
13. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. LANCEFIELD RAILWAY BILL.—Second reading.
15. RABBIT NUISANCE.—Resolution to be reported.
16. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council insisted on by Council.—To be taken into consideration.
17. SUPREME COURT JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE IMPROVEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
18. STATE FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
20. PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
21. SESSIONAL ORDER—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
 That the Sessional Order forbidding new business to be taken after eleven o'clock p.m. be read and rescinded so far as Government Business is concerned.
22. GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES BILL.—Second reading.
23. CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS (COUNCIL) BILL.—Second reading.
24. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
25. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
26. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
27. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 11TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Report to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed—Resumption of debate.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
8. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
10. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
11. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
12. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
13. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
15. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
3. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
4. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
5. MR. BIRD : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
3. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879–80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
4. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
5. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.

6. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
7. **DR. MADDEN** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
8. **MR. HUNT** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
9. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson; and to ask—
- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
10. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.
11. **MR. ZOX** : To call attention to the Report of the Council of the Victorian Branch of the British Medical Association as to the defective arrangements of the Kew Lunatic Asylum.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 11th December.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at half-past one.

Wednesday, 17th December.

LIBRARY—at three o'clock.

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Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 61.

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Weekly Report of Divisions No. 12.

Melbourne International Exhibition 1880—Further Despatches, &c. No. 88.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 11TH DECEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the provisions of the 30th and 31st sections of *The Civil Service Act*, relating to those public servants who "become bankrupt, or apply to take the benefit of any Act now or hereafter to be in force for the relief of insolvent debtors," have been allowed to become virtually a dead letter, insolvent civil servants being so frequently re-appointed to their positions; and, if so, whether he will issue a memorandum to all the departments of the public service, stating that in future the provisions of the sections referred to will be strictly enforced.
2. MR. MACBAIN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will cause such an alteration in the running of passenger trains, to and from Horsham, as will be convenient to the people of the district.
3. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what steps he has taken to put himself in funds for the erection of State schools in country districts.
4. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will order that the case of ex-constable James Frazer be enquired into by a board.
5. MR. FERGUSSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands what cost the Government would be put to by supplying all the Free Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria with copies of the new map of the Continent of Australia; and what cost has already been incurred by supplying Members of Parliament with the said map.
6. MR. D. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will consider the case of Mrs. McIntosh, widow of a late railway employé at Riddell's Creek.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Report to be considered in Committee.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. WATERWORKS—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
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1. HARBOR TRUST.—Resumption of Debate.—*The question is—*

That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.

TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. LAURENS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he will cause enquiries to be made from all persons who own land in the line of the North Melbourne Swamp drainage works, from the point to which such works have been carried out, near Mr. Murphy's land, to the Flemington bridge, as shown by the plan prepared by the engineer of the Department in 1877, with the view to ascertain whether such owners of land would place such portions of it at the disposal of the Government as may be necessary to carry out the drainage work according to the plan then prepared without compensation of any kind.
2. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will permit licenses to issue for lands in the Oxley district to Messrs. Tanner and Burke, the portions of land applied for having been surveyed at the expense of the applicants, with the concurrence of the Lands Department.

General Business.

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1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, intimating that, in the opinion of this House, a satisfactory measure of Constitutional Reform can, and should be carried during the present Session of Parliament.
2. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. BANKS AND CURRENCY STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—To be committed—Resumption of debate.
5. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications should be discontinued, and all petitions against the return of honorable Members to this House should be dealt with by a Judge of the Supreme Court.
8. CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
10. LANDS DEPARTMENT—FORFEITURE OF LAND—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is against the fundamental principles of justice that the Lands Department should, in connection with the forfeiture of land, discharge the anomalous and inconsistent functions of informers, prosecutors, judge, jury, and executioner.
11. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
12. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
13. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
15. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (2).—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
16. CONSERVATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
17. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
18. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
19. ATTORNEYS, &c., LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STORY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 the sum of £2,619, to be paid to Mr. E. H. Hargreaves, being balance of a sum of £5,000 recommended by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in the year 1854, to be paid to that gentleman.
2. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full-bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.

3. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers booked at the Chewton station, on the Melbourne and Echuca line, the number of parcels, and the amount of luggage sent from, and delivered at, said station, and the cost to the department of keeping open this station.
4. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
5. MR. BIRD : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
6. MR. BARR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of all employes in all branches of the public service, classified or otherwise; and also, the number of such employes belonging to the several religious denominations.
7. MR. ZOX : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
8. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
9. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
10. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make the necessary arrangements for publishing a daily *Hansard*.
11. MR. COOPER : To move, That a Select Committee of nine Members be appointed by ballot, to enquire into and report upon the present state of the police force, and further, as regards their action in connection with the Kellys.
Contingent upon the above being carried, To further move, That such Committee be now elected, five to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, to have power to move from place to place, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
12. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
13. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
14. MR. SHARPE : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of paying the salaries of the Civil Servants who were dismissed on the 8th January 1878, and afterwards reappointed, during the time that their services were dispensed with.
15. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of finally dealing with the Report of the Committee who sat on the case of E. O'Farrell and the Alma Consols Company.
16. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of the Kerferd embassy to Sydney and back; including wages, provisions, coal, and all other expenditure.
17. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That the system previously in existence as to the composition of Local Land Boards be reverted to, especially as regards Members of Mining Boards.
18. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
19. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
20. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, any Electoral Reform Bill introduced by the Government should contain the necessary provisions for making voting at Parliamentary elections compulsory.
21. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to investigate and report upon the present financial condition of the country, and the present system of banking in operation here, especially as regards the transaction of the banking business of the Government, and generally to collect information upon the question of the currency, with a view to the establishment of a National Bank of Issue; such Committee to consist of Mr. Berry, Major W. C. Smith, Mr. Munro, Mr. Graves, Mr. Lyell, Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and to have power to call for persons and papers.
22. MR. DIXON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to continue the investigation of the case of Bishop and others, with reference to allotments 31 and 17 of section 6, parish of Guildford; such Committee to consist of Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Williams, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Billson, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and that all Minutes of Proceedings, papers, documents, and evidence taken before the Committee of this House in the year 1874 in the said case, together with notes of the detective officers, and the report of Mr. C. A. Smyth, be referred to the said Committee.

