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No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1926.

1. The Council met pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, bearing date the twenty-first day of June, 1926, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk and is as follows :—

FURTHER PROROGUING PARLIAMENT AND FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE
THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir William Hill Irvine, Doctor of Laws, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George; Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands prorogued until Tuesday, the twenty-second day of June, 1926: Now I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Wednesday, the thirtieth day of June, 1926, and, I do hereby fix Wednesday, the thirtieth day of June, 1926 aforesaid, at half-past Two o'clock in the afternoon, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-first day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and in the seventeenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

W. H. IRVINE.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALLAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

2. APPROACH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The approach of His Excellency the Governor was announced by the Usher.

His Excellency came into the Council Chamber, and commanded the Usher to desire the immediate attendance of the Legislative Assembly, who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to speak as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I have called you together for the consideration of important public business.

On this, the first occasion of my meeting Parliament, I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the general well-being of the community.

Notwithstanding the drought of last summer, the bountiful rains that have fallen all over the State give promise of a good season.

Though the returns of State enterprises, such as the railways, were adversely affected by the drought, the country is prosperous, and business is advancing along sound lines.

During the summer, devastating bush fires occurred in many parts of Victoria, and culminated in one of the most disastrous outbreaks in the history of the State. The fires were most destructive in the dense forests of the Dividing Range. It is regretted that 31 lives were lost, and that several townships and much property were destroyed. This disaster evoked a demonstration of spontaneous and generous sympathy in the community ; and in a few weeks a sum of over £180,000 was raised for the relief of the sufferers. The relief fund is being administered by a committee of citizens under the Lord Mayor of Melbourne. Working in co-operation with them, a committee composed of some of my Advisers has directed measures of relief given by the State. While nothing can obliterate the horror of the calamity, my Advisers feel that everything humanly possible was done to meet the wants of the sufferers, and that those who organized these remedial efforts deserve the thanks of the community for their energy and the good results of their work.

The administration of the State has been carried on with the prudence and efficiency characteristic of Victoria.

Special efforts have been made to promote economy in the public services. A committee of my Advisers made an exhaustive examination of the finances. An expert has been appointed to inquire into and report upon the organization of the departments, and to make recommendations with a view to the prevention of any defects which may be found to exist.

Considerable progress has been made in the developmental policy of the State.

The first instalment of the construction of railways in the Riverina district of New South Wales was completed in April on the opening of the railway to Balranald. The railway to Stony Crossing and bridges across the Murray River are being built.

In Victoria, 25 miles of railways have been opened during the year ; and 18 miles are under construction. The further development of the metropolitan railways system is being specially considered.

The State Rivers and Water Supply Commission has in progress works which in a few years will raise the storage capacity of its undertakings from 950,000 acre-feet to 2,000,000 acre-feet.

The Country Roads Board, while continuing its activities in relation to main and developmental roads, has begun its work in connexion with State highways. A sum of £2,000,000 per annum is being expended by this Board in country districts.

Loan moneys recently made available to the Forests Commission have enabled it to pursue a progressive policy. The recent bush fires emphasize the need for strengthening the legislation as to forests, and a Bill for that and other forest purposes will be introduced.

The Department of Agriculture, in addition to discharging its duties in regard to exports and its other functions, is carrying on extensive research and educational work for the assistance of those engaged in agricultural pursuits.

The recent legislation relating to dried fruits has greatly assisted in the marketing of these products, and in relieving the difficult situation in which the growers were placed.

In furtherance of their developmental programme, my Advisers will submit to you a measure for the establishment of a Rural Bank.

The construction of new school buildings in centres of growing population and the reconstruction and improvement of existing school buildings have been systematically continued.

My Advisers, having regard to the importance to the community of safeguarding the public health, have taken steps to carry out an effective health policy.

Sanatoria have been commenced at Janefield and Mont Park ; and increased accommodation for consumptives at Heatherton is under consideration. A special hospital for the treatment of venereal disease is nearly completed, and a further clinic is to be established almost immediately.

An area of 450 acres has been acquired for a colony for the care and training of mental defectives and provision is being made for residential institutions for the education of backward children.

The strength of the police force has been increased by making 130 additional appointments.

A system has been inaugurated for the better classification of prisoners, and the more individual treatment of youthful delinquents ; and, in order to promote these objects, arrangements have been made for the accommodation of a number of prisoners, under indeterminate sentence in Beechworth Gaol, which has been remodelled for the purpose.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates of Expenditure for the current financial year, which will in due course be laid before you, have been framed with such regard for economy as is consistent with efficiency.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

In furtherance of the Imperial Migration Agreement, my Advisers have submitted several schemes to the Government of the Commonwealth. These provide, in the main, for the settlement of immigrants in groups. It is hoped that a number of immigrants may be received under these conditions.

My Advisers view with grave concern the far-reaching disorganization of the finances of the State that must be brought about if the present financial proposals of the Government of the Commonwealth are carried into effect.

The proposed referendums for the amendment of the Constitution of the Commonwealth are engaging the careful attention of my Advisers. They regard with apprehension the possibility of the industrial policy of the State, including matters of such importance to the State as wages boards, being in effect removed from the control of the Parliament of Victoria.

The report of the Royal Commission relating to outer ports, and the report of the Royal Commission relating to the State Electricity Commission are being carefully considered ; and any measures required to deal with matters arising out of the recommendations made therein will be brought forward.

The Bill to provide for the redistribution of seats for the Legislative Assembly, the second reading of which was carried last session, will be again submitted.

My Advisers have had to deal with a number of intricate metropolitan problems which have accumulated during the past few years, and for which legislation is necessary. Early in the session, Bills will be introduced dealing with The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, metropolitan main roads and bridges, metropolitan drainage and rivers, The Melbourne Harbor Trust, The Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board, The Metropolitan Gas Company, and the regulation of the supply of gas. The question of the removal of the cattle saleyards from Newmarket, which will involve the expenditure of several millions of money, is being carefully considered, and a decision will shortly be made.

A Bill to amend the Local Government Acts will be laid before you. Measures for the more adequate taxation of heavy commercial vehicles and the taxation of horse-drawn vehicles throughout the State will be brought forward.

Proposals for extending the powers of the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank so as to enable them to deal more effectively with housing problems will be submitted.

There will be laid before you a Bill to provide for the care, treatment, and training of mental defectives, and also a Bill dealing with intermediate hospitals.

You will be gratified to learn that His Honour Sir Leo Cussen, with characteristic public spirit, has again undertaken to prepare a general consolidation of the Statutes ; and it is hoped that this may include the Acts passed during the present session.

Measures dealing with the following subjects will also be introduced :—

- Metropolitan Court of Petty Sessions ;
- Censorship of Films ;
- Apprenticeship ;
- Companies ;
- Crimes and Police Offences ;
- Country Race Meetings ;
- Factories and Shops ;
- Appointment of Women as Justices of the Peace ;
- Marriage and Maintenance ;
- County Courts ;
- Stock Foods ;
- Land Acts Amendment.

I now leave you to the discharge of those high duties which are entrusted to you, and pray that the blessing of Divine Providence may attend your deliberations.

Which being concluded, a copy of the Speech was delivered to the President, and a copy to Mr. Speaker, and His Excellency the Governor left the Chamber.

The Legislative Assembly then withdrew.

3. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.

4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables the President (F. G. Clarke), W. Angliss, E. G. Bath, T. Beggs, A. E. Chandler, H. I. Cohen, W. P. Crockett, G. M. Davis, J. H. Disney, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, M. McGregor, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, H. F. Richardson, M. Saltau, J. Sternberg, G. J. Tuckett, E. J. White, R. Williams, and A. M. Zwar severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, FRANCIS GRENVILLE CLARKE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and ninety pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda and are known as allotment 27, section 3, at Elwood, being Nos. 111 and 113 Mitford-street, Elwood.*

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £190.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"FRANK CLARKE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM CHARLES ANGLISS*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Five hundred and sixty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of city of Melbourne and are known as part of allotment 6, section 24, city of Melbourne, parish of North Melbourne, county of Bourke, and being the whole of the land comprised in certificate of title, volume 3701, folio 740157.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of city of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £560.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"W. ANGLISS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, EDWIN GEORGE BATH*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Kara Kara and St. Arnaud, and are known as 'Pleasant-side' Estate, and houses and land, St. Arnaud.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Kara Kara are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £578, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of St. Arnaud are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £75.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council."

"EDWIN G. BATH."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, THEODORE BEGGS*, of Eurambeen, Beaufort, grazier, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty-one pounds ten shillings above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Ripon, and are known as Crown allotments 70B, 73C, 74, 74A, and 73B, parish of Eurambeen, county of Ripon, containing 206 acres.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ripon are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £51 10s.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"THEODORE BEGGS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, ALFRED ELLIOTT CHANDLER*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and seventy-seven pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Ferntree Gully and Mentone and Mordialloc, and are known as 'Boronia,' corner of Boronia and Forest roads, Boronia, being portion of Crown lot 69, parish of Scoresby; and 'Swansea,' Beach-road, Mordialloc.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ferntree Gully are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £227, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Mentone and Mordialloc are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £50.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"A. E. CHANDLER."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, HENRY ISAAC COHEN*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and seven pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Melbourne and Northcote, and are known as 'Keonbrook,' 106 Vale-street, East Melbourne, and lots 11 and 12, part A, of Thornbury Park Estate.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £185, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Northcote are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £22.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"HENRY ISAAC COHEN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM PAUL CROCKETT*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Seventy-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield and are known as 273 Glenhantly-road, Elsternwick.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £75.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"W. P. CROCKETT."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, GEORGE MARTLEY DAVIS*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Sale, and are known as Mathieson and Davis' offices, saleyards, livery stable, and tobacconist shop in the town of Sale; also 10 acres and 1 rood in the town of Sale.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Sale are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £105.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"G. M. DAVIS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JAMES HERBERT DISNEY*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne, and are known as 'Clontarf Terrace,' Cecil-street, South Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £167.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"JAS. H. DISNEY."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM HASLAM EDGAR*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Ninety pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and, further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda, and are known as Nos. 182 and 184 St. Kilda-street, St. Kilda.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £90.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"WILLIAM HASLAM EDGAR."

" In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, JOHN RICHARDS HARRIS, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of shire of Rutherglen, and are known as 'Thrana' vineyard, and land, parish of Carlyle, shire of Rutherglen, and a residence situated in High-street, Rutherglen.

" And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of shire of Rutherglen are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £320.

" And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"JOHN R. HARRIS."

" In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, HOWARD HITCHCOCK, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate of assessment ; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Newtown and Chilwell, and are known as "Como," Skene-street, Geelong, being part of allotments 1 and 2, section 2, parish of Moorpanyal, county of Grant.

" And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Newtown and Chilwell are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £365.

" And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council.

"HOWARD HITCHCOCK."

" In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, HERBERT KECK, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and forty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Strathfieldsaye, and are known as 'The Palms,' Retreat-road, Bendigo.

" And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Strathfieldsaye are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £240.

" And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"HERBERT KECK."

" In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, ESMOND LAURENCE KIERNAN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Seventy pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Heidelberg, and are known as house and land in Waldemar-road, Ivanhoe.

" And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Heidelberg are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £70.

" And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"ESMOND L. KIERNAN."

" In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I*, MARTIN MCGREGOR, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Narracan, and are known as allotment 97A, parish of Moe, county of Buln Buln, and occupied by me as residence.

" And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Narracan are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £130.

" And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"M. MCGREGOR."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, DANIEL LAURENCE McNAMARA, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Berwick and Caulfield, and are known as allotment 2, section P, and allotment 49A, parish of Koo-wee-rup East, county of Mornington; also house and land known as 'Iona,' Talbot-avenue, East St. Kilda.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Berwick are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £57, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £56.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"D. L. McNAMARA."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, JAMES KERR MERRITT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and twenty-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Kew, and are known as 'Fairholme,' Fellows-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Kew are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £225.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"J. K. MERRITT."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, THOMAS HENRY PAYNE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Nine hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of city of Prahran, and are known as 'Leura,' Toorak, being Crown portion 30, parish of Prahran, county of Bourke.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £900.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"T. H. PAYNE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, HORACE FRANK RICHARDSON, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred and fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of city of Geelong, and are known as 'The Exchange' property, Little Malop-street, Geelong, and occupied by myself and tenants.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of city of Geelong are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £350.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"H. F. RICHARDSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, MARCUS SALTAU, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and, further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Warrnambool, and are known as the lands described in certificate of title, vol. 4557, folio 911293.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of shire of Warrnambool are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £200.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"M. SALTAU."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, JOSEPH STERNBERG, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as Crown allotment 12, section 14, city of Melbourne, at East Melbourne, parish of North Melbourne, county of Bourke, on which are erected buildings known as No. 161 and No. 163 Hotham-street, East Melbourne.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of respectively, £140 and £140, making a total yearly value of £280.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"J. STERNBERG."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, GEORGE JOSEPH TUCKETT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Numurkah, and are known as allotments 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, part 11 of section D, parish of Yalca, containing 1,412 acres.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Numurkah are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £607.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"GEO. J. TUCKETT."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, EDWARD JAMES WHITE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Hamilton, and are known as (1), Newlands, being allotments 1, 2 and 3, section 31, parish of Hamilton North and (2) Cyclone Paddock being allotment 58, section A, parish of Hamilton North, all in the borough of Hamilton.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Hamilton are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £95.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"E. J. WHITE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, ROBERT WILLIAMS, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Seventy-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment, and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne, and are known as 123 Wright-street, Middle Park.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £75.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council.

"R. WILLIAMS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, ALBERT MICHAEL ZWAR, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Beechworth, and are known as house and land in Church-street, and hall in Loch-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Beechworth are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £80.

"And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

"A. M. ZWAR."

5. **SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, a Bill to amend Part II. of the Settled Estates and Settled Lands Act 1915 was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.**—The President laid upon the Table the following Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* I do hereby appoint—

The Honorable Richard Hartley Smith Abbott,
 The Honorable Henry Isaac Cohen,
 The Honorable William Haslam Edgar,
 The Honorable Dr. John Richards Harris,
 The Honorable John Percy Jones,
 The Honorable Thomas Henry Payne, and
 The Honorable Joseph Sternberg

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

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

FRANK CLARKE,
 President.

7. **TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.**—The President laid upon the Table the following Warrant nominating the Temporary Chairmen of Committees :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—VICTORIA.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order of the Legislative Council numbered 160, I do hereby nominate—

The Honorable Richard Hartley Smith Abbott,
 The Honorable William Charles Angliss,
 The Honorable William James Beckett,
 The Honorable William Lionel Russell Clarke, and
 The Honorable Thomas Henry Payne

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

Given under my hand this thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six

FRANK CLARKE,
 President.