23. **MR. SERVICE** : To move, That the Member for Emerald Hill, Mr. Lyell, be accorded leave of absence for the remainder of the session, his presence being required in England on private business.
24. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the alienation in fee of any portion of State Forest Reserves is inexpedient.
25. **MR. A. T. CLARK** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the statement made by the Honorable Member for Brighton (Mr. Bent), that the Member for Williamstown (Mr. A. T. Clark) had obtained commission for the sale of certain Crown lands, viz., the site upon which the Stony Creek cement works stand, which sale he had afterwards opposed, and caused Mr. Bent to pay considerably more in consequence of such opposition than he would otherwise have had to do ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Service, Mr. MacBain, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Murray Smith, and Mr. Francis ; with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
26. **MR. COOK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return relative to the working of the Land Tax Act of 1877, showing—
- (1.) The date of appointment and names of classifiers, stating their previous occupation or profession.
 - (2.) Copies of the orders of distribution of the estates allotted to each set of classifiers, with the area of each estate ; stating the time given to the classifiers under each order of distribution ; also stating the approximate mileage of inspection required to classify each estate under these orders.
 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained ; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
27. **MR. FERGUSSON** : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
28. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
29. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains ; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
30. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
31. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.
32. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
33. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869*."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
34. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Mining leases in the Sandhurst district, and the number of men required for each lease, according to the labor covenants ; also in the Ballarat district.

35. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The names, occupations, and salaries of all persons discharged, removed, or resigned, from the various Government departments, between 1st January 1878 and 1st January 1879.
 (2.) The names, occupations, and salaries, of all persons appointed, or re-appointed, during the same period in the various Government departments, and showing the appointments for each department.
36. **MR. GRAVES** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The number of officers employed at the head office of the Mining Department, distinguishing those who are classified under the "*Civil Service Act*."
 (2.) The number of such officers who passed the Civil Service Examination, with the date of passing such examination.
37. **MR. O'HEA** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of persons who have applied to be placed on the new electoral rolls since these were last made up, distinguishing the ratepayers' rolls from the general or residential rolls; also distinguishing each of the electoral districts in the colony one from the other.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. BELL** : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **DR. MADDEN** : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
3. **MR. MASON** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
4. **MR. MASON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
5. **MR. DOW** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
6. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
7. **DR. MADDEN** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
8. **MR. HUNT** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
9. **MR. PURVES** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson; and to ask—
 (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract; if so, under what circumstances.
 (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited; and, if not, why not.
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
10. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.
11. **MR. ZOX** : To call attention to the Report of the Council of the Victorian Branch of the British Medical Association as to the defective arrangements of the Kew Lunatic Asylum.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill.

1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 11th December.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at half-past one.

Wednesday, 17th December.

LIBRARY—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 11TH DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 33.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 34.

Stamp Duties Bill.—Report of Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee. D 4. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 62.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[63]

Standing Orders—Report from Select Committee on. D.—No. 4.

Customs Duties Bill.—New Clause. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Railway Loan Account Application (Water Supply) Bill.—[55] As reported 10th December. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER 1879.

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1. **HARBOR TRUST.**—Resumption of Debate—*The question is—*
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WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
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- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.
32. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Braxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
33. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869*."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
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 - (2.) The names, occupations, and salaries, of all persons appointed, or re-appointed, during the same period in the various Government departments, and showing the appointments for each department.
36. **MR. GRAVES** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of officers employed at the head office of the Mining Department, distinguishing those who are classified under the "*Civil Service Act*."
 - (2.) The number of such officers who passed the Civil Service Examination, with the date of passing such examination.
37. **MR. O'HEA** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of persons who have applied to be placed on the new electoral rolls since these were last made up, distinguishing the ratepayers' rolls from the general or residential rolls; also distinguishing each of the electoral districts in the colony one from the other.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*General.*

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
3. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
4. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
5. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
6. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "*Agricultural produce class*" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
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8. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
9. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 - (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
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11. MR. ZOX : To call attention to the Report of the Council of the Victorian Branch of the British Medical Association as to the defective arrangements of the Kew Lunatic Asylum.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill :—

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

When Mr. Munro's motion of Constitutional Reform is brought forward :—

1. MR. PEARSON : To move, To omit all words after "*measure of Constitutional Reform,*" and insert instead thereof the words "*will be one whereby any measure twice passed by the Legislative Assembly, and twice rejected by the Legislative Council, shall be finally settled, as far as Parliament is concerned, by an appeal to the electors by means of a plebiscitum.*"

JOHN JAMES,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 16th December.

Mrs. LEGGAT—at twelve o'clock.

Wednesday, 17th December.

LIBRARY—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 34.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 35.

Stamp Duties Bill.—Report of Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee. D 4.

Customs Duties Bill.—[62] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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Question.

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 - (3.) Copies of the instructions, if any, given to the classifiers by the Commissioners, and copies of the correspondence between the Commissioners and classifiers during the performance of their duty.
 - (4.) Copies of the field-books prepared by each set of classifiers.
 - (5.) A complete schedule, with the name of each estate, locality, name of owner, the total area of each estate, with the class returned by each set of classifiers, with the date of the returns sent in, showing the appeals under the Act, and those estates which have not appealed, the decisions of the Land Tax Court, showing the classes reduced or sustained; the amount of tax in each estate, with exemptions allowed, the amount of tax lost with the amount of costs in each estate in the Land Tax Court.
 - (6.) The remuneration paid to each classifier and the cost of the working of the Land Tax Act, giving the net return of the tax up to the 1st August 1879, when the tax was two years in force.
 - (7.) A schedule showing the estimated amount of taxable value on the grazing capability lost on many estates, by not having intermediate classes under the present Land Tax Act.
27. **MR. FERGUSSON** : To move, That a Select Committee, to consist of nine Members, be appointed by ballot, to enquire into the circumstances which led to the resignation of Lieutenant-Colonel Hutton from the Volunteer force, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
28. **MR. W. MCG. CLARK** : To move, That, in addition to the official report on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, the following information be laid before this House :—
- (1.) The amounts expended at different times on the boilers of the *Cerberus*, and in repairing and supplying her with new machinery.
 - (2.) The number of times, and total number of hours she has been under steam since her arrival in the colony.
 - (3.) The sum paid for drawings for new iron mast, and the cost of same, with alterations, if any.
 - (4.) The total cost per annum in providing her officers with fuel, light, water, provisions and grog, or the amount paid to each in lieu of all or any part thereof.
 - (5.) What other sums, if any, the officers receive in addition to those appearing on the Estimates.
29. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable and unnecessary that the public should be kept outside of the barriers which have been constructed at the Melbourne and Sandhurst Railway Stations, except on special occasions, such as the departure of excursion trains; and that it be an instruction to the Minister of Railways to act upon this opinion forthwith, so that the public convenience may receive that consideration to which it is entitled.
30. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That the manner in which the Honorable the Minister of Railways has dealt with the repeated requests of the people of Sandhurst in respect to excursion trains during the recent Exhibition held in that city was detrimental to railway revenue, opposed to the public interest, and therefore unjustifiable and impolitic, and calls for the censure of this House.
31. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The date of re-opening Chewton Station for passenger traffic.
 - (2.) The cost of platform and all other works in connection with the re-opening of the station.
 - (3.) The cost of maintaining the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October, including salaries, wages, stores, &c.
 - (4.) The total number of passengers booked, and gross receipts taken at the station, from the date of re-opening till 1st October.
32. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
33. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "*The Land Act 1869*."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
34. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of Mining leases in the Sandhurst district, and the number of men required for each lease, according to the labor covenants; also in the Ballarat district.
35. **MR. BIRD** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The names, occupations, and salaries of all persons discharged, removed, or resigned, from the various Government departments, between 1st January 1878 and 1st January 1879.
 - (2.) The names, occupations, and salaries, of all persons appointed, or re-appointed, during the same period in the various Government departments, and showing the appointments for each department.
36. **MR. GRAVES** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of officers employed at the head office of the Mining Department, distinguishing those who are classified under the "*Civil Service Act*."
 - (2.) The number of such officers who passed the Civil Service Examination, with the date of passing such examination.
37. **MR. O'HEA** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of persons who have applied to be placed on the new electoral rolls since these were last made up, distinguishing the ratepayers' rolls from the general or residential rolls; also distinguishing each of the electoral districts in the colony one from the other.
38. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should immediately dissolve; and that the old rolls be used.
39. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Estimate for 1879-80, a sum of £100,000 for the purpose of developing the gold and other mining industries of the colony.

40. MR. KERNOT : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for the year 1879-80, the sum of eighty pounds, to be paid to Mr. Martin Walsh, for past retiring allowance on the occasion of his leaving the Government employment.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the opinion of the Attorney-General upon the question of the absolute majority of this House.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
5. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, ACT No. 608.—To be considered in Committee.
6. NUMBERING OF ACTS BILL.—Second reading.
7. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
8. WATERWORKS—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
9. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Report to be considered in Committee.
10. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Consideration of Report.
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THURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) What steps are being taken by the Government to reduce the present overcrowded condition of the Kew and Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylums.
 - (2.) Is it intended to transfer any of the patients at the above asylums to the Sunbury Industrial Schools.
 - (3.) How many patients can be accommodated at Sunbury.
 - (4.) Have the Government given any consideration to the question of removing to a different establishment the paying and convalescent patients in the various lunatic asylums throughout the colony.
2. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will order that the case of ex-constable James Frazer be enquired into by a board.
3. MR. FERGUSSON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands what cost the Government would be put to by supplying all the Free Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria with copies of the new map of the Continent of Australia ; and what cost has already been incurred by supplying Members of Parliament with the said map.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
2. MR. MASON : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that a sum of £5,000 be granted to each of the shires of Buln Buln and Narracan, for the purpose of providing roads and tracks to enable them to convey their produce to market.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
3. MR. MASON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that a sum of £5,000 be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1879-80 for the purpose of rewarding any company or person who may deliver in Melbourne, or at any Railway Station in Victoria, from this date, coal of not less quantity than 1,000 tons, the product of some coal field within the Colony of Victoria.
4. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
5. MR. DOW : To call the attention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to the unsatisfactory nature of the present state of matters at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Station, with the view, of endeavoring to get him to take steps towards remedying the same ; and also to direct attention to a special report on the subject submitted by him at Mr. Berry's request during the last session.
6. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
7. DR. MADDEN : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
8. MR. HUNT : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that a sum of £4,600 be placed upon an Additional Estimate for 1879-80, providing for compensation to dismissed unclassified school teachers.
9. MR. PURVES : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Railways to the reported cancellation of a contract entered into between the Railway Department and Mr. N. W. Fergusson ; and to ask—
 - (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.
10. MR. W. MCG. CLARK : To move, That all increases in salaries for the year other than those occurring from annual increment be struck out.
11. MR. ZOx : To call attention to the Report of the Council of the Victorian Branch of the British Medical Association as to the defective arrangements of the Kew Lunatic Asylum.