8. **PAPERS.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Inebriate Institutions—Report of the Inspector for the year 1924.
 State Electricity Commission—Report by Willets H. Sawyer on the Status and Affairs of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and the Scope and Working of the State Electricity Commission Acts.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Audit Act 1915—General Regulations respecting Public Accounts—Clause 57—Pensions under Superannuation Act 1925.

Agricultural Education—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education—

For the three months ended 31st March, 1925.

For the six months ended 30th September, 1925.

Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns—

For the quarter ended 31st December, 1925.

For the quarter ended 31st March, 1926.

Companies Act 1915—Rule 196—Return by Prothonotary of business of the Supreme Court in connexion with the winding up of companies.

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

Dried Fruits Acts—Regulations (4 papers).

Fire Brigades Act 1915—Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the year 1924–25.

Fruit Acts—Regulations—Standards for Fresh Grapes.

Health Acts—

General Sanitary Regulations 1925.

Regulations amending the Food and Drug Standards Regulations 1924.

Regulations relating to Eating Houses.

Horse Breeding Acts—Regulations.

Land Act 1915—

Particulars of Leases of Swamp or Reclaimed Land under Section 110 (3 papers).

Regulations—Part I.

- Land Acts—Certificates relating to the proposed compulsory resumption of land for the—
 Caldermeade State School,
 Collingwood Technical School.
 Preston South State School.
 Welshpool State School.
- Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1925—Rules (2 papers).
- Marine Acts—Marine Board of Victoria—
 Amendment of Regulations relating to the Examination of Engineers.
 Amendment of Scale of Pilotage Rates.
 Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year 1925.
- Mines Act 1915—List of Suspensions of the Labour Covenants of Mining Leases and Licences granted during the year 1925.
- Poisons Act 1920—Dangerous Drugs Regulations 1926.
- Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees for the year 1925, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1924–25.
- Public Service Acts—
 Copy of Papers in connexion with the promotion of—
 Wilton Howard Cove, from the Fourth Class to the Third Class, Department of Chief Secretary.
 Mervyn Raymond McKenzie, from the Fifth Class to the Fourth Class, Department of Lands and Survey.
 Harold Spencer Williams, from the Fourth Class to the Third Class, Department of Lands and Survey.
- Regulations—
 Attendance and Conduct of Officers, Chapter XIII. (2 papers).
 Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
 Department of Chief Secretary (3 papers).
 Department of Public Health (2 papers).
 Department of Public Instruction.
 Department of Public Works.
 Department of Treasurer (4 papers).
 Insurance of Officers, Chapter VII. (2 papers).
 Professional Division, Chapter II.—
 Department of Agriculture (3 papers).
 Department of Chief Secretary (3 papers).
 Department of Law (4 papers).
 Department of Mines.
 Department of Public Health.
 Department of Public Instruction (2 papers).
 Department of Treasurer.
 Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—
 Department of Chief Secretary.
 Department of Lands and Survey.
 Department of Public Instruction.
- Railways—
 Reports of the Victorian Railways Commissioners—
 For the quarter ended 31st December, 1925.
 For the quarter ended 31st March, 1926.
- Thirty-sixth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.
- Scaffolding Inspection Act 1922—Additional Regulations.
- State Savings Bank Act 1918—Particulars of Arrangement between the War Service Homes Commissioner and the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria.
- Vegetation and Vine Diseases Act 1915—Regulations.
- Workers' Compensation Acts—Addition to Rule 8.

9. ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council agree to the following Address to His Excellency the Governor, viz. :—

To His Excellency LIEUTENANT-COLONEL THE RIGHT HONORABLE ARTHUR HERBERT TENNYSON, BARON SOMERS, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, desire to convey to Your Excellency the expression of our loyalty to His Majesty's Throne and Person, and our high regard for the office His Majesty has been pleased to confer upon Your Excellency.

We extend to Your Excellency on behalf of the people of this State a cordial welcome to Victoria, and we beg that Your Excellency will receive our assurances that we shall at all times readily co-operate with Your Excellency in advancing the welfare of this part of His Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas, and in preserving the connexion with the Mother Country.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the President and Members of the Council.

10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.--

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorables Richard Hartley Smith Abbott, William James Beckett, John Percy Jones, Herbert Henry Smith and William Tynner for the Session on account of urgent private business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable George Louis Goudie on account of ill health.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The President reported the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

The Honorable H. Hitchcock moved, That the Council agree to the following Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Legislative Council of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable H. I. Cohen moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 1.

TUESDAY, 6TH JULY, 1926.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the dispatch of business during the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day ; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business ; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business ; and that no new business be taken after the hour of Eleven o'clock.
2. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White be members of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House ; three to be the quorum.
3. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Honorables W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar be members of the House Committee.
4. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau be members of the Joint Committee to manage the Library.
5. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams be members of the Printing Committee ; three to be the quorum.
6. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws, adopted by this House on the 22nd June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of the Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; five to be the quorum.

Contingent upon the foregoing being carried—

To move, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.

7. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That the question of adopting new Standing Orders for the limitation of debate be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—MOTION FOR —*Resumption of Debate (Hon. H. I. Cohen).*
2. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL.—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,

President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1926.

Question.

1. The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) Under what terms and conditions and for what purposes does the Melbourne City Council hold the Victoria, Eastern, and Western Market lands respectively.
 - (b) What is the tenure.
 - (c) In what way, if any, can the Government exercise control over the conduct of these markets by the Melbourne City Council.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the dispatch of business during the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day ; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business ; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business ; and that no new business be taken after the hour of Eleven o'clock.
2. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White be members of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House ; three to be the quorum.
3. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Honorables W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar be members of the House Committee.
4. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau be members of the Joint Committee to manage the Library.
5. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams be members of the Printing Committee ; three to be the quorum.
6. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws, adopted by this House on the 22nd June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of the Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; five to be the quorum.

Contingent upon the foregoing being carried—

- To move, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.
7. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That the question of adopting new Standing Orders for the limitation of debate be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report.
 8. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government Acts.
 9. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the Censoring of Cinematograph Films and with respect to the Exhibition of such Films and for other purposes.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong.
2. The Hon. E. L. KIERNAN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.
3. The Hon. J. H. DISNEY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to allow Railway Employés and all Civil Servants to contest any Parliamentary Election without having to resign from the Service.
4. The Hon. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide that all State Parliamentary Elections be held on a Saturday.
5. The Hon. E. L. KIERNAN : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong by abolishing the office of Alderman and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—MOTION FOR —*Resumption of Debate (Hon. H. I. Cohen).*
2. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL.—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,

President

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 6TH JULY, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS—The Honorables A. Bell, F. W. Brawn, and W. L. R. Clarke severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereinafter set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, ALEXANDER BELL*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and thirty-four pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of city of Ballarat and are known as 101 Wendouree-parade, and 210 and 212 Skipton-street.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of city of Ballarat are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £134.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ALEXANDER BELL.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, FREDERICK WILLIAM BRAWN*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat, and are known as 213 Mill-street.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £50.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“F. BRAWN.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM LIONEL RUSSELL CLARKE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Bulla, and are known as Rupertswood Farm, three hundred and eighty-two acres and thirty-one perches, being Crown allotment 2 and parts of Crown allotment 1 of section 21 of the parish of Bulla Bulla, No. 196 in the rate-book.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Bulla are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £300.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“W. L. RUSSELL CLARKE.”

3. CONGRATULATIONS TENDERED TO THE PRESIDENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the congratulations of the House be tendered to the Honorable the President on the honour of being created a Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by His Most Gracious Majesty the King.

And several honorable members having addressed the House—
The question was put and unanimously resolved in the affirmative.
The President, in returning thanks, said—

Mr. Richardson, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Disney, and fellow members—I feel very much embarrassed in thanking you most heartily for your congratulations. I do not allow myself to forget that it is owing largely to your kindness in electing me your President that this honour has been conferred upon me. The pleasure I have naturally felt at this recognition by His Majesty of any services I may have rendered to the community has been more than doubled by the kindness which has been extended to me during the last three days. I cannot forget the consideration which has been shown me, not only by members of this House, but by people outside. As Mr. Richardson has said, I am a young man. I feel full of energy, and I trust that, despite a small thorn in the flesh, I shall be spared for many years, so that I may do something more than I have done in the past to merit the honour which has been bestowed upon me, and the confidence which you have reposed in me. Finally, let me say that I can never allow myself to forget for a moment that all I have and all I am have come from this beloved State of Victoria.

4. PAPERS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Mines Department—Gold and Mineral Statistics for the year 1925.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Country Roads Board—Report for the year 1924–25.

Land Acts—Certificate relating to the proposed compulsory resumption of land for the Wychitella State School.

Lifts Regulation Act 1915—Regulations.

Railways—Awards Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the Railways Classification Board together with the Reports of the Victorian Railways Commissioners in regard thereto.

5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million four hundred and seventy thousand five hundred and seventeen pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave and after debate, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Council at its rising adjourn until to-morrow at half-past four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON.
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The President reported that, accompanied by honorable members, he had yesterday waited upon His Excellency the Governor and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Council which was agreed to on Wednesday last, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King I thank you for your expression of loyalty to His Majesty's Throne and Person.

It will afford me much pleasure to convey to His Majesty the sentiments expressed in the Address which you have just presented to me.

For the cordial welcome which you, on behalf of the people of this State, have extended to me, I thank you, and I assure you that it will always be a pleasure to me to associate myself with you in advancing the welfare of this part of His Majesty's Dominions, and in preserving the connexion which so happily exists between the Mother Country and our State.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 1).

4. PAPERS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
State Electricity Commission—Report by J. Klitzing on the Coal Winning Operations of the State Electricity Commission at Yallourn.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Melbourne Sailors' Home Act 1901—Accounts and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Melbourne Sailors' Home for the year 1925.

Public Service Acts—Regulations—

Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Chief Secretary.

Department of Mines.

Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Chief Secretary.

Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—Department of Public Instruction.

5. FINANCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATES.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave—

- (a) That, inasmuch as the duty of developing the resources of their respective States by means of land settlement, soldier settlement, railway construction, irrigation, and other public works devolves upon State Parliaments, and they are charged with the responsibility of maintaining education and charity systems, and providing for the administration of justice and other services, the financial obligations connected with which will inevitably increase with the growth of population, it is the opinion of this House that no financial scheme can be assented to by the States which does not provide for their receiving from the Commonwealth Government a fixed annual payment of not less than 25s. per head of population ;
- (b) That this House is of the opinion that there should be no departure from the basis upon which the financial relations of the Commonwealth and States have rested without the fullest consideration at a Constitutional Session and the approval of the people at a referendum ;
- (c) That this House asserts emphatically that the Commonwealth estimates of the value to the States of the fields of taxation to be evacuated by the Commonwealth cannot possibly be realized ;
- (d) That this House considers the Commonwealth proposals will delay necessary reduction of taxation by the Commonwealth Government. On the other hand, the finances of the States will be disorganized, and they will have to revise their whole scheme of direct taxation, the incidence of which will have to be radically changed ; and
- (e) That this House is of opinion the burdens of taxation will be increased.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that half-past four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day ; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business ; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business ; and that no new business be taken after the hour of eleven o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White be members of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House ; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. HOUSE COMMITTEE.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Honorables W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar be members of the House Committee.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau be members of the Joint Committee to manage the Library.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams be members of the Printing Committee ; three to be the quorum. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. **STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws, adopted by this House on the 22nd June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of the Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; five to be the quorum. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.
12. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, a Bill to amend the Local Government Acts was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 20th instant.
13. **CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, a Bill to make provision for the Censuring of Cinematograph Films and with respect to the Exhibition of such Films and for other purposes was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 20th instant.
14. **MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 20th instant.
15. **PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable J. H. Disney, a Bill to allow Railway Employés and all Civil Servants to contest any Parliamentary Election without having to resign from the Service was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 20th instant.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, the 20th instant.
17. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 20th instant. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twenty-six minutes past six o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 20th instant.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 3.

TUESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1926.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON: To move, That the question of adopting new Standing Orders for the limitation of debate be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—MOTION FOR—*Resumption of Debate (Hon. H. I. Cohen).*
2. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
4. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. E. L. KIERNAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.
2. The Hon. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide that all State Parliamentary Elections be held on a Saturday.
3. The Hon. E. L. KIERNAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong by abolishing the office of Alderman and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL—(*Hon. J. H. Disney*)—Second reading.

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

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.

HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.

PRINTING—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

PRINTED PAPERS.

The following printed Papers can now be obtained by Honorable Members from the Clerk of the Legislative Council (Telephone F3605), and by others on the circulation list from the Government Printer. They can also be purchased by the Public from the Government Printer:—

Railways—

Reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways—

Ararat—Improved Station, Yard, and Locomotive Facilities, &c. (C. No. 1).

Corop District Connecting Railway (Report No. 5).

Darling—Glen Waverley—Railway Connexion for District between Camberwell to

Ferntree Gully and Oakleigh to Dandenong Railway Lines (Report No. 3).

Dookie to Katamatite and Benalla to Yarrawonga Railways Connexion (Report No. 4).

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 20TH JULY, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, a Bill relating to Lighting Rates in the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 28th instant.
3. COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, a Bill relating to the Name Style or Title of Companies and for other purposes was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 28th instant.
4. PAPERS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 - Welfare of Women and Children—Report to the Minister of Public Health on the Welfare of Women and Children in New Zealand and Victoria by Drs. Main and Scantlebury.
 The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
 - Education Act 1915—Regulations—
 - Classification of Schools and Teachers.
 - Nominated courses for Art Teachers at the Working Men's College (Melbourne Technical School).
 - Special Course of Training—Teachers in Primary Schools.
 - Fisheries Acts—Notices of Intention to issue Proclamations—
 - Re Cleaning, &c., of Murray Cod and Golden Perch.
 - To alter the close season for Blackfish.
 - To alter the netting restrictions at Bancroft Bay, in the Gippsland Lakes.
 - To alter the Proclamation prohibiting all fishing in or taking of fish from portion of the Bass River and its tributaries for portion of the year.
 - To prohibit all fishing in, or the taking of fish from, the Cobden Dam and portion of the Curdie's River, near Cobden, for a period of two years.
 - To prohibit all fishing in portion of the Jack River until 31st August, 1928.
 - To prohibit netting within a quarter mile of St. Kilda Pier.
 - Public Service Acts—Regulations—
 - Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Public Works.
 - Classified Roll—Qualifications of Female Teachers.
 - Junior Teachers and Sewing Mistresses.
 - Primary Teachers' Certificate, Second Class.
 - Schools of Domestic Arts.
 - Staffs, Appointments and Transfers of Teachers and Maintenance Allowances.
 - Street Trading Act 1925—Regulations.
 - Teachers Act 1925—Regulations—
 - Secondary Schools Division—Order of Precedence of Teachers on Classified Roll.
 - Staffing of Secondary Schools.
5. STANDING ORDERS FOR THE LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the question of adopting new Standing Orders for the limitation of debate be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree to the Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech (for Address see page II *ante*), having been read—
 - Debate resumed.
 - The Honorable M. Saltau moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 - Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, the 28th instant.

7. STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have appointed a Committee to join with the Committee of the Council to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee consisting of Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Eggleston, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Snowball, and Mr. Wettenhall, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Wednesday, the 28th instant.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Wednesday, the 28th instant.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at six minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday, the 28th instant.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

N. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1926.

Questions.

1. The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests what amount of money has been expended by the Government under section 23 of the *Vermin and Noxious Weeds Act 1922*, and with what result.
2. The Hon. J. STERNBERG: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests if it is a fact that the Bendigo cab owners pay a licence fee of £3 per annum for the right to ply for hire in the Railway Station yards, whereas the cab owners who ply for hire in the Melbourne Station yard are not charged any licence fee; if so, will he arrange that no charge be made to the Bendigo, Ballarat, and Geelong cab owners.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. E. L. KIERNAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.
2. The Hon. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide that all State Parliamentary Elections be held on a Saturday.
3. The Hon. E. L. KIERNAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong by abolishing the office of Alderman and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL—(*Hon. J. H. Disney*)—Second reading.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—MOTION FOR—*Resumption of debate (Hon. M. Saltau)*.
2. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
4. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
5. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
6. COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—Second reading.

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

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 27th July.

LIBRARY (JOINT) COMMITTEE—At half-past Two o'clock.

Wednesday, 28th July.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—At half-past Two o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)**—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.
- STANDING ORDERS**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- HOUSE (JOINT)**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.
- PRINTING**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. F. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

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- Inebriate Institutions—Report of Inspector for 1924. (No. 5.)
- Marine Board—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for 1925. (No. 4.)
- Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways—
 Reports—
 Ararat—Improved Station, Yard and Locomotive Facilities, &c., at. (C. No. 1.)
 Casterton, Chetwynd, and South Australian Border District Connecting Railway (Casterton—Nangeela). (Report No. 1.)
 Corop District Connecting Railway. (Report No. 5.)
 Darling—Glen Waverley—Railway Connexion for District between Camberwell to Ferntree Gully and Oakleigh to Dandenong Railway Lines. (Report No. 3.)
 Dookie to Katamatite and Benalla to Yarrawonga Railways Connexion. (Report No. 4.)
 Keilor and Bulla Districts Connecting Railway. Progress Report (Report No. 2.)
 Thirty-sixth General Report. (No. 1.)
- Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees for 1925 with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1924-25. (No. 3.)
- State Electricity Commission—
 Report by J. Klitzing on the Coal Winning Operations of the Commission at Yallourn.
 Report by Willits H. Sawyer on the Status and Affairs of the Commission and the Scope and Working of the State Electricity Commission Acts.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 21ST JULY, 1926.

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 4.
- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8.
- Progress Report from First Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act No. 3417. No. 2.
- Report on the Coal Winning Operations of the State Electricity Commission at Yallourn, by J. Klitzing. No. 6.
- Department of Mines—Gold and Mineral Statistics for the year 1925. No. 7.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Five hundred and thirty thousand seven hundred and eighty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
3. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Protection of Animals was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. PAPERS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—Public Service Commissioner—Report for the year 1925.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Lands Compensation Act 1915—Return under section 37 showing the amount of money paid for the year 1925-26 by the State Electricity Commission for land resumed in connexion with the works and undertakings of the Commission.
5. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable R. Williams, a Bill to provide that all State Parliamentary Elections be held on a Saturday was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive, be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON.
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1926.

Question

1. The Hon. J. STERNBERG: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests if it is a fact that the Bendigo cab owners pay a licence fee of £3 per annum for the right to ply for hire in the Railway Station yards, whereas the cab owners who ply for hire in the Melbourne Station yard are not charged any licence fee; if so, will he arrange that no charge be made to the Bendigo, Ballarat, and Geelong cab owners.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—MOTION FOR—*Resumption of debate (Hon. M. Saltar).*
2. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL—(Hon. H. F. Richardson)—Second reading.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(Hon. H. F. Richardson)—Second reading.
4. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL—(Hon. H. F. Richardson)—Second reading.
5. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL—(Hon. H. F. Richardson)—Second reading.
6. COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.
7. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. E. L. KIERNAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Abolition of Capital Punishment.
2. The Hon. E. L. KIERNAN: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong by abolishing the office of Alderman and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
2. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL—(Hon. J. H. Disney)—Second reading.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.

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

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 3rd August.

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE—At half-past Three o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1926.

Questions.

1. The Hon. M. SALTAU: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) What amount of income tax and land tax respectively was outstanding at 30th June, 1925.
 - (b) What amount was outstanding at 30th June, 1926.
2. The Hon. J. STERNBERG: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests if the Government will this Session introduce legislation to prohibit drivers of motor cars travelling in the same direction as a tram car from passing such tram car when stationary at a usual stopping place for tram cars.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL—(*Hon. J. H. Disney*)—Second reading.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
4. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
5. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
2. COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—Second reading.
3. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (*Hon. H. I. Cohen*).
4. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
5. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—Second reading.

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

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STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

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Censorship of Films Bill—[8].

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 6.

TUESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—
Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 2).
3. PAPERS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board—Report for the year 1925.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Explosives Act 1915—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives on the Working of the Act during the year 1925.
Geelong Harbor Trust—Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 1925.
Street Trading Act 1925—Regulations.
4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree to the Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech (for Address see page 11 *ante*), having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the President and such members of the Council as may wish to accompany him.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3, be postponed until to-morrow.
7. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time, and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable H. I. Cohen and after debate, that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.
9. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable E. L. Kiernan, a Bill to provide for the Abolition of Capital Punishment was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

10. **ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable E. L. Kiernan, a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong by abolishing the Office of Alderman and for other purposes was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

No. 7.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.**—The Honorable J. Sternberg moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the unsatisfactory answer given by the Honorable the Minister of Forests to the Mover's question on this day's Notice Paper *re* the necessity of introducing legislation to prohibit drivers of motor cars travelling in the same direction as a tram car from passing such tram car when stationary at a usual stopping place ; and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
3. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, and Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until Tuesday, the 17th instant.
4. **COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an amendment, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
5. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million four hundred and ten thousand two hundred and two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive, be postponed until Tuesday, the 17th instant.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 17th instant.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at half-past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 17th instant.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1926.

Question.

1. The Hon. M. SALTAU : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) What amount of income tax and land tax respectively was outstanding at 30th June, 1925.
 - (b) What amount was outstanding at 30th June, 1926.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (*Hon. H. I. Cohen*).
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
4. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
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 Welfare of Women and Children—Report by Drs. Main and Scantlebury (No. 9.)

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH AUGUST, 1926.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 7.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 15.
 Settled Estates and Settled Lands Bill—[51].

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 8.

TUESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1926.

- 1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
- 2. DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable G. L. Goudie delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereinafter set forth :—

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, GEORGE LOUIS GOUDIE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty-eight pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield, and are known as 49 Elizabeth-street, Elsternwick.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £58.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ GEO. L. GOUDIE.”

- 3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—
Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 3).

- 4. PAPERS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Commonwealth Government’s Financial Proposals—Report of Proceedings of Conference of State Premiers.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Agricultural Education—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 31st March, 1926.

Charities Board of Victoria—Report for the year 1925–26.

Factories and Shops—Report of the Chief Inspector for the year 1925.

Fisheries Acts—Notice of Intention to issue Proclamation to prohibit all fishing in or the taking of fish from the Mountain Creek at Tawonga during the whole of each year.

Friendly Societies—

Forty-eighth Annual Report—Report of the Government Statist relating to the period of twelve months ended 30th June, 1925, with Appendices.

Report of the Registrar for the year 1925.

Public Service Act 1915 and Lunacy Act 1915—Alteration of Regulations—Classification of General Division.

Public Service Acts—Regulations—

Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Treasurer.

General—Salaries Revision.

Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Chief Secretary.

Water Acts—Declaration of the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply defining the area that ought to be constituted the Maffra Irrigation and Water Supply District, together with plan showing the area of such proposed District.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 53.—The Honorable E. L. Kiernan moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the administration of Regulation 22 under the *Health Act 1919* and the prosecutions of grocers in connexion therewith ; and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until after No. 2.
7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time, and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable H. I. Cohen, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, the 31st instant.
8. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4 and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, the 31st instant.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 31st instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twenty-eight minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 31st instant.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 8.

TUESDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1926.

Question.

1. The Hon. E. L. KIERNAN: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 - (a) What amount of money has been spent in repairs, replacements, and renewals on the tracks of the electric tramway lines south of the Yarra since the present Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board was constituted.
 - (b) What amount of money has been earned by the cable trams running through Fitzroy territory for the past year.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(Hon. H. F. Richardson)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. H. I. Cohen).
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL—(Hon. H. F. Richardson)—Second reading.
3. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Milk Supply Act 1922*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
2. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL—(Hon. J. H. Disney)—Second reading.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.
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5. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(Hon. E. L. Kiernan)—Second reading.

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,

President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 31st August.

LIBRARY (JOINT) COMMITTEE—At Three o'clock.

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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 9.

TUESDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The President reported that, accompanied by Honorable Members, he had on Tuesday, the 24th instant, waited upon His Excellency the Governor and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Council, adopted on the 3rd instant, in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

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

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

SOMERS,

Governor of Victoria.

3. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to Fees under the Second Schedule to the Highways and Vehicles Act 1924* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 14th September next.
4. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to allow Railway Employés and all Civil Servants to contest any Parliamentary Election without having to resign from the Service* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable J. H. Disney, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 14th September next.
5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million four hundred and eighty-four thousand three hundred and ninety-five pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Public Service Acts—Regulations—Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Law.
7. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 53.—The Honorable W. Angliss moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the proposed removal of the Newmarket stock-yards and abattoirs ; and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The Deputy-President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. Angliss having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The Deputy-President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. Angliss reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the Council will, on Tuesday, the 14th September next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3, and Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1, be postponed until Tuesday, the 14th September next.

11. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Honorable J. H. Disney, the following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—

Parliamentary Elections (Railway Employés and Civil Servants) Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday, the 14th September next.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 14th September next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at forty minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 14th September next.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 9.

TUESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie*)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
4. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Milk Supply Act 1922*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
4. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2)—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. H. Disney*)—Second reading.

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

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.

HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.

PRINTING—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1926.

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9.
- Melbourne and Geelong Lighting Rate Bill—[30].
- Parliamentary Elections (Railway Employés and Civil Servants) Bill—[93].
- Capital Punishment Abolition Bill—[101].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 26.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **STANDING ORDERS FOR THE LIMITATION OF DEBATE.**—The Honorable W. H. Edgar, on behalf of the Honorable the President, brought up the Report of the Standing Orders Committee. Ordered to lie on the Table, to be printed, and to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
3. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—
Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 4).
4. **PAPERS.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
Migration—Agreement, dated 11th September, 1925, between the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Government of Victoria for the Encouragement of the Migration of Persons from the United Kingdom and their Settlement in Victoria.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th June, 1926.
Constitution Statute—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55, and Act No. 3118 during the year 1925–26.
Fisheries Acts—Notices of Intention to issue Proclamations—
Re Close Season for Oysters, Limits of Catch, &c.
Re Fees for oyster licences and prohibition re taking of Oysters at Port Albert and Corner Inlet.
Land Acts—Certificate relating to the proposed compulsory resumption of land for the Collingwood Technical School.
Medical Act 1915—Dental Board of Victoria—Regulations.
Public Service Acts—Regulations—
Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
Department of Public Works.
Department of Treasurer.
Professional Division, Chapter II.—
Department of Public Health.
Department of Public Works.
Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—
Department of Agriculture.
Department of Public Instruction.
Railways—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year 1925–26.
5. **HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time, and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable H. I. Cohen and after debate, that the debate be adjourned until later this day.
6. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. **VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Irrigation Works and Water Supply Works and for Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

8. **HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read, the debate was resumed and, on the motion of the Honorable H. I. Cohen and after debate, further adjourned until Tuesday next.

9. **MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No 4, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the Council, at thirty-four minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.

2. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

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

Education Act 1915—Report of the Council of Public Education for the year 1925–26.

4. **MILK SUPPLY BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, a Bill to further amend the *Milk Supply Act* 1922 was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

6. **VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

7. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until Tuesday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 10.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Question.

1. The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 - (a) What are the names of the inspectors employed by the Public Works Department inspecting municipal accounts.
 - (b) What amount of salary is paid to each.
 - (c) What is the amount of allowances paid to each, in addition to their salaries, and for what purposes are such allowances paid.
 - (d) What is the number of days worked by each in the actual inspection of municipal accounts and books during the past financial year.
 - (e) What is the number of days occupied by each in travelling during the same period.
 - (f) What is the number of days each has been engaged at the head office of the Public Works Department during the same period.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Milk Supply Act 1922*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
3. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
4. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2)—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. H. Disney*)—Second reading.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—To be further considered in Committee.
3. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER.

1. STANDING ORDERS FOR THE LIMITATION OF DEBATE—Report of the Standing Orders Committee—To be taken into consideration.
2. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. I. Cohen)*.

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

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

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- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.

- STANDING ORDERS**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- HOUSE (JOINT)**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.
- PRINTING**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 10.
- Water Supply Loans Application Bill—[97]. Also Statement and Memorandum. (To Legislative Council members only.)
- Victorian Loan Bill—[102]. (To Legislative Council members only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 31.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 11.

TUESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Questions.

1. The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 - (a) What are the names of the inspectors employed by the Public Works Department inspecting municipal accounts.
 - (b) What amount of salary is paid to each.
 - (c) What is the amount of allowances paid to each, in addition to their salaries, and for what purposes are such allowances paid.
 - (d) What is the number of days worked by each in the actual inspection of municipal accounts and books during the past financial year.
 - (e) What is the number of days occupied by each in travelling during the same period.
 - (f) What is the number of days each has been engaged at the head office of the Public Works Department during the same period.

2. The Hon. W. L. R. CLARKE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) What estimate has been formed as to when the Hume weir will be finished.
 - (b) Has the width of the foundations of the Hume reservoir been decided on; if so, have the foundations been finished.
 - (c) Has any date for a conference on the subject of the Hume reservoir been fixed or suggested, and was a suggested conference postponed last year.
 - (d) Have any delays or stoppages occurred in the construction of the Sugarloaf reservoir; if so, what has been the cause of any such delays or stoppages.
 - (e) How many men are working on the Sugarloaf reservoir at the present time.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading—Resumption of debate (Hon. H. I. Cohen).
2. STANDING ORDERS FOR THE LIMITATION OF DEBATE—Report of the Standing Orders Committee—To be taken into consideration.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(Hon. H. F. Richardson)—To be further considered in Committee.
4. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.