In Committee on the Officials in Parliament Act Amendment Bill :—

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

JOHN JAMES,
Deputy-Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 17th December.

LIBRARY—at three o'clock.

Thursday, 18th December.

MRS. LEGGAT—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 13TH-17TH DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 35.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 36.
 Commissions and Boards of Enquiry—Return. A 11.
 Stock Department—Returns. A 12.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 64.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[65]

Weekly Report of Divisions No. 13.

Education.—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1878-9. No. 63. (Issue completed.)

Notice of an Amendment upon Mr. Munro's Motion, contingent upon Mr. Pearson's Amendment not being carried. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Further Amendment on Mr. Munro's Motion, contingent upon Mr. Pearson's Amendment being carried. (To Members of Assembly only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER 1879.

Questions.

1. **MR. MASON** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) What steps are being taken by the Government to reduce the present overcrowded condition of the Kew and Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylums.
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2. **DR. MADDEN** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will order that the case of ex-constable James Frazer be enquired into by a board.
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4. **MR. SHARPE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when it is intended to erect Schools in the following places, viz.:—Burramine East, Hill Plain, Yalca North, Tungamah, Killawarra, North Wangaratta, Greta Road, Lime Kilns, Katunga, Goomalibee, Pine Lodge, Tarrawingee, Pine Lodge South, Shepparton North-East, Pine Lodge West, Youanmite, Waggarandall, Drumanure, Bungeet West, and Boomahnoomoonah.
5. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether the report of the Prospecting Board will be laid before this House prior to the Prorogation of Parliament.
6. **MR. INCE** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands—
 - (1.) What is the difficulty in settling the fishermen of Queenscliff on their new sites.
 - (2.) And, if he will take the earliest opportunity of removing such difficulty, if any, for their immediate settlement, in accordance with the arrangement previously made by the Commissioner of Railways and himself.
7. **MR. BAYLES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will at once accept the tender, sent to the department in August last, for the erection of school buildings at Ballangeich.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. MIRAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the opinion of the Attorney-General upon the question of the absolute majority of this House.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BERRY** : To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 20th January 1880.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **SUPPLY**.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. ORR** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences ; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
2. **MR. MASON** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that a sum of £5,000 be granted to each of the shires of Buln Buln and Narracan, for the purpose of providing roads and tracks to enable them to convey their produce to market.

Government Business. TUESDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1880.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WATERWORKS—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
2. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Report to be considered in Committee.
3. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Consideration of Report.
4. CARLSRUHE AND DAYLESFORD RAILWAY EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
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18. CONDAH SWAMP DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
19. SEBASTOPOL PLATEAU DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
20. BROKEN RIVER DIVERSION BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of vineyards in the colony, the name of each vineyard, date of planting, where situated, character of soil and climate, area under cultivation, and names of varieties in full bearing, distance apart of vines, area of young vines and cuttings recently planted, date of planting, and names of varieties treated, what vines thrive best in certain kinds of soil, and what the most favorable situation, yield in past season, and probable yield this season, what quantity of wine is manufactured, and whether on or off the premises, if on the premises details of plant, and success or otherwise of operations, whether the wines made from grapes grown in the vineyard is known in the European or Colonial market ; and if so, by what names or brands, and whether sold at remunerative prices.
2. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
3. MR. BIRD : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the case of Lazarus Berlowitz ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Nimmo, Mr. L. L. Smith, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. E. H. Cameron, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
4. MR. ZOY : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
5. MR. NIMMO : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the due incorporation of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and for other purposes.
6. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
7. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
8. MR. ZOY : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
9. MR. ZOY : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
10. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
11. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branzholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
5. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
6. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
7. HARBOR TRUST.—Resumption of Debate.—*The question is*—
 That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.

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1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 18th December.

Mrs. LEGGAT—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH DECEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 36.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 65.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[66]

Education Department—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 17.

Assent to Act—Message. B.—No. 13.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 20TH JANUARY 1880.

Question.

1. MR. LAURENS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if it is the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates to re-survey the pastoral Crown lands, with the view to let them to free selectors and others in comparatively small areas on the termination of the present leases in January 1881.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
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On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. BELL : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. DR. MADDEN : To move, That all papers relating to the payment of compensation to Mr. E. O'Farrell, in connection with the disputes between the Alma Consols Company and the Alma Consols Extended Company, be laid before this House.
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6. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight upon wheat and other commodities included under the head "Agricultural produce class" should be reduced to a uniform charge of one penny per ton per mile.
7. **DR. MADDEN** : To call the attention of the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways to the fact that, while the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway was in the hands of the late Company, the Government, in order to secure some portion of the freights on goods conveyed to the shipping in Hobson's Bay, reduced the rates of carriage on goods on the Williamstown line, so that such goods have been always, and are now, carried at a loss on that line ; and to ask whether, now that the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway is in the hands of the Government, and to avoid continued loss to the country, he will extend the railway pier at Sandridge, and provide increased facilities for the carriage of goods upon the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay line.
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1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 20th January 1880.

Mrs. LEGGAT—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19TH DECEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 37.

Railway Loan Application (Water Supply) Bill.—[55] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY 1880.

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1. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice when he intends to appoint additional magistrates in the Wimmera district.
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4. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if recruiting is still being proceeded with in the Artillery Corps, or if he purposes having it disbanded.
5. MR. LANGRIDGE: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will allow the Post Office at Flinders to remain in the township, for the convenience of the inhabitants, and not to be removed to the new Telegraph and Cable Office, on the coast.
6. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will take steps to have certified plans prepared prior to leases becoming due, in order to prevent delay in the issue of such leases.
7. MR. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the statements are true to the effect that the members of the Melbourne Harbor Trust have failed to receive any answer to correspondence addressed by that body to the Government.
8. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands what is the cause of delay in the issue of leases after they have been approved by the Board of Land and Works.
9. MR. L. L. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether his notice has been drawn to a statement that the phylloxera has broken out afresh in this colony; and what, if any, reports have been received from the Secretary of Agriculture relative to certain experiments suggested by himself, and which were promised to be undertaken.
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11. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if he will give the House an opportunity of considering his Land Act Amendment Bill during the present session.
12. MR. BARR: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will look over the papers connected with the case of Creed *alias* Bonnefin, Hart, and others, with the view of seeing that the detectives employed in the case may at least be reimbursed their costs, if not rewarded for their efforts.
13. MR. W. MCG. CLARK: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 - (1.) The nature of the repairs being effected to the furnaces of the *Cerberus*.
 - (2.) The amount to be expended on them; and if tenders were called for the work.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. GAUNSON: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend, alter, and explain the Act intituled "An Act to Consolidate the Law relating to Licensed Theatres, and for other purposes."

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1878.—Estimate of Expenditure.—To be considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAY LOAN LIQUIDATION AND CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT, ACTS 415 AND 475—Estimate of Expenditure.—To be considered in Committee.
3. DUNMUNKLE AND ST. ARNAUD SHIRES WATERWORKS BILL.—Amendment of Legislative Council insisted on by Council.—To be taken into consideration.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

7. WATERWORKS—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Report to be considered in Committee.
9. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Consideration of Report.
10. CARLSRUHE AND DAYLESFORD RAILWAY EXTENSION BILL.—Second reading.
11. PASSENGERS, HARBORS, AND NAVIGATION STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

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Railway Loan Act No. 608.—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 16. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Railway Loan Liquidation and Construction Account Nos. 415 and 475.—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 17. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Assent to Acts—Message. B.—No. 14.

Statistics of Friendly Societies for the year 1878 ; with a Report by the Government Statist. No. 56.

Pilots—Copy of all Correspondence which has taken place relative to the formation of a third Pilot Company. No. 91.

Report of the Board appointed to advise the Government as to the best mode of developing the Auriferous and Mineral Resources of the Colony: No. 92.

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 - (1.) The nature of the repairs being effected to the furnaces of the *Cerberus*.
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- (1.) Has the contractor for printing, for the Railway Department, received notice terminating the contract ; if so, under what circumstances.
 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract, been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
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1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 22nd January 1880.

MRS. LEGGAT—at eleven o'clock.

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Railway Loan Act 1878—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 18.

Railway Loan Liquidation and Construction Account, Acts 415 and 475—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 19.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 27TH JANUARY 1880.

Questions.

1. MR. TUCKER: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether the Crown Prosecutor, Mr. Smyth, was instructed to make application that the various pawnbrokers or others who became possessed of certain goods pawned by a person styling himself "Dr. Bonnefin," since convicted, should restore the property, and suffer the loss of the amounts advanced thereon, although there was no question that the moneys had been lent in good faith; and whether he will consider upon making some amendment in the law relative to the position occupied by pawnbrokers generally under similar circumstances.
2. MR. BLACKETT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether he will have an inspection made of the iron railings which surround the Model Schools in Victoria Parade, to ascertain whether they are not in a very dilapidated condition.
3. MR. B. G. DAVIES: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if it is the intention of the Department to comply with the request of the inhabitants of Jeruck, by boring for water upon the Granite Water Reserve.
4. MR. TYTHERLEIGH: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands what has been done in regard to the Report handed to that Minister from the Board appointed to inquire into the case of Samuel Fieldhouse; also, what are the conditions under which Mr. Ramsden holds the property that was formerly leased to Fieldhouse.
5. MR. COPE: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will inform this House if it be the fact that the Drill Instructors of the different military corps in the several districts outside Melbourne (Portland, Belfast, Warrnambool, and others) are scantily paid in comparison with those employed in Melbourne, as their duties are believed to be much more onerous, and their responsibilities in attending to the accoutrements and military stores much greater.
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4. MR. ZOX : To move, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to frame a Standing Order altering the present practice of excluding strangers from the Legislative Assembly during debate.
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7. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House all papers connected with the dismissal of John Mitchell from the appointment of resident Inspector at Preston, in connection with the Yan Yean.
8. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
9. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
10. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the further alienation of country Crown lands in fee simple should cease.
11. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branxholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
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14. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of officers employed at the head office of the Mining Department, distinguishing those who are classified under the "*Civil Service Act.*"
 - (2.) The number of such officers who passed the Civil Service Examination, with the date of passing such examination.
15. MR. NIMMO : To move, That the petition, from the Harbor Trust Commissioners, presented on the 20th January, be now taken into consideration.
16. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all prisoners who, during the past five years, have been liberated before the expiry of their sentences; with the reasons alleged in each case for such remission of the sentence.
17. MR. MASON : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that a sum of £5,000 be granted to each of the shires of Buln Buln and Narracan, for the purpose of providing roads and tracks to enable them to convey their produce to market.
18. MR. ZOX : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following resolutions—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient to amend the law relating to Hawkers and Pedlars.
 - (2.) That a Bill be brought in for that purpose.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Report to be considered in Committee.
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5. RAILWAY LOAN LIQUIDATION AND CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT, ACTS 415 AND 475—Estimate of Expenditure—Resolution to be reported.
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8. WATERWORKS—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
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THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY.