General Business.

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1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 11.
- Melbourne and Geelong Corporations Bill—[84].
- Aldermen Abolition Bill—[105].

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 32.
- Electoral Districts Bill—[80]. Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Lemmon. (To Members only.)
- Melbourne and Geelong Lighting Rate Bill—[30].

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 12.

TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable R. H. S. Abbott delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereinafter set forth:—

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, 1*, RICHARD HARTLEY SMITH ABBOTT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and fifty-two pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of shire of Strathfieldsaye, and are known as ‘Hooligan’ and ‘Mandurang.’

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Strathfieldsaye are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £152.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“R. H. S. ABBOTT.”

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz:—

Victorian Loan Bill.

Water Supply Loans Application Bill.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Administration and Probate Act 1915’ and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

Workers’ Compensation Act 1915—State Accident Insurance Office—Report, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-sheet, for the year 1925–26.

6. HIGHWAYS AND VEHICLES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read, and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

7. STANDING ORDERS FOR THE LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Standing Orders Committee having been read—

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the following be adopted as a Standing Order of the Legislative Council:—

133A. After any question has been proposed either in the Council or in a Committee of the whole Council, a motion may be made by any Member rising in his place and without notice and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not “That the question be now put” and, if six other Members thereupon rise in their places as indicating approval of the motion, the question on such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate, and no other motion shall be made or question of Order raised until such motion has been disposed of.

Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 17.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
E. G. Bath,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
W. P. Crockett,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
M. McGregor,
H. F. Richardson,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. G. J. Tuckett,
E. J. White.

Noes, 9.

The Hon. H. I. Cohen,
G. M. Davis,
J. H. Disney,
E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara,
M. Saltau,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
J. K. Merritt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That Standing Orders 91, 92, 93, and 171 be repealed and the following be adopted as Standing Orders in lieu thereof:—

91. A question may be superseded: (1) By the adjournment of the Council, either on the motion of a Member "That the Council do now adjourn," or on notice being taken and it appearing that a quorum of Members is not present; (2) By a motion "That the Orders of the Day be now read;" (3) By the Previous Question, viz.: "That this question be not now put," being proposed and resolved in the affirmative.

92. If the question "That this question be not now put" be resolved in the negative the original question shall be put forthwith, without any amendment or debate.

93. The question "That the Orders of the Day be now read" and also the question "That this question be not now put" may be superseded by the adjournment of the Council upon motion to that effect being carried or for the want of a quorum.

171. No motion "That this question be not now put" shall be made in Committee of the whole Council.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the new Standing Order 133A and the revised Standing Orders 91, 92, 93 and 171 be laid before His Excellency the Governor and his approval requested thereto.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 12.

TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

Question.

1. The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 - (a) What are the names of the inspectors employed by the Public Works Department inspecting municipal accounts.
 - (b) What amount of salary is paid to each.
 - (c) What is the amount of allowances paid to each, in addition to their salaries, and for what purposes are such allowances paid.
 - (d) What is the number of days worked by each in the actual inspection of municipal accounts and books during the past financial year.
 - (e) What is the number of days occupied by each in travelling during the same period.
 - (f) What is the number of days each has been engaged at the head office of the Public Works Department during the same period.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—(*Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—To be further considered in Committee.
2. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
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7. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

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Electoral Districts Bill—[80]. Amendments to be proposed by Dr. Argyle. (To Members only.)

Constitution Statute. No. 20.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 13.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. D. L. McNAMARA: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for Compulsory Voting at Parliamentary Elections.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
2. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2)—(from Assembly—Hon. J. H. Disney)—Second reading.
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Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 36.

Electoral Districts Bill—[80]. Amendment by Mr. Greenwood. (To Members only.)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

Highways and Vehicles Bill.

3. STANDING ORDERS FOR THE LIMITATION OF DEBATE.—The President announced the receipt of the following communication from the Clerk :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

28th September, 1926.

I have to report that, pursuant to the resolution of the Council, the new Standing Order 133A and the revised Standing Orders 91, 92, 93, and 171 adopted by the Council on the 21st instant, were this day laid before His Excellency the Governor for his approval, and His Excellency was pleased to approve of the same.

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

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

Country Fire Brigades Board—Report for the period ended 30th June, 1925.

Fisheries Acts—Notice of Intention to issue Proclamation *re* minimum length for Schnapper.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board—Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1925–26.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.

On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of paragraph (a) of clause 3 and clauses 20 and 37.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with further amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to the Redivision of the State of Victoria into Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
3. COMPULSORY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara a Bill to provide for Compulsory Voting at Parliamentary Elections was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1, be postponed until after No. 2.
5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (RAILWAY EMPLOYÉES AND CIVIL SERVANTS) BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable J. H. Disney moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 7.

The Hon. H. I. Cohen,
J. H. Disney,
J. K. Merritt,
J. Sternberg,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara,

Noes, 12.

The Hon. A. E. Chandler,
W. P. Crockett,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
M. McGregor,
H. F. Richardson,
E. J. White,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
M. Saltau.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 3 be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable E. L. Kiernan, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
10. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will on Tuesday next again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 5).—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million six hundred and thirty-four thousand eight hundred and forty pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at eighteen minutes past twelve o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No 14.

TUESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1926.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—Second reading.
2. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
4. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,

President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.

HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.

PRINTING—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 14.
Electoral Districts Bill—[80].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 37.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 15.

TUESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented Messages from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—
Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 5).
Administration and Probate Bill.
3. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to the Corporation known as the Bank of New South Wales* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
The Honorable J. K. Merritt moved, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly requesting that they will be pleased to communicate to the Council copies of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee to which this Bill was referred.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. DAY BAKING BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act for the Establishment of Day Baking in the State of Victoria* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. PAPERS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Hospital System of the State of Victoria—Summary of Recommendations from the Report by Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, C.M., D.Sc., Associate Director American College of Surgeons and Director of Hospital Activities.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Marine Act 1915—Marine Board of Victoria—Amendment of Scale of Harbour Pilotage Rates, Ports of Melbourne and Geelong.
Public Service Acts and Lunacy Act 1915—Regulations—Classification of Professional Division and Appointment to and Classification of General Division.
River Murray Waters Act 1915—Report of the River Murray Commission for the year 1925-26.
6. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read the Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
The Honorable H. I. Cohen moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 6.

The Hon. H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
J. H. Disney,
D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. L. Kiernan,
R. Williams.

Noes, 15.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt,
H. F. Richardson,
M. Saltau,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. H. Keck,
T. H. Payne.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on the main question continued.
The President said—

I have gone into the question that Mr. McNamara raised, whether an absolute majority is necessary for this Bill. In my opinion the Bill comes under section 61 of the Constitution Act, which has always been read as indicating exceptions to the rule in regard to the necessity for an absolute majority and the reservation of the Royal assent in Bills amending the Constitution Act. This opinion is confirmed by the fact that, several times in the past, Bills similar to this have become law, and the question of the absolute majority has not been raised. I do not think that there is sufficient in the point taken by Mr. McNamara concerning the nomination of metropolitan, urban, and country districts to make a difference in regard to this measure, and I consider that an absolute majority is not essential.

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

Ayes, 16.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. L. R. Clarke,
M. Saltau.

Noes, 6.

The Hon. H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
E. L. Kiernan,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. H. Disney.
D. L. McNamara.

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

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

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

7. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting, in accordance with the request of the Council, copies of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee to which this Bill was referred.

The Honorable J. K. Merritt having produced a receipt that the sum of £20 had been paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the State moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at half-past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 15.

TUESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1926

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. H. F. Richardson*)—To be further considered in Committee.
2. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
4. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
6. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. K. Merritt*)—Second reading.
7. DAY BAKING BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

H. H. NEWTON,

FRANK CLARKE,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

President.

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STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.

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- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 15.
 Electoral Districts Bill—[80]. Amendment and New Clause to be proposed by Hon. H. I. Cohen. (To Members of Council only.)
 Day Baking Bill—[111].

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- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 39.
 Justices of the Peace Bill—[54].
 State Savings Bank Bill—[24].

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PETITION.—The Honorable G. J. Tuckett presented a petition from certain residents of Victoria, praying that amending legislation be introduced at an early date providing for the closing of licensed premises on Christmas Day and Good Friday and also from the hour of One o'clock p.m. on Saturdays until Nine o'clock a.m. on Mondays.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Crimes Act 1915 and Indeterminate Sentences Act 1915—Regulations as to Indeterminate Sentences.
 - Land Acts—Certificate relating to the proposed compulsory resumption of land for the Diggers Rest State School.
 - Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet, together with Schedule of Contracts for the year 1925–26.
 - Public Service Acts—Regulations—Appointment of Police Magistrates, Chapter I.
4. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, the 26th instant.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 26th instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifty-one minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 26th instant.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1926

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
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6. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. K. Merritt*)—Second reading.
7. DAY BAKING BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

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FRANK CLARKE,
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STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.

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 - Reports—
 - Ararat—Improved Station, Yard and Locomotive Facilities, &c., at. (C. No. 1.)
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 - Darling—Glen Waverley—Railway Connexion for District between Camberwell to Ferntree Gully and Oakleigh to Dandenong Railway Lines. (Report No. 3.)
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- Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees for 1925 with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1924–25. (No. 3.)
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- State Accident Insurance Office—Report, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-sheet for the year 1925–26 (No. 22.)
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 - Report by Willits H. Sawyer on the Status and Affairs of the Commission and the Scope and Working of the State Electricity Commission Acts.
- Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board—Report for the year 1925 (No. 12).
- Welfare of Women and Children—Report by Drs. Main and Scantlebury (No. 9.)

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Finance, 1925–26.

Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Bill—[32].

Factories and Shops (Saturday Half-holiday) Bill—[66].

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 17.

TUESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.

2. **DECLARATION OF MEMBER.**—The Honorable W. J. Beckett delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereinafter set forth :—

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1915, I, WILLIAM JAMES BECKETT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds sterling above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Fitzroy, and are known as Nos. 150 to 156 Gertrude-street, Nos. 70, 72, 74 Napier-street.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Fitzroy are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £157.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ W. J. BECKETT.”

3. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The Honorable G. L. Goudie presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

Electoral Districts Bill.

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

Closer Settlement Act 1915 and Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts—Report of the Closer Settlement Board for the period from 1st July, 1924, to 31st December, 1925.

Public Service Acts—

Copy of Papers in connexion with the promotion of Philip Hogan from the Fourth Class to the Third Class, Department of Chief Secretary.

Regulations—

Attendance and Conduct of Officers, Chapter XIII.

Professional Division, Chapter II.—Department of Public Instruction.

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Twenty-first Annual Report, 1925–26.

State Savings Bank of Victoria—Statements and Returns for the year 1925–26.

Supreme Court Acts 1915 and Acts Interpretation Act 1915—Amendment of the Supreme Court Office Fees Regulations 1921.

University of Melbourne—Annual Report, 1925–26 ; with Statutes and Regulations and Amendments allowed by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Wednesday, the 3rd November next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twenty-one minutes past five o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday, the 3rd November next.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1926.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
4. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
6. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. K. Merritt*)—Second reading.
7. DAY BAKING BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—To be further considered in Committee.

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

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.
- PRINTING—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

PRINTED PAPERS.

The following printed Papers can now be obtained by Honorable Members from the Clerk of the Legislative Council (Telephone F3605), and by others on the circulation list from the Government Printer. They can also be purchased by the Public from the Government Printer:—

- Charities Board of Victoria—Report for the year 1925-26 (No. 13).
 Constitution Statute—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55 and Act No. 3118 during the year 1925-26 (No. 20.)
 Country Roads Board—Report for the year 1924-25 (No. 8).
 Education—Report of the Council of Public Education for the year 1925-26 (No. 21.)
 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1926-27 (B. No. 22.)
 Estimates—Supplementary Estimates 1925-26 (B. No. 8).
 Explosives—Report of the Chief Inspector for the year 1925 (No. 11.)
 Factories and Shops—Report of the Chief Inspector for the year 1925 (No. 16.)
 Finance, 1925-26—Treasurer's Statement and Report of the Auditor-General, &c. (A. No. 1.)
 Friendly Societies—
 Report of the Government Statist for the year 1924-25 (No. 15.)
 Report of the Registrar for the year 1925 (No. 14.)
 Gold and Mineral Statistics for the year 1925 (No. 7).
 Hospital System of the State of Victoria—Summary of Recommendations from the Report by Dr. Malcolm T. McEachern, C.M., D.Sc. (No. 23.)
 Inebriate Institutions—Report of Inspector for 1924. (No. 5.)
 Marine Board—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for 1925. (No. 4.)
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 Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year 1925-26 (No. 19.)
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 Glenroy and Albion, Tottenham Gravitation Yards, and Melbourne Goods Yards, etc.—Connecting Lines between. Progress Report (C. No. 2).
 Hamilton—Provision of Additional Tracks, Locomotive Facilities, &c., (C. No. 3.)
 Hurstbridge to Mitton's Bridge Railway (Report No. 6.)
 Keilor and Bulla Districts Connecting Railway. Progress Report (Report No. 2.)
 Thirty-sixth General Report. (No. 1.)
 River Murray Commission—Report for the year 1925-26, with Appendices (No. 24.)
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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 18.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable H. H. Smith delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereinafter set forth :—

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I HERBERT HENRY SMITH, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as 290–294 Lonsdale-street, Melbourne.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £500.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“ HERBERT H. SMITH.”
3. PAPER.—The following paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Children’s Welfare Department and Reformatory Schools—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1925.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.
5. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable J. K. Merritt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

The Honorable J. K. Merritt moved, by leave, That Standing Order No. 326 relating to Private Bills be suspended to enable this Bill to be passed through more than one stage on one and the same day.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable J. K. Merritt moved, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 7, be postponed until later this day, and that the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. DAY BAKING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable D. L. McNamara moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 6.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
A. Bell,
J. H. Disney,
D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

The Hon. T. Beggs,
E. L. Kiernan.

Noes, 17.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
J. Sternberg,
G. J. Tuckett,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
H. H. Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

No. 19.

THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 6).—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million four hundred and seventy-two thousand seven hundred and forty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
3. WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law with respect to Disqualifications on Account of Sex and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable W. J. Beckett, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 16th instant.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Local Government Act 1921—Additional Regulations for Storage of Petroleum, &c.
State Coal Mines—Annual Report of the General Manager, including the State Coal Mines Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts duly audited, &c., for the year 1925–26.
5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 6).—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, the 16th instant.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 16th instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at half-past six o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 16th instant.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 18.

THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

Questions.