Question.

1. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will inform the House what amount of cash is now in hand for railway construction out of the £3,000,000 recently borrowed.

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On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. BELL** : To move, That, in future, tenders be called for the construction of all rolling-stock for the Victorian Railways.
2. **MR. MASON** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, that portion of section 11 of "*The Land Act 1878*" providing for the payment of £2 per acre for land selected under the non-resident condition should be repealed, and the amount reduced to £1 per acre as in the case of resident selectors.
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 - (2.) If, on account of his inability to perform the contract to the satisfaction of the Government, has his deposit of 10 per cent. of the amount of the contract been forfeited ; and, if not, why not.
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to again call for tenders for this work.

In Committee on the Officials in-Parliament Act Amendment Bill :—

1. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY** : To move, That this Act shall come into operation on the 1st day of July 1880.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 28th January.

PRINTING—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 24TH-28TH JANUARY.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 39.

Dunmunkle and St. Arnaud Shires Waterworks Bill.—After clause 2 insert new clause A, &c.
(To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 70.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[71]

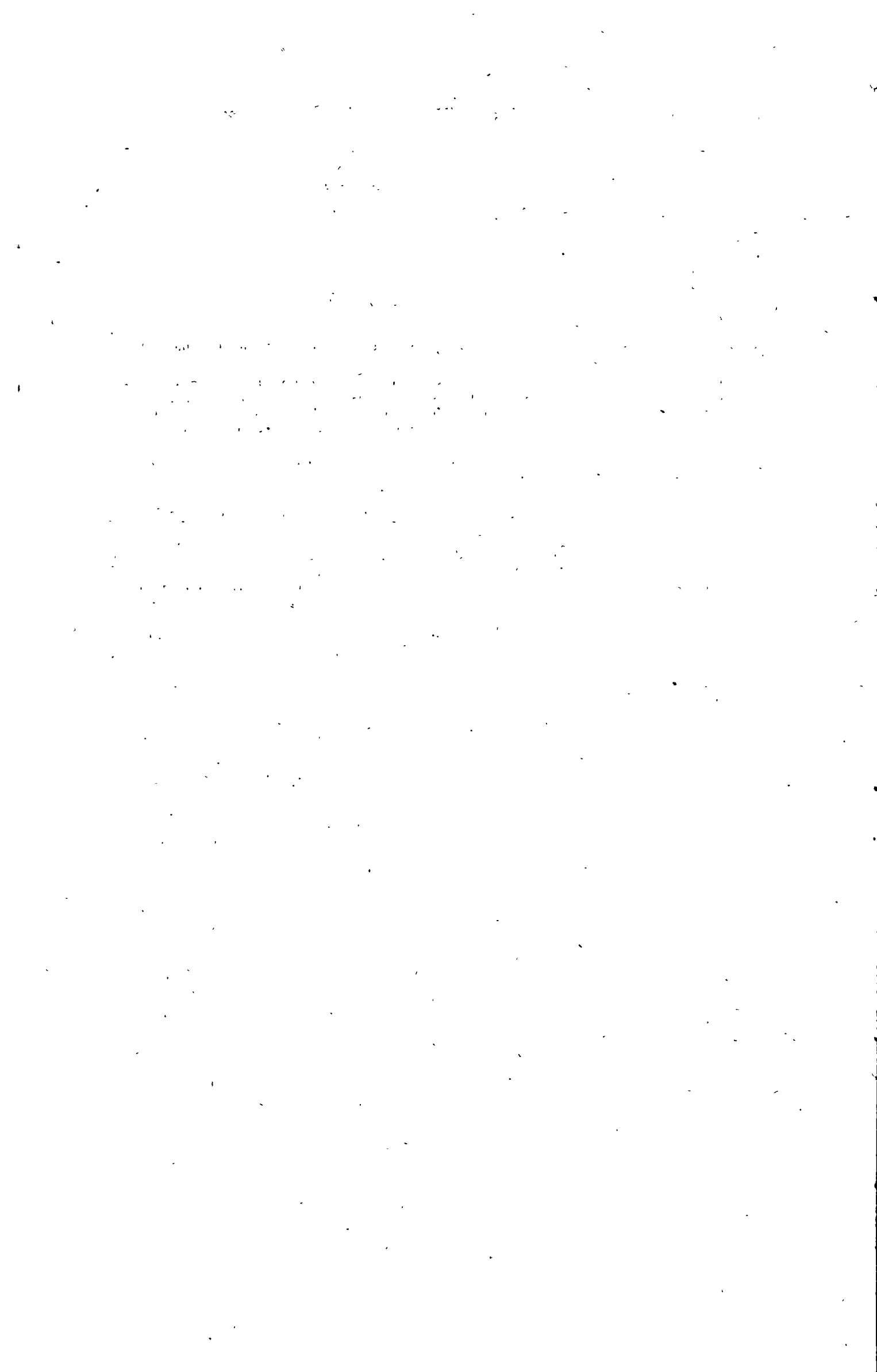
Absolute Majority of Assembly—Return. C.—No. 8.