1. The Hon. W. J. BECKETT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests how many electors are enrolled to date in the respective provinces of the Legislative Council.
2. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) Is it a fair thing to charge first class fares for the accommodation provided on the motor train from Toolamba to Deniliquin, via Echuca.
 - (b) Will the Government consider the reasonableness of running all similar trains one class only at second class fares.
 - (c) How many lucky escapes has this train had through broken axles, wheels flying off and other happenings that might easily have been attended with serious fatalities.
 - (d) When does the Government propose to run a properly equipped steam train on the long service Toolamba-Echuca-Balranald line.
3. The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests if the Government will suspend the payments due to the Department by the committees of the various cool stores for this season, owing to the fruitgrowers losing the greater portion of their crop.
4. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) What allowances do the Chairman and the Commissioners of Railways draw in addition to their salaries when away from their offices and on inspections in the country.
 - (b) What amount was drawn for the year ending 30th June, 1926.
 - (c) As meals and accommodation are provided on the Commissioners' train when making inspections, are the services therefor charged to the Refreshment Branch; if so, what is the cost of such services for the year ending 30th June, 1926.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.
4. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(Hon. E. L. Kiernan)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.

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

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 16th November.

HOUSE COMMITTEE (JOINT)—At half-past Two o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)**—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.
- STANDING ORDERS**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- HOUSE (JOINT)**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.
- PRINTING**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)**—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 4TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 18.
Supply Slip.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 49.

Companies (Names) Bill—[48]. Amendment to be proposed by Mr. Eggleston. (To Members only.)
Second Progress Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on Proposed Expenditure under Railway Loan Application Act No. 3417. (C. No. 4.)

Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railway connexion with Darriman, Seaspray, and Stradbroke. (No. 7.)

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. Twenty-first Annual Report, 1925-26. No. 27.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

Questions.

1. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) Is it a fair thing to charge first class fares for the accommodation provided on the motor train from Toolamba to Deniliquin, via Echuca.
 - (b) Will the Government consider the reasonableness of running all similar trains one class only at second class fares.
 - (c) How many lucky escapes has this train had through broken axles, wheels flying off and other happenings that might easily have been attended with serious fatalities.
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 - (b) What amount was drawn for the year ending 30th June, 1926.
 - (c) As meals and accommodation are provided on the Commissioners' train when making inspections, are the services therefor charged to the Refreshment Branch; if so, what is the cost of such services for the year ending 30th June, 1926.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
4. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
6. WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.

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

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 16th November.

HOUSE COMMITTEE (JOINT) —At half-past Two o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.
- PRINTING—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 19.

Women's Qualification Bill—[91]. With Memorandum. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 50.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 20.

TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable W. Tyner delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereinafter set forth:—

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, WILLIAM TYNER, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield, and are known as 60 Hawthorn-road, Caulfield.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £100.

“ And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council.

“ WILLIAM TYNER.”

3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable G. L. Goudie presented Messages from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—

Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 6).
Bank of New South Wales Bill.

4. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG LIGHTING RATE BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning this Bill and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the same without amendment.
5. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning this Bill and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the same without amendment.
6. WYCHEPROOF LAND BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to provide for the Sale by Auction of certain Crown Land in the Parish of Bunguluke temporarily reserved as a Site for Public Recreation and for the Permanent Reservation as a Site for Public Recreation of certain other Land in the said Parish and for other purposes,*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
7. CASTLEMAINE LAND BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to provide for the Grant to The Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria of certain Crown Land situate at Castlemaine in Exchange for certain Land the Property of the said Commissioners and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Electoral Districts Act 1926.—Report by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of the Redivision of the State of Victoria into Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly, together with Map.

Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust.—Nineteenth Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1926.
State Electricity Commission of Victoria.—Report for the year 1925-26, together with Appendices.

Public Works Loan Application Act 1911.—Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Victoria Dock Cool Stores for the year 1925-26, together with a Report by the Manager.

9. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.—The Honorable H. H. Smith moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the marketing of apples and canned fruits abroad and the methods adopted by the Commonwealth and State authorities in connexion therewith : and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, and *Wycheproof Land Bill—Second Reading*, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 The Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 20.

TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1926.

Questions

1. The Hon. H. H. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) Are reports, complaints and suggestions with regard to the marketing of Victorian produce in London forwarded each week by the Agent-General's Office to the Premier's Office; if so, who replies to them, and how are they dealt with.
 - (b) Are these reports, &c., brought under the notice of the Minister of Agriculture.
 - (c) What steps are taken to improve the grading, packing, shipment, and methods of placing Victorian produce on the market as a consequence of these reports, complaints and suggestions.
 - (d) Will the Minister lay the file containing such reports, &c., on the table of the Library.
2. The Hon. W. P. CROCKETT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) On what terms and conditions and for what period does the Council of Agricultural Education hold the area known as the Bumbang Peninsula on the River Murray.
 - (b) What is the area of the land.
 - (c) Has the land been sub-let or sub-leased by the Council of Agricultural Education; if so, to whom, under what terms and conditions, and for what period or periods.
 - (d) Is the Government aware that the sub-tenants or sub-lessees have let or leased large portions of this area to farmers at 5s. per acre per year and on a yearly tenancy.
 - (e) Will the Government cause an inquiry to be made into the circumstances of these transactions and furnish the House with full particulars.
 - (f) Have representations been made to the Government by farmers or their representatives for the throwing open of the whole area for settlement—
 - (i) as a means of providing more farms; and
 - (ii) in order to reduce the contemplated rate on the proposed scheme for supplying a stock and domestic water supply from Carina Bend.
 - (g) If the area has been leased for a fixed period, will the Government either cause the land to be subject to the proposed water rate, or else request the Council of Agricultural Education to permit the termination of its lease in the interests of land settlement and for the relief of prospective water users in the soldier settlement wheat areas.
3. The Hon. J. H. DISNEY: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 - (a) What amount of money has been spent on the Melbourne to Geelong road since it was taken over by the Country Roads Board.
 - (b) What further sums of money does the Board contemplate spending up to 30th June, 1927.
4. The Hon. W. P. CROCKETT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests if it is the intention of the Government to make the recommendations of the Concessions Board regarding relief to soldier settlers retrospective; if so, from what date or dates.
5. The Hon. W. L. R. CLARKE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) What are the duties of inspectors of canned fruit (i) at the canneries and (ii) at the wharf.
 - (b) Are these inspectors Commonwealth or State officers.
 - (c) Do the duties of Commonwealth and State inspectors overlap.
 - (d) Do State inspectors issue certificates that the fruit is up to standard.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WYCHEPROOF LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.
2. CASTLEMAINE LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.
3. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
4. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
5. COMPULSORY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
6. WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.

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

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 23rd November.

HOUSE COMMITTEE (JOINT)—At half-past Two o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.

HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.

PRINTING—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 20.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 54.

South Kensington to West Footscray Railway Construction Bill—[87].

Cattle Compensation Bill—[11]. Amendment to be proposed by Colonel Bouchier. (To Members only.)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1926.

- 1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
- 2. DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable J. P. Jones delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereinafter set forth :—

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JOHN PERCY JONES*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Four hundred and seventy pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as 20, 22, 24, and 26 Patrick-street, Melbourne.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £470.

“And I further declare that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands or tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council.

“J. P. JONES.”

- 3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Honorable G. L. Goudie presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz :—

Melbourne and Geelong Lighting Rate Bill.
Settled Estates and Settled Lands Bill.

- 4. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Cattle Compensation Acts*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

- 5. PAPERS.—The Honorable G. L. Goudie presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—

Sanitation Commission—Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Sanitation, 1926.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Dried Fruits Act 1924—Regulations—Victorian Dried Fruits Board Election.

- 6. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 53.—The Honorable H. H. Smith moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the marketing of dried fruits abroad and the methods adopted by the Commonwealth and State authorities in connexion therewith; and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.

- 7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive, be postponed until after Order of the Day, General Business, No. 6.

8. **WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable E. L. Kiernan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 15.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
A. Bell,
A. E. Chandler,
H. I. Cohen,
J. H. Disney,
G. L. Goudie,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara,
H. H. Smith,
W. Tyner,
E. J. White,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. L. Kiernan,
M. Saltau.

Noes, 9.

The Hon. W. L. R. Clarke,
W. P. Crockett,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
H. Keck,
J. Sternberg,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
T. Beggs.

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

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Resolved—That the Council will to-morrow again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.

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

Electoral Districts Act 1926.—Report (Fresh Redivision) by the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of the Redivision of the State of Victoria into Electoral Districts for the Legislative Assembly, together with Map.

3. **WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.

4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2, 3 and 5 be postponed until after Order of the Day, General Business, No. 6, and that Order of the Day, General Business, No. 4 be postponed until Tuesday next.

5. COMPULSORY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable D. L. McNamara, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 8.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
H. I. Cohen,
J. H. Disney,
W. H. Edgar,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan.

Tellers.

The Hon. D. L. McNamara,
R. Williams.

Noes, 18.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
T. Beggs,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
G. M. Davis,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
H. Keck,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
M. Saltau,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
W. P. Crockett.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until Tuesday next.

7. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable E. L. Kiernan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 6.

The Hon. J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney.

Noes, 18.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
E. G. Bath,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
M. Saltau,
J. Sternberg,
W. Tyner.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. K. Merritt,
H. H. Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. LIFTS REGULATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable M. McGregor, a Bill to amend the *Lifts Regulation Act 1915* was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

9. MIDWIVES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, a Bill relating to the Midwives Board was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. BUSINESS NAMES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, a Bill to provide for the Registration of Firms and Persons carrying on Business under Business Names and relating to the Names Styles Titles or Designations under which Businesses are carried on, and for other purposes was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

11. **WYCHEPROOF LAND BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
12. **CASTLEMAINE LAND BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
13. **POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.
On the motion of the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clause 2.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with a further amendment the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4 be postponed until Tuesday next.
15. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at thirty-five minutes past eight o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 21.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

Questions

1. The Hon. J. STERNBERG : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests if the Honorable the Minister of Railways will confer with the Railways Commissioners with reference to enlarging the present goods shed at Bendigo, in order that the congestion occurring on special loading days owing to the increased traffic from Bendigo to the North may be avoided.
2. The Hon. A. E. CHANDLER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) Is it a fact that apples and pears were exported from Victoria to England last season without being wrapped ; if so, what quantity was exported, and by whom.
 - (b) Is the fruit inspected at the orchard, the local railway station, or at the ship's side ; if at the ship's side, what facilities are provided for the inspectors.
 - (c) What percentage of blemished and diseased marked fruits are the inspectors allowed to pass in that which is known as the " Plain " grade.
 - (d) What quantity of fruit was rejected for export last season.
3. The Hon. H. H. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) What was the cost of the four show cases provided by the Victorian Government for displaying wool at the Wembley Exhibition.
 - (b) Why are three of these cases now allowed to be used in Australia House by a private trader to display his own brand of goods.
 - (c) Will the Government request the Agent-General to have these cases used to display Victorian products, labelled as such.
4. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) Will the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture make every possible effort to ascertain the reasons why the Honorable the Minister of Trade and Customs lifted the duties imposed to protect the tomato growers, thus enabling certain sauce makers to import concentrated Italian pulp at reduced rates. To this end will he ascertain—
 - (i) The names of the sauce makers who imported pulp.
 - (ii) The quantity imported by each, and the amount of fresh tomatoes represented by such quantity when concentrated.
 - (iii) The cost of the Italian pulp per gallon landed with reduced duty paid.
 - (b) Is it a fact that thousands of tins of Australian tomato pulp are being offered to-day at £21 per ton, and that in consequence of the importation a price as low as £14 per ton is being offered for same.
 - (c) Is it a fact that soldier settlers in Victoria and other States are likely to be affected detrimentally by the reduction of the duty.
 - (d) Will the Government in the interests of producers generally enter the strongest possible protest against any similar interference with the tariff.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
4. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.
5. ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL—(*Hon. E. L. Kiernan*)—Second reading.
6. COMPULSORY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. M. Mcgregor: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Lifts Regulation Act 1915*.
2. The Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Midwives Board.
3. The Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Registration of Firms and Persons carrying on Business under Business Names and relating to the Names Styles Titles or Designations under which Businesses are carried on, and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WYCHEPROOF LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.
2. CASTLEMAINE LAND BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.
3. POLICE OFFENCES (ANIMALS PROTECTION) BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—To be further considered in Committee.
4. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.

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

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

- ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.
- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925)—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.
- STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.
- HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.
- LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.
- PRINTING—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.
- STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 24TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 21.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 57.

Censorship of Films Bill—[8]. Amendment to be proposed by Mr. Farthing. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

Questions.

1. The Hon. H. H. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) What was the cost of the four show cases provided by the Victorian Government for displaying wool at the Wembley Exhibition.
 - (b) Why are three of these cases now allowed to be used in Australia House by a private trader to display his own brand of goods.
 - (c) Will the Government request the Agent-General to have these cases used to display Victorian products, labelled as such.

2. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) Will the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture make every possible effort to ascertain the reasons why the Honorable the Minister of Trade and Customs lifted the duties imposed to protect the tomato growers, thus enabling certain sauce makers to import concentrated Italian pulp at reduced rates. To this end will he ascertain—
 - (i) The names of the sauce makers who imported pulp.
 - (ii) The quantity imported by each, and the amount of fresh tomatoes represented by such quantity when concentrated.
 - (iii) The cost of the Italian pulp per gallon landed with reduced duty paid.
 - (b) Is it a fact that thousands of tins of Australian tomato pulp are being offered to-day at £21 per ton, and that in consequence of the importation a price as low as £14 per ton is being offered for same.
 - (c) Is it a fact that soldier settlers in Victoria and other States are likely to be affected detrimentally by the reduction of the duty.
 - (d) Will the Government in the interests of producers generally enter the strongest possible protest against any similar interference with the tariff.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. G. L. GOUDIE: To move, That the Legislative Council approves of the fresh redivision of the State of Victoria into electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly as proposed by the Commissioners appointed under the *Electoral Districts Act 1926* in their Report and Map laid before both Houses of Parliament on the 24th day of November, 1926, and that the names of the electoral districts suggested in the Report be adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie*)—Second reading.
2. LIFTS REGULATION BILL—(*Hon. M. McGregor*)—Second reading.
3. MIDWIVES BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—Second reading.
4. BUSINESS NAMES BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.

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

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 30th November.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (JOINT)—At Three o'clock.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.

HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.

PRINTING—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 22.

Women's Qualifications Bill—[91]. Amendments made by Legislative Council. (To Members of Legislative Council only.)

Lifts Regulations Bill—[31].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 58.

Companies (Names) Bill—[48]. Amendments made by Legislative Assembly. (To Members only.)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 23.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ABSENCE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.—The President having announced that the Clerk was unavoidably absent owing to illness, the Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Clerk-Assistant do perform the duties of the Clerk of the Council during his absence, and do take the chair at the Table.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—
4. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to continue the Operation of the Dried Fruits Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
5. COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning this Bill and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the same with amendments and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.
6. WOMEN’S QUALIFICATION BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning this Bill and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made in such Bill by the Council.
7. PAPERS.—The following papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting-Clerk :—

Companies Act 1915—Summary of Statements for the year 1925 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance business in Victoria.
 Fisheries Acts—Notice of Intention to issue Proclamation *re* Sale, Exposure for Sale, &c., of female Crayfish (whether taken in Victoria or elsewhere) during the close season.
 Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1925—Rules of the Supreme Court.
 Public Service Acts—Regulations—
 Appointment or Transfer to the Clerical Division, Chapter III.
 Appointment to the General Division, Chapter V.
 Professional Division, Chapter II.—
 Department of Agriculture.
 General.
 Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—
 Department of Public Health.
 Department of Public Instruction.
 Railways—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ended 30th September, 1926.

8. REDIVISION OF VICTORIA INTO ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.—The Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, That the Legislative Council approves of the fresh redivision of the State of Victoria into electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly as proposed by the Commissioners appointed under the *Electoral Districts Act* 1926 in their Report and Map laid before both Houses of Parliament on the 24th day of November, 1926, and that the names of the electoral districts suggested in the Report be adopted.
 Debate ensued.

The Honorable J. P. Jones moved, That the debate be now adjourned until a quarter to eight o'clock this day.

Debate ensued.

Motion—That the debate be now adjourned until a quarter to eight o'clock this day—by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

The Honorable G. J. Tuckett moved, That the question be now put, and six other Members having risen in their places as indicating approval of the motion—

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 20.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
E. G. Bath,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
W. L. R. Clarke,
W. P. Crockett,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
H. F. Richardson,
M. Saltau,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
E. J. White,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers

The Hon. T. H. Payne,
G. J. Tuckett.

Noes, 12.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. J. Beckett,
A. E. Chandler,
H. I. Cohen,
G. M. Davis,
J. H. Disney,
W. H. Edgar,
D. L. McNamara,
J. K. Merritt,
W. Tyner.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Legislative Council approves of the fresh redivision of the State of Victoria into electoral districts for the Legislative Assembly as proposed by the Commissioners appointed under the *Electoral Districts Act 1926* in their Report and Map laid before both Houses of Parliament on the 24th day of November, 1926, and that the names of the electoral districts suggested in the Report be adopted—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 26.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
E. G. Bath,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
G. J. Tuckett,
W. Tyner,
E. J. White,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. L. R. Clarke,
M. Saltau.

Noes, 7.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
H. I. Cohen,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. H. Disney,
D. L. McNamara.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. R. HEYWOOD,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 24.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **EXPORT OF AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY PRODUCTS.**—The Honorable H. H. Smith moved, That, in the opinion of this House, the State Government should approach the Federal Government with the view of urging the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the question of the export of Australian primary products to the British and foreign markets.
Debate ensued.
The Honorable J. K. Merritt moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "should" be omitted with the view of inserting in place thereof the words "bring before the Premiers' Conference the necessity for stricter inspection and better organization for the export and marketing of Australian fruit to British and foreign markets."
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.
Debate continued.
The Honorable D. L. McNamara moved, as an amendment to the proposed amendment, That the word "fruit" be omitted from the words proposed to be inserted with the view of inserting in place thereof the words "primary products."
Debate ensued.
Question—That the word "fruit" proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That the words "bring before the Premiers' Conference the necessity for stricter inspection and better organization for the export and marketing of Australian fruit to British and foreign markets" proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable J. Sternberg moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the question "and for the appointment of an export control board to fix the standardizing and the grade of all exported fruit and to arrange for organized marketing of the same."
Debate ensued.
Further amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Question—That, in the opinion of this House, the State Government should bring before the Premiers' Conference the necessity for stricter inspection and better organization for the export and marketing of Australian fruit to British and foreign markets—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Tuesday next.
4. **MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable D. L. McNamara moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Motion—That the debate be now adjourned, by leave, withdrawn.
Debate continued.
The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 3, be postponed until Tuesday next.

6. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed. Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at half-past ten o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. R. HEYWOOD,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 23.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1926.

Question.

1. The Hon. H. H. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) What was the original estimated cost of the Eildon Weir.
 - (b) How long was it originally estimated the construction of the weir would take.
 - (c) Is the work being done by day labour or by contract, and who is the constructing authority.
 - (d) What amount has been spent to date.
 - (e) What amount, is it estimated, must still be spent to complete the work.
 - (f) When is it expected that the work will be finished.
 - (g) Do the figures relating to the cost of the work to date include interest on capital already expended ; if so, what is the rate of interest charged.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. H. H. SMITH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the State Government should approach the Federal Government with the view of urging the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the question of the export of Australian primary products to the British and foreign markets.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.
2. DRIED FRUITS BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.
3. COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL—Amendments of the Assembly—To be taken into consideration.
4. LIFTS REGULATION BILL—(Hon. M. McGregor)—Second reading.
5. MIDWIVES BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.
6. BUSINESS NAMES BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.

W. R. HEYWOOD,

Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,

President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.

HOUSE (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President (*ex officio*), W. Angliss, A. Bell, A. E. Chandler, D. L. McNamara, and A. M. Zwar.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, W. L. R. Clarke, and M. Saltau.

PRINTING—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. G. Bath, W. P. Crockett, J. H. Disney, H. Hitchcock, H. Keck, E. L. Kiernan, G. J. Tuckett, and R. Williams.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT)—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1st DECEMBER, 1926.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 23.
Saturday Voting (Parliamentary Elections) Bill—[143].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 60.
South Kensington to West Footscray Railway Construction Bill—[87]. Amendment to be proposed by
Mr. Mackrell. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No 24.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Questions

1. The Hon. W. TYNER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) What quantity of potatoes fallen off trucks in transit was found on railway property during the year ended 30th June, 1926
 - (b) To what extent did the revenue of the Railways Department benefit by the sale of such potatoes.
 - (c) Will the Government consider the question of distributing such pickups or the proceeds of sale of such pickups among consignees of potatoes on the basis of their total truckings.
2. The Hon. W. TYNER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) What quantity of wheat fallen from trucks in transit was found on country lines or at marshalling stations during the year ended 30th June, 1926.
 - (b) To what extent did the revenue of the Railways Department benefit by the sale of such wheat.
 - (c) Will the Government consider the question of distributing such pickups or the proceeds of sale of such pickups among consignees of wheat on the basis of their total truckings.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON: To move, That so much of the Sessional Orders as provides that Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business on Wednesday in each week be rescinded, and that for the remainder of the Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. DRIED FRUITS BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.
2. COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL—Amendments of the Assembly—To be taken into consideration.
3. LIFTS REGULATION BILL—(Hon. M. McGregor)—Second reading.
4. MIDWIVES BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.
5. BUSINESS NAMES BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading—
Resumption of debate (Hon. H. F. Richardson).
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.

W. R. HEYWOOD,

Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,

President.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES—SESSION 1926.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(Appointed by Mr. President's Warrant, 30th June, 1926)—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, J. P. Jones, T. H. Payne, and J. Sternberg.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—(Appointed 8th July, 1925).—The Honorables A. Bell and A. E. Chandler.

STANDING ORDERS—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables the President, F. W. Brawn, H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, Dr. J. R. Harris, D. L. McNamara, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White.

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STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).—(Appointed 7th July, 1926).—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

PRINTED PAPERS.

The following printed Papers can now be obtained by Honorable Members from the Clerk of the Legislative Council (Telephone F3605), and by others on the circulation list from the Government Printer. They can also be purchased by the Public from the Government Printer:—

- Charities Board of Victoria—Report for the year 1925-26 (No. 13).
- Closer Settlement Board—Report for the period from 1st July, 1924, to 31st December 1925 (No. 26.)
- Constitution Statute—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55 and Act No. 3118 during the year 1925-26 (No. 20.)
- Country Roads Board—Report for the year 1924-25 (No. 8).
- Education—Report of the Council of Public Education for the year 1925-26 (No. 21.)
- Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1926-27 (B. No. 22.)
- Estimates—Supplementary Estimates 1925-26 (B. No. 8).
- Explosives—Report of the Chief Inspector for the year 1925 (No. 11.)
- Factories and Shops—Report of the Chief Inspector for the year 1925 (No. 16.)
- Finance, 1925-26—Treasurer's Statement and Report of the Auditor-General, &c. (A. No. 1.)
- Friendly Societies—
 - Report of the Government Statist for the year 1924-25 (No. 15.)
 - Report of the Registrar for the year 1925 (No. 14.)
- Gold and Mineral Statistics for the year 1925 (No. 7).
- Hospital System of the State of Victoria—Summary of Recommendations from the Report by Dr. Malcolm T. McEachern, C.M., D.Sc. (No. 23.)
- Inebriate Institutions—Report of Inspector for 1924. (No. 5.)
- Marine Board—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for 1925. (No. 4.)
- Migration—Agreement between Commonwealth of Australia and Government of Victoria (No. 18).
- Premiers' Conference—Report of Proceedings respecting Commonwealth Government Financial Proposals (No. 17)
- Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees for 1925 with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1924-25. (No. 3.)
- Public Service Commissioner—Report for the year 1925 (No. 10.)
- Railways—
 - Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year 1925-26 (No. 19.)
 - Reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways—
 - Ararat—Improved Station, Yard and Locomotive Facilities, &c., at. (C. No. 1), Casterton, Chetwynd, and South Australian Border District Connecting Railway (Casterton—Nangeela). (Report No. 1.)
 - Corop District Connecting Railway. (Report No. 5.)
 - Darling—Glen Waverley—Railway Connexion for District between Camberwell to Ferntree Gully and Oakleigh to Dandenong Railway Lines. (Report No. 3.)
 - Dookie to Katamatite and Benalla to Yarrawonga Railways Connexion. (Report No. 4.)
 - Glenroy and Albion, Tottenham Gravitation Yards, and Melbourne Goods Yards, etc.—Connecting Lines between. Progress Report (C. No. 2).
 - Hamilton—Provision of Additional Tracks, Locomotive Facilities, &c., (C. No. 3.)
 - Hurstbridge to Mitton's Bridge Railway (Report No. 6.)
 - Keilor and Bulla Districts Connecting Railway. Progress Report (Report No. 2.)
 - Thirty-sixth General Report. (No. 1.)
- River Murray Commission—Report for the year 1925-26, with Appendices (No. 24.)
- Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council—Report (D. No. 1.)
- State Accident Insurance Office—Report, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance-sheet for the year 1925-26 (No. 22.)
- State Electricity Commission—
 - Report by J. Klitzing on the Coal Winning Operations of the Commission at Yallourn.
 - Report by Willits H. Sawyer on the Status and Affairs of the Commission and the Scope and Working of the State Electricity Commission Acts.
- State Savings Bank of Victoria—Statements and Returns for the year 1925-26 (No. 25.)
- Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board—Report for the year 1925 (No. 12.)
- Welfare of Women and Children—Report by Drs. Main and Scantlebury (No. 9.)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No 25.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Questions

1. The Hon. W. H. EDGAR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) Has the attention of the Honorable the Minister been drawn to a report in the *Argus* under the heading "Decency on Beaches," and to the following resolution passed by the St. Kilda Council :—

"That this Council will support its officers in their endeavours to maintain decency and decorum on the beaches and adjoining reserves, and that the actions of the inspector be endorsed and approved."
 - (b) Will the Government instruct the Police to co-operate with and assist the St. Kilda Council in its endeavours to maintain decorum and decency on the beaches and adjoining reserves, and to make every endeavour to prosecute offenders.
2. The Hon. W. H. EDGAR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Forests—
 - (a) What is the capital cost of the Government Chalet at Mount Buffalo.
 - (b) What amount has been expended on additions, &c., since the Chalet was taken over by the Railways Commissioners.
 - (c) Has the Chalet shown a profit on the amount invested.
 - (d) What amount has been expended by the Country Roads Board on the roads from Porepunkah to the Chalet.
 - (e) What is the estimated value of the space used on railway stations for advertising the Chalet.
 - (f) Do the Railways Commissioners intend to expend any further amounts on the Chalet.
 - (g) Are shire rates paid to the local Council for any part or the whole of the property.
 - (h) Is it the intention of the Railways Commissioners to renew their application for a liquor licence at the Chalet.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION : —

1. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON : To move, That so much of the Sessional Orders as provides that no new business shall be taken after the hour of Eleven o'clock be rescinded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY : —

1. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie)—Second reading.
2. SOUTH KENSINGTON TO WEST FOOTSCRAY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. M. McGregor)—Second reading.
3. LIFTS REGULATION BILL—(Hon. M. McGregor)—Second reading—Resumption of debate (Hon. J. P. Jones).
4. BUSINESS NAMES BILL—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY : —

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading—Resumption of debate (Hon. H. F. Richardson).
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.

W. R. HEYWOOD,

FRANK CLARKE,

Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 14th December.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (JOINT)—At Three o'clock.

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STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).—(Appointed 7th July, 1926)—The Honorables H. I. Cohen, W. H. Edgar, G. L. Goudie, J. P. Jones, M. McGregor, and H. F. Richardson.

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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 25.

TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. SOUTH KENSINGTON TO WEST FOOTSCRAY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from South Kensington to West Footscray*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable M. McGregor, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
3. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers Act 1923’*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
4. CATTLE COMPENSATION BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning this Bill and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made in such Bill by the Council.
5. PAPERS.—The following papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting-Clerk :—
Fruit Acts—Regulations.
Land Act 1915—Report of the Lands Department for the year 1925–26.
Poisons Act 1915—Proclamation amending Second Schedule—Articles deemed to be poisons.
6. ALTERATION OF SESSIONAL ORDERS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That so much of the Sessional Orders as provides that Private Members’ business shall take precedence of Government business on Wednesday in each week be rescinded, and that for the remainder of the Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. DRIED FRUITS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
8. COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Assembly having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follows :—
 1. Clause 2, sub-section (1), line 14, after “registered” insert the following paragraph :—
“(a) by a name which is the surname of any individual unless it is made sufficiently distinctive (either by an initial letter or christian name or by combination with another surname or otherwise) ; or.”
 2. “ ” sub-section (1), page 2, line 19, after “requires” insert—
“Provided that a company so consenting shall add to its name the words ‘in liquidation’ within brackets, and the said words shall be deemed to be part of the name of the said company.”