Conference of Boards of Advice—Return. C.—No. 9.

Mrs. Leggat—Progress Report from Select Committee. D.—No. 5.

Mrs. Leggat—Second Progress Report from Select Committee. D.—No. 6.

Land Act 1869—Regulations. Order in Council. Fees for Surveys. No. 93.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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1. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will inform the House what amount of cash is now in hand for railway construction out of the £3,000,000 recently borrowed.
2. MR. ORR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if his attention has been called to the alleged extensive destruction of property near the Goulburn Valley line of railway by bush fires, said to have been caused by sparks from the funnels of the railway locomotives ; and, if so, what steps he intends to take to ascertain the extent of such losses, and to compensate the sufferers for the same.
3. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether, in view of the low price of stock, and the almost utter failure of the crops in some districts, he will postpone for the present the forfeiture of selectors' lands for the non-payment of rent.
4. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands whether the holders of a license to remove sand from a site on the east bank of the lower Yarra, on the line of Sir John Coode's proposed channel, have made application for a renewal of such license, which expires in July 1881 ; and, if so, whether, in view of the letter from the Lands department to the Trust, dated 29th December ultimo, stating that "the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Agriculture has issued directions that no occupation be allowed of the land in the line of the proposed cutting at Humbug Reach, Fisherman's Bend," and also of the projected excavation of such channel by the Trust at as early a date as possible, it is his intention to grant such application.
5. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he intends calling for tenders for the erection of a passenger station at Shepparton.
6. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if his attention has been called to a leading article which appeared in the *Ballarat Star* newspaper of the 27th instant, and if the book for infant instruction referred to in the said article has been ordered to be used in the State Schools.
7. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if the amount of the free passes, issued for the banquet to Mr. Berry, has been repaid, and when.
8. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will cause to be placed in a conspicuous position the tariff of charges of the various refreshment rooms on the Victorian Railways.
9. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether he will consider the petition of Philip Russell, Esq., of Carngham, laid before both Houses of Parliament, asking that his case might be reconsidered by the Land Tax Commissioners, on the grounds that his estate was taxed double the amount of similar estates, and for a larger acreage than was stated in evidence before the Land Tax Commissioners.
10. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will consider the propriety of running an additional train daily to and from Warrigal or Drouin.
11. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether, in view of the excursion fares he intends granting the children of the colony to visit the Juvenile Exhibition, he will extend the time now agreed upon, viz., three days for one hundred and fifty miles, so as to allow a day for each additional fifty miles which the children in the far off portions of the Colony have to travel.
12. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if recruiting is still being proceeded with in the Artillery Corps, or if he purposes having it disbanded.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
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5. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL (2).—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY.

Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

General.

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3. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
4. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH JANUARY.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 39.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 71.

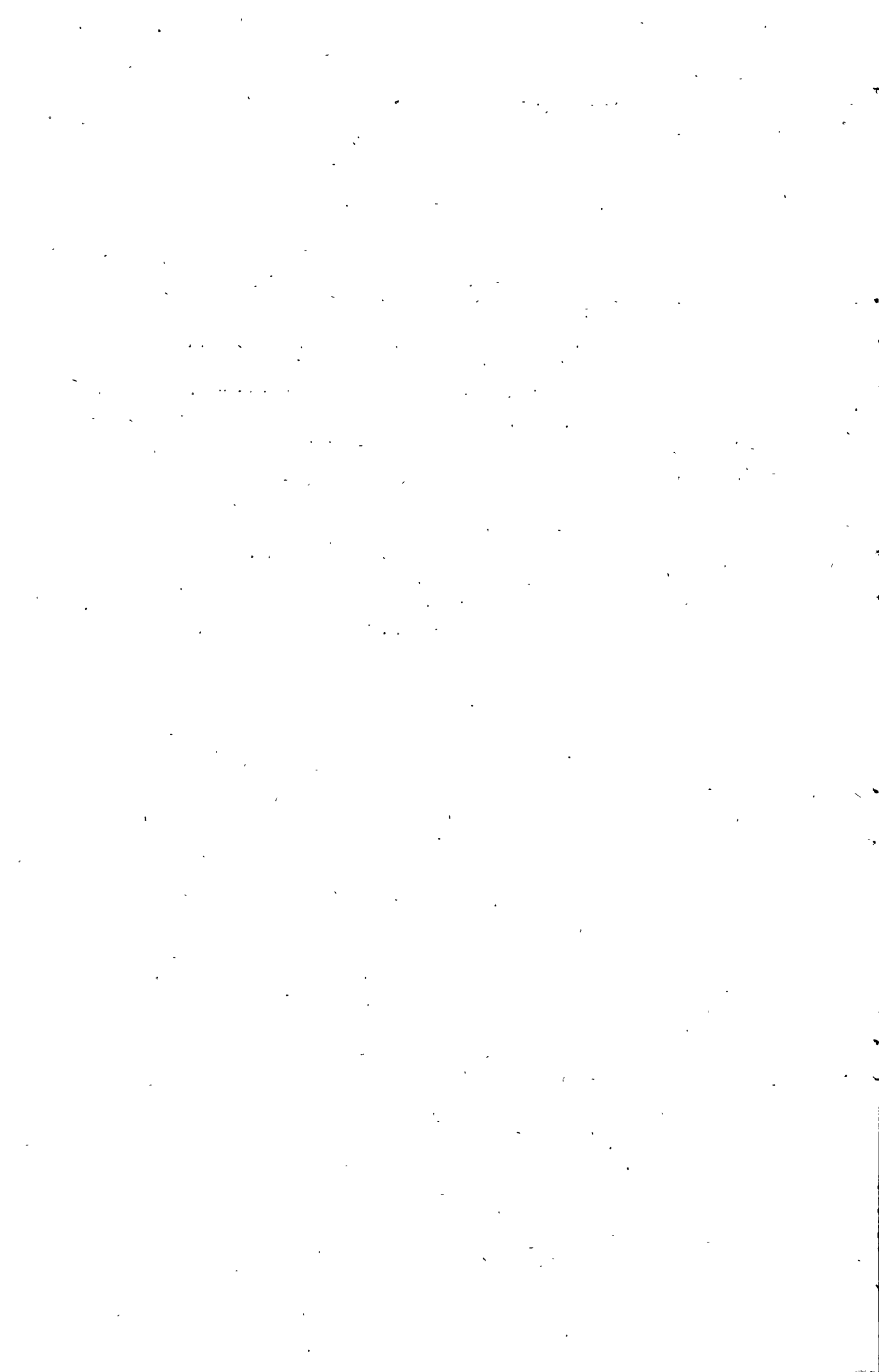
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[72]