3. Clause 2, sub-section (1), page 2, line 19, after "requires" insert—

"Provided further that a company formed in consequence of any arrangement entered into with a society in existence referred to in sub-paragraph (iii) of this paragraph may with the consent of the society (signified in such manner as the Registrar-General requires) be registered by a name containing words or a combination of letters which are or is part of the name of the society or containing initial letters which are the initial letters of the name of the society."

4. Clause 4, page 4, sub-section (2), lines 1-15, omit this sub-section and insert the following sub-section:—

(2) Section two hundred and eighty of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) In sub-section (1)—

(i) after the words "savings institution" there shall be inserted the words "or 'savings department' or 'savings section'";

(ii) the words "or words of like import" are hereby repealed;

(iii) after the word "designation" there shall be inserted the words "or as a description of its business or of any department section or other part of its business"; and

(iv) at the end of the sub-section there shall be inserted the words "but this section shall not be read and construed so as to prevent any company using or continuing to use the word 'saving' or the word 'savings' as part of the name or designation of any fund before the commencement of the *Companies (Names) Act 1926* established or kept pursuant to the articles of association of the company aforesaid and in the benefits of which the members—

of the company aforesaid;

of any body corporate (if any) which is a member of the company aforesaid; and

of any association (if any) which is an affiliated association within the meaning of the memorandum and articles of association of the company aforesaid—

are alone entitled to participate"; and

(b) In sub-section (2) for the words "or words of like import in connexion with the trade or business designation or title" there shall be substituted the words "as part of the designation or title or as a description of the business or of any department section or other part of the business."

5. Clause 5, line 29, after "company" insert—

"Provided that the prohibitions contained in this sub-section shall not apply in any case where a corporation or company formed in consequence of any arrangement entered into with a society in existence was or is with the consent of the society registered by a name which contains words or a combination of letters which are or is part of the name of the society or contains initial letters which are the initial letters of the name of the society."

Amendment 1, after debate, disagreed with.

Amendments 2 to 5, after debate, agreed to.

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

9. **LIFTS REGULATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable M. McGregor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time, and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable J. P. Jones, that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

10. **MIDWIVES BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. R. HEYWOOD,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 26.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 7).—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million five hundred and forty-nine thousand three hundred and thirty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave and after debate, to be read a second time later this day.
3. COMPANIES (NAMES) BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning this Bill and acquainting the Council that the Assembly do not insist on their amendment with which the Council have disagreed.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.—The Honorable W. H. Edgar moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the unsatisfactory answer given by the Honorable the Minister of Forests to the Mover's question on this day's Notice-Paper *re* action by the police to co-operate with the St. Kilda Council in its endeavours to maintain decency and decorum on the beaches; and six members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting-Clerk:—
Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1926.
Fire Brigades Act 1915—Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the year 1925–26.
Public Service Acts—Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Chief Secretary (2 papers).
6. ALTERATION OF SESSIONAL ORDERS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That so much of the Sessional Orders as provides that no new business shall be taken after the hour of Eleven o'clock be rescinded.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Hon. T. Beggs,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Keck,
M. McGregor,
H. F. Richardson,
J. Sternberg,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
H. Hitchcock.

Noes, 12.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
W. J. Beckett,
H. I. Cohen,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
M. Saltau,
H. H. Smith,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. E. Chandler,
W. Tyner.

The Tellers having declared the numbers for the "Ayes" and the "Noes" to be respectively twelve, or equal, the President said—

"It falls to my lot to give a casting vote. If my health were a matter which I considered, I should certainly vote with the 'Noes.' Further, if I were asked whether the Government could alter the method of business to such an extent that it would not be necessary to continue the sittings after 11 o'clock, I should certainly be inclined to say that such a method could be devised. It is, however, unusual to take the control of the business of the House out of the hands of the Ministry, and also, it is necessary, in my view, to complete the programme of the session, and to carry on the business of the country. For those two reasons I give my vote with the 'Ayes'".

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 7).—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. R. HEYWOOD,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 26.

TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. G. L. Goudie*)—Second reading.
2. SOUTH KENSINGTON TO WEST FOOTSCRAY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. M. McGregor*)—Second reading.
3. LIFTS REGULATION BILL—(*Hon. M. McGregor*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. J. P. Jones)*.
4. BUSINESS NAMES BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate (Hon. H. F. Richardson)*.
3. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.

W. R. HEYWOOD,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 14th December.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (JOINT)—At Three o'clock.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No 27.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON: To move, That so much of the Sessional Orders as provides that half-past Four o'clock shall be the hour of meeting on Thursday in each week be rescinded and that Eleven o'clock shall be the hour of meeting on Thursday next.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. BUSINESS NAMES BILL—(*Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris*)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(*Hon. D. L. McNamara*)—Second reading.
2. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(*Hon. R. Williams*)—Second reading.

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No. 28.

THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Question

1. The Hon. W. L. R. CLARKE: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works what amount the Geelong Municipality has contributed towards the construction and maintenance of the Melbourne to Geelong Road, and when such contribution or contributions were made.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. H. F. RICHARDSON: To move, That the Council meet for the despatch of business on Friday next at Eleven o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TREASURY BONDS BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. H. F. Richardson)—Second reading.
2. BUSINESS NAMES BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MILK SUPPLY BILL—(Hon. D. L. McNamara)—Second reading—*Resumption of debate* (Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris).
2. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.

W. R. HEYWOOD,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

No. 29.

FRIDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1926.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- 1. BUSINESS NAMES BILL—(from Assembly—Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris)—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- 1. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL—(Hon. R. Williams)—Second reading.

W. R. HEYWOOD,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

FRANK CLARKE,
President.

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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 27.

TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented Messages from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz. :—
 - Cattle Compensation Bill.*
 - Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 7).*
 - Dried Fruits Bill.*
 - Companies (Names) Bill.*
3. PAPERS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 - Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons—Report and Statistical Tables for the year 1925.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Acting-Clerk :—
 - Exhibition Trustees—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year 1925-26.
 - Health Act 1919—Report of the Commission of Public Health for the year 1925-26.
4. METROPOLITAN DRAINAGE AND RIVERS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
5. SOUTH KENSINGTON TO WEST FOOTSCRAY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
6. LIFTS REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
 Debate resumed.
 The Honorable H. H. Smith moved, as an amendment, That the word “ now ” be omitted and the words “ this day six months ” added after the word “ time.”
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 11.

The Hon. W. P. Crockett,
J. H. Disney,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
M. McGregor,
D. L. McNamara,
H. F. Richardson,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
A. Bell.

Noes, 14.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
T. Beggs,
F. W. Brawn,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. Hitchcock,
H. Keck,
H. H. Smith,
J. Sternberg,
G. J. Tuckett,
W. Tyner,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. E. Chandler,
J. K. Merritt.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4 and Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG CORPORATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and negatived.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 3, be postponed until to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. R. HEYWOOD,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning this Bill and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the same with amendments and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration later this day.
3. PAPERS.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Indeterminate Sentences Board—Report for the year 1925-26.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Acting-Clerk :—
Health Act 1919—Regulations relating to Boarding-houses, Common Lodging-houses, and Licensed Victuallers' Premises.
4. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Assembly having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follows :—
 1. Clause 2, page 2, after line 23 insert the following interpretation :—
“Registered film” means any film heretofore or hereafter approved for registration pursuant to any regulations relating to cinematograph films made under any Commonwealth Act now or hereafter in force.
 2. Clause 4, sub-section (2), after line 37 insert the words—“On the happening of any of the events referred to in this sub-section or until such an arrangement as aforesaid has been made no provision of this Act (except sections two six thirteen twenty-one twenty-two twenty-three twenty-four twenty-five and twenty-seven) shall apply to any registered film or to any picture from any registered film unless the contrary is expressly provided by this Act.”

3. Clause 8, sub-section (2), line 34, after the word " or " insert the words " (in the case of films relating to diseases or disorders peculiar to male persons only or to female persons only."
4. ,, sub-section (3), line 38, after the word " child " insert the words " over the age of six years and."
5. ,, sub-section (3), lines 39-40, omit the words " or (as the case may be) under any lower age unless the child is accompanied by an adult."
6. ,, sub-section (3), page 5, paragraph (c), sub-paragraph (ii), line 18, after the word " apparently " insert the words " over the age of six years and."
7. ,, sub-section (3), page 5, paragraph (c), sub-paragraph (ii), lines 19-22, omit the words " or under any lower age (as the case may be) and is not accompanied by an adult as aforesaid."
8. ,, sub-section (3), page 5, paragraph (c), line 28, omit the words " Two pounds " and insert the words " One pound."
9. ,, sub-section (3), page 5, paragraph (c), line 29, omit the word " Twenty " and insert the word " Ten."
10. Clause 9, sub-section (1), line 39, before the word " under " insert the words " or by the imposition by him of any condition."
11. ,, sub-section (2), line 44, before the word " The " insert the words " Such appeal shall be heard in public but otherwise."
12. ,, sub-section (2), page 6, line 2, at the end of the sub-section add the words " and to examine any film."
13. Clause 11, paragraph (a), lines 10-11, omit the words " or is against public order " and insert the words " or is likely to incite or encourage public disorder."
14. ,, line 15, at the end of the clause add the words :—
" Provided that the censor's approval shall not be unconditionally refused in the case of any film which in the opinion of the censor—
(a) in good faith and with artistic merit reproduces or adapts any work of recognized literary merit ; or
(b) in good faith and with artistic merit represents any scriptural historical traditional mythical or legendary story."
15. Clause 15, sub-section (1), line 7, after the word " Act " insert the words " and every person exhibiting a picture from a registered film."
16. Clause 16, line 31, after the word " time " insert the words " revoke his certificate of approval of any film which has been approved subject to conditions imposed by him if he is satisfied that any of the said conditions has not been complied with."
17. ,, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), lines 32-40, omit these paragraphs.
18. Clause 20, line 18, at the end of the clause add the words " but such film or such part of a film may be returned to the person who submitted the same for approval if the censor is satisfied that it will be forthwith exported from Victoria."
19. Clause 22, sub-section (1), line 34, omit the word " one " and insert the word " two."
20. ,, sub-section (1), line 35, at the end of the sub-section add the words " of which at least one thousand feet shall be wholly produced within Australia. In calculating such lengths of film there shall not be taken into account any film or part thereof used for advertising purposes."
21. ,, sub-section (1), at the end of the sub-section after the words " advertising purposes " insert the words " If at any exhibition of cinematograph pictures in any theatre there is exhibited more than the length of film required to be exhibited under this section in the case of pictures produced within the British dominions or (as the case may be) Australia, then, in calculating the length of film required to be exhibited under this section at exhibitions in such theatre during the period of four weeks beginning with the date of the said first-mentioned exhibition, the excess over the length of film so required to be exhibited shall be taken into account as if such excess length were exhibited at a subsequent exhibition or exhibitions of cinematograph pictures in such theatre during such period."
22. Clause 24, line 23, omit the word " Twenty " and insert the word " Ten."
23. Clause 27, sub-section (1), paragraph (e), line 23, omit the word " Twenty " and insert the word " Ten."
24. ,, sub-section (1), paragraph (e), line 26, omit the words " Two pounds " and insert the words " One pound."
25. *Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 8 :—*
A. (1) If the Minister has reason to believe that a picture from any registered film is not suitable for exhibition before a child under the age of sixteen years he may by writing under his hand direct such person or persons as he thinks fit to cause such film to be submitted to the censor for his approval.
(2) The provisions of section five of this Act shall apply to any person so directed.

(3) If the censor decides that a picture from such film is not suitable for exhibition before a child under the age of sixteen years he shall certify such decision in writing to the Minister and to the applicant and shall approve such film subject to a condition that any picture from such film is not to be exhibited before any child over the age of six years and under the age of sixteen years and thereupon the provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of section eight of this Act and the provisions of sections nine and twenty-six of this Act and of the appropriate regulations and of the Schedule to this Act shall apply to such film.

(4) The censor shall not in any case refuse approval of a registered film or approve a registered film subject to any other condition than as in the foregoing sub-section provided.

(5) This section shall not apply when any arrangement under section three of this Act is in operation.

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Council agree to amendment 1.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable H. I. Cohen moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

Ordered—That the further consideration of the amendments made by the Assembly in this Bill be adjourned until later this day.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1, be postponed until to-morrow.

6. MILK SUPPLY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable D. L. McNamara moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

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

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

7. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Municipal Endowment*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

8. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Assembly in this Bill having been read—

Debate resumed on the motion, That the Council agree to amendment 1.

Question—That the Council agree to amendment 1—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 2, after debate, agreed to.

The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Council agree to amendment 3.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the Council agree to amendment 3—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 25.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. J. Beckett,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
G. M. Davis,
J. H. Disney,
W. H. Edgar,
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G. J. Tuckett,
W. Tyner,
E. J. White,
R. Williams,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. L. R. Clarke,
J. P. Jones.

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

The Hon. H. I. Cohen,
E. L. Kiernan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 4, after debate, agreed to.

Amendments 5 to 10 agreed to.

Amendments 11 to 14, after debate, agreed to.

Amendments 15 to 20 agreed to.

Amendment 21, after debate, agreed to.

Amendments 22 to 25 agreed to.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the amendments made by the Assembly in this Bill.

9. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

10. TREASURY BONDS BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bonds* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

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

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

W. R. HEYWOOD,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.

2. TREASURY BONDS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable R. H. S. Abbott moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate on the main question continued.

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

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

3. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a communication from the Acting-Clerk of the Parliaments reporting that the following clerical errors have been discovered in this Bill, viz. :—

In clause 4, sub-clause (2), the words “ thirteen twenty-one twenty-two twenty-three twenty-four twenty-five and twenty-seven ” have been inserted instead of the words “ fourteen twenty-two twenty-three twenty-four twenty-five twenty-six and twenty-eight.”

In clause 9, sub-clause (3), the words “ nine and twenty-six ” have been inserted instead of the words “ ten and twenty-seven.”

On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Council agreed that the said errors be corrected as follows :—

In clause 4, sub-clause (2)—

By the insertion of the words “ fourteen twenty-two twenty-three twenty-four twenty-five twenty-six and twenty-eight ” in place of the words “ thirteen twenty-one twenty-two twenty-three twenty-four twenty-five and twenty-seven.”

In clause 9, sub-clause (3)—

By the insertion of the words “ ten and twenty-seven ” in place of the words “ nine and twenty-six.”

Ordered—That the communication from the Acting-Clerk of the Parliaments be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message requesting their concurrence in the correction of the said errors.

4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2, be postponed until to-morrow.
5. **MILK SUPPLY BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
A. Bell,
J. P. Jones,
E. L. Kiernan,
D. L. McNamara,
J. Sternberg,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. H. Disney,
H. Keck.