Statistical Register for 1878. Part VIII.—Interchange. No. 77.

Land Acts Amendment Bill.—[53]

Land Acts Amendment Bill.—[53] As reported 28th January. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Railway Loan Account Application Bill.—[67] (To Members of Assembly only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY 1880.

Questions.

1. MR. CARTER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if, upon a report and recommendation recently made by the Water Supply Board, before whom evidence had been given by Baron von Mueller, Messrs. Hodgkinson, Ellery, and other scientific witnesses, as to the necessity for preserving from further destruction the timber growing upon the Yan Yean watershed, and upon the reserved areas situated upon the north side of the crest of the dividing range, the Government had permanently reserved for water supply purposes the whole of those areas, and had issued instructions prohibiting splitting timber thereon after the expiration of the month of June last ; and, if so, whether such prohibition had been since withdrawn by the Minister of Works, and permission granted by him for again entering upon those reserved areas for the purpose of cutting down and removing timber.
2. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether the salaries due to the officers in his Department, and usually paid at the end of the month, will not be available until the 5th proximo.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH JANUARY.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 40.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 72.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[73]

Second Further Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 30th June 1880—Message. B.—
No. 16.

Order in Council—Appointing an Additional Polling-place for the Gippsland Mining District.
No. 94.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY 1880.

Questions.

1. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will compensate certain selectors near Drouin whose selections were damaged by his department in the construction of a telegraph line between Drouin and Buln Buln.
2. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if it be a fact that the specifications for the erection of the new Linton Post Office were not forwarded to the Post Office at Linton for inspection, so that local tenderers should have had an opportunity of tendering for the work.
3. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will take steps to have the services of Dr. McDonald, J.P., of Sale, and Mr. Munro, bank manager, suitably recognised on account of the manner in which they aided in the arrest of the two men who attempted to stick up the Bank of Australasia at Moe.

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2. MR. BIRD : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the petition presented to His Excellency, on the 16th June last, by Samuel Gordon, praying for compensation for loss of salary.
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4. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all the correspondence and reports between the Lands Department and one James Patrick Allen, relating to the selection of certain lands in the Wombat Forest.
5. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of the amount of money expended by the Government in their unsuccessful attempt to capture the Kelly gang.
6. MR. ZOx : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return of the amount of money, showing the items, expended from the "unforeseen" vote for the year 1878-9.
7. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th August, praying for the construction of a line of railway from Branhholme to Casterton be now taken into consideration.
8. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of selectors under the 49th clause of "The Land Act 1869."
 - (2.) The total number of acres held under this clause.
 - (3.) The amount paid by way of rent under this clause during the last five years, and the amount of rent paid per year.
9. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The names, occupations, and salaries of all persons discharged, removed, or resigned, from the various Government departments, between 1st January 1878 and 1st January 1879.
 - (2.) The names, occupations, and salaries, of all persons appointed, or re-appointed, during the same period in the various Government departments, and showing the appointments for each department.
10. MR. ZOx : To move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following resolutions—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient to amend the law relating to Hawkers and Pedlars.
 - (2.) That a Bill be brought in for that purpose.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
3. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
4. DR. MACARTHY—RESOLUTION FOR ADDRESS.—To be considered in Committee.
5. FIRE BRIGADES ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
6. HARBOR TRUST.—Resumption of Debate—*The question is—*
That, having regard to the prevailing distress among the unemployed, it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable that the requisite facility should be given by the Government to the Harbor Trust Commissioners to enable them to proceed with an admittedly necessary public work, and one which would furnish a large amount of employment.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 4th February.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—at half-past three o'clock.

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Railway Loan Account Application Bill.—[67] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Land Acts Amendment Bill—Amendment by the Hon. R. S. Anderson. (To Members of Council only.)

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Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners' Petition, E.—No. 1.

Railway Loan Account Application Bill.—[67] (Issue completed.)