Noes, 17.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
E. G. Bath,
F. W. Brawn,
W. L. R. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
M. McGregor,
H. F. Richardson,
G. J. Tuckett,
W. Tyner,
E. J. White,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
H. H. Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. **THEATRES BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the Law relating to Public Entertainments in certain Public Buildings Gardens and Places and for other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
7. **ALTERATION OF SESSIONAL ORDERS.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the Council meet for the despatch of business on Friday next at Eleven o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. **THEATRES BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2, be postponed until to-morrow.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. R. HEYWOOD,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 30.

FRIDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1926.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **STOCK FOODS BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to Stock Foods* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable M. McGregor, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

3. **HEALTH BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the Health Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
4. **VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
5. **VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
6. **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
7. **RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
8. **TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to further amend the ‘ Treasury Bills and Advances Act 1922 ’* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
9. **LAND TAX BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
10. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—On the motion of the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, the following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—
Business Names Bill—Second reading.
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
11. **TREASURY BILLS AND ADVANCES BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
12. **INCOME TAX BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven and to continue the Income Tax Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
13. **HEALTH BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

14. VICTORIAN LOAN (ELECTRICITY SUPPLY) AND APPLICATION BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to authorize the Raising of Money for Works and Undertakings of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
- On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
15. INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the Income Tax Acts and for other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
- On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
16. CENSORSHIP OF FILMS BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning to the Council the communication from the Acting-Clerk of the Parliaments reporting that certain clerical errors have been discovered in this Bill and acquainting the Council that they have concurred in the correction of the said errors.
17. LAND TAX BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
- House in Committee.
- The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
- Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
18. INCOME TAX BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
- House in Committee.
- The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
- Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
19. INCOME TAX ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
- House in Committee.
- The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
- Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
20. VICTORIAN LOAN (PUBLIC WORKS) BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
- House in Committee.
- The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
- Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
21. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
- House in Committee.
- The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
- Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
22. COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act for the purpose of making provision for Compulsory Voting at Legislative Assembly Elections* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
- On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, for the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
23. SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL (No. 2).—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to provide that all State Parliamentary Elections be held on a Saturday* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
- On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

24. **TEACHERS BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Teachers Act 1925 ’ and for other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
25. **STAMPS BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the Stamps Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
26. **VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
27. **RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
28. **VICTORIAN LOAN (ELECTRICITY SUPPLY) AND APPLICATION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar, having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
29. **FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to approve adopt authorize and ratify an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria relating to the making available by the Commonwealth of moneys for the purpose of the Construction and Reconstruction of ‘ Federal Aid Roads ’ in Victoria* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, for the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
30. **BALLAARAT GAS COMPANY BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend ‘ The Ballaarat Gas Company’s Act 1857 ’* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
31. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend The Constitution Act Amendment Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
32. **FRUIT BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the Fruits Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
33. **GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to further amend the ‘ Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1915 ’* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
34. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board and to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Acts* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, for the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

35. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the Melbourne Harbor Trust Acts* ”, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave and after debate, to be read a second time later this day.
36. STAMPS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
37. TEACHERS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was, after debate, read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
And the Council having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock—

SATURDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1926.

38. FEDERAL AID ROADS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
39. STOCK FOODS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable M. McGregor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
The Honorable H. I. Cohen moved, as an amendment, That the word “ now ” be omitted and the words “ this day six months ” added after the word “ time.”
Debate ensued.
Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
40. SINKING FUNDS AND REDEMPTION FUNDS BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to make provision with respect to certain Sinking Funds and Redemption Funds and for other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time and ordered to be printed.
Objection having been taken to leave being given for the motion, That the second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for later this day—
The Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris moved, That this Bill be treated as an urgent Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a second time later this day.
41. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to further amend the ‘ Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Act 1920 ’* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time and ordered to be printed.
Objection having been taken to leave being given for the motion, That the second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for later this day—
The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That this Bill be treated as an urgent Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a second time later this day.

42. ALBION TO BROADMEADOWS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to authorize the construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Albion to Broadmeadows* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
43. ORBOST TO BRODRIBB RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Orbost to Brodrigg* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
44. CHILDREN’S WELFARE BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Neglected Children’s Act 1915’* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable W. J. Beckett, for the Honorable J. P. Jones, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
45. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act relating to the Salaries of the Chairman and of the other Members of the Country Roads Board* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, for the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time and ordered to be printed.
Objection having been taken to leave being given for the motion, That the second reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for later this day—
The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That this Bill be treated as an urgent Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a second time later this day.
46. FYANSFORD LAND BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to provide for the Issue of Crown Grants to a Company registered under the name of Australian Cement Limited in respect of certain land now forming portions of certain streets in the Town of Fyansford and of Portion of certain other Land in the said Town now permanently reserved as a Site for a Protestant Orphan Asylum and for other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
47. ARARAT LAND BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to revoke the Reservation of certain Land situate in the Township of Ararat as a Site for the Interment of the Dead and for other purposes* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable Dr. J. R. Harris, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
48. BALLAARAT GAS COMPANY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills, except those relating to fees, be suspended in relation to this Bill, and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
49. ARARAT LAND BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
50. GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

51. **FYANSFORD LAND BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
52. **MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable G. L. Goudie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
The Honorable R. H. S. Abbott moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until later this day.
53. **FRUIT BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
54. **COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
55. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The Deputy-President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable R. H. S. Abbott having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
56. **SATURDAY VOTING (PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS) BILL (No. 2).**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The Deputy-President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
57. **SINKING FUNDS AND REDEMPTION FUNDS BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The Deputy-President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
58. **BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The Deputy-President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
59. **ALBION TO BROADMEADOWS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The Deputy-President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

60. ORBOST TO BRODRIBB RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
61. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
62. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. J. Beckett having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.
63. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
64. CHILDREN'S WELFARE BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
65. APPROPRIATION BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
66. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning this Bill and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made in such Bill by the Council.
67. APPROPRIATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
68. DARLING TO GLEN WAVERLEY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Darling to Glen Waverley*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable G. L. Goudie, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
69. NEWPORT LAND BILL.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Grant to The British Imperial Oil Company Limited of certain Crown Land situate at Newport in exchange for certain Land of which the said Company is the Registered Proprietor and the reservation of the last-mentioned Land as a Site for a Public Park and Garden, and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

70. DARLING TO GLEN WAVERLEY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
71. NEWPORT LAND BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. H. Edgar having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
72. VOTE OF THANKS TO H. H. NEWTON, ESQ.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That on the eve of the retirement of Hibbert Henry Newton, Esquire, from the offices of Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Council, this House desires to record its deep appreciation of the zeal, ability, and courtesy uniformly displayed by him in the discharge of his duties.
Debate ensued.
The President said—
Before putting the motion, I should like to join with honorable members in expressing my regrets that Mr. Newton is leaving us. While the Clerk of the House is able to help all honorable members, I think only he himself knows how much the President has to lean upon him. I found on every occasion that Mr. Newton had everything prepared for me—that he had anticipated every possible need or want of mine. I do not recollect any occasion on which Mr. Newton had not anticipated what was coming, and was not in the position of being prepared for it. He never failed me, and I shall miss his wise counsel very much. In his retirement—for he is going to retire into private life after the visit of the Duke and the Duchess of York—he will have the great satisfaction, perhaps the greatest satisfaction a man getting on in life can possibly have, of knowing that he has three sons eminently successful in the careers which they have chosen. Two of them are very eminent in the medical profession, and the third is rapidly making his way on the land. It must be a satisfaction to any man to feel that not only has his life been well spent, but that he has handed on the torch to the next generation, and that they are quite equal to their father. I regret very much the loss of Mr. Newton's services, and I trust that he will very soon recover from his illness.
The question was then put and unanimously resolved in the affirmative.
73. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 18th January next.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And then the Council, at thirty-five minutes past ten o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday, the 18th January next.

W. R. HEYWOOD,
Acting-Clerk of the Legislative Council.

SESSION 1926.

QUESTIONS ASKED BY HONORABLE MEMBERS, AND REPLIES THERETO.

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Buffalo, Chalet at Mount. <i>See under</i> "Railways."		
Bumbang Peninsula. <i>See under</i> "Council of Agricultural Education."		
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Canned Fruits. <i>See under</i> "Inspection of Fruit."		
Chalet at Mount Buffalo. <i>See under</i> "Railways."		
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Duties imposed to protect tomato growers. <i>See under</i> "Tomato pulp."		
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Eildon Weir—Original estimated cost, amount spent to date, and amount required to complete—Original estimate and present estimate as to date of completion—Constructing authority—Day labour or contract system employed (<i>Hon. H. H. Smith</i>)	23	2793
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Grocery Trade. <i>See under</i> "Public Health Commission."		
HUME Weir and Reservoir—Decision as to width of foundations—Date of suggested conference—Date of completion of work (<i>Hon. W. L. R. Clarke</i>)	11	1471
INCOME Tax and Land Tax—Amounts thereof outstanding at 30th June, 1925, and 30th June, 1926, respectively (<i>Hon. M. Saltau</i>)	6	789

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Amount spent on road since taken over by Country Roads Board and amount to be spent up to 30th June, 1927 (<i>Hon. J. H. Disney</i>)	20	2554
Amount contributed by Geelong Municipality towards construction and maintenance—When such contribution or contributions made (<i>Hon. W. L. R. Clarke</i>)	28	3251
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Pears. See under "Inspection of Fruit."		
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Chalet at Mount Buffalo—Capital cost, expenditure on additions, &c., and profit on investment—Allowance for roads made by Country Roads Board, advertising and Shire rates—Renewal of application for a liquor licence (<i>Hon. W. H. Edgar</i>)	25	2983
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Toolamba-Echuca-Balranald line—Provision of a properly equipped steam passenger train (<i>Hon. R. H. S. Abbott</i>)	18	2392
Toolamba-Echuca-Deniliquin line—Unfairness of charging first class fares for accommodation provided on motor train—Lucky escapes from accidents through broken axles, wheels flying off, &c. (<i>Hon. R. H. S. Abbott</i>)	18	2392
Wheat fallen off trucks in transit found on country lines or at marshalling stations during the year ended 30th June, 1926—Distribution of such pick-ups or proceeds from sale thereof among consignees on the basis of their total truckings (<i>Hon. W. Tyner</i>)	24	2895
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State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. <i>See under</i> "Eildon Weir," "Hume Weir and Reservoir," and "Sugarloaf Reservoir."		
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St. Kilda Beach—Instruction to Police to co-operate with and assist the St. Kilda Council to maintain decency and decorum on the beaches and adjoining reserves and to make every endeavour to prosecute offenders (<i>Hon. W. H. Edgar</i>)	25	2978
Sugarloaf Reservoir—Cause of delay or stoppages in construction—Number of men now employed (<i>Hon. W. L. R. Clarke</i>)	11	1471
TOMATO Pulp—Reduction of import duties, thus enabling certain sauce makers to import concentrated Italian pulp at reduced rates—Loss to soldier settlers through fall in price offered for Australian pulp from £21 to £14 per ton (<i>Hon. R. H. S. Abbott</i>)	21	2718
Toolamba-Deniliquin via Echuca and Toolamba-Echuca-Balranald lines. <i>See under</i> "Railways."		
Tram cars, stationary. <i>See under</i> "Motor cars."		
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WEIRS. <i>See under</i> "Eildon," "Hume," and "Sugarloaf."		
Wembley Exhibition. <i>See under</i> "Australia House."		
Western Market Lands. <i>See under</i> "Markets."		
Wheat, loss of. <i>See under</i> "Railways."		

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BILLS ASSENTED TO AFTER THE FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF BOTH HOUSES OF
PARLIAMENT AND BEFORE THE PROROGATION.

The following Bills were assented to by His Excellency the Governor on the dates mentioned hereunder, viz. :—

On the 21st December, 1926—

Metropolitan Drainage and Rivers.
South Kensington to West Footscray Railway Construction.

On the 23rd December, 1926—

Albion to Broadmeadows Railway Construction.
Appropriation.
Ararat Land.
Ballarat Gas Company.
Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway.
Censorship of Films.
Children's Welfare.
Compulsory Voting (Assembly Elections).
Constitution Act Amendment.
Country Roads.
Darling to Glen Waverley Railway Construction.
Federal Aid Roads.
Fruit.
Fyansford Land.
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage.
Health.
Income Tax.
Income Tax Acts Amendment.
Land Tax.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways.
Melbourne Harbor Trust.
Municipal Endowment.
Newport Land.
Orbost to Brodribb Railway Construction.
Public Works Loan Application.
Railway Loan Application.
Saturday Voting (Parliamentary Elections).
Sinking Funds and Redemption Funds.
Stamps.
Stock Foods.
Teachers.
Theatres.
Treasury Bills and Advances.
Treasury Bonds.
Victorian Government Loan.
Victorian Loan (Electricity Supply) and Application.
Victorian Loan (Public Works).





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MONDAY, JANUARY 17.

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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands adjourned until Tuesday, the 18th day of January, 1927:
Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the twenty-second day of February, 1927.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this eleventh day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and in the seventeenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

◊ SOMERS.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALLAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

[1927.]

FURTHER PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands prorogued until Tuesday, the twenty-second day of February, 1927 :
Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Saturday, the fifth day of March, 1927.

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

(L.S.)

SOMERS.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALLAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

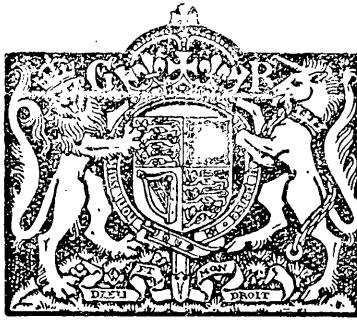
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FRIDAY, MARCH 4.

[1927.

DISCHARGING MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM ATTENDANCE AND
DISSOLVING THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by *The Constitution Act* it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he might think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by Proclamation or otherwise, whenever he should deem it expedient: And whereas the said Council and Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria," stand prorogued until Saturday, the fifth day of March, 1927: And whereas it is expedient to dissolve the Legislative Assembly: Now therefore I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in exercise of the power in me vested in this behalf, do by this my Proclamation discharge the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council from their meeting and attendance on Saturday, the fifth day of March, 1927, aforesaid: And I do dissolve the Legislative Assembly on Saturday, the fifth day of March, 1927, accordingly: And I do hereby declare that I have this day given Order that Writs be issued in due form, and according to law, for the election of Members to be duly returned to serve in the Legislative Assembly.

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

(L.S.)

SOMERS.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. ALLAN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

GENERAL ELECTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor will issue Writs for a General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria on the day first hereinafter mentioned, viz. :—

Date of issue of Writs	...	...	...	...	...	Saturday, 12th March, 1927.
Date of Nomination	...	...	...	...	...	Monday, 21st March, 1927.
Date of Polling ..	...	...	...	...	...	Saturday, 9th April, 1927.
Return of Writs...	...	...	...	...	...	Saturday, 30th April, 1927.

By His Excellency's Command,

F. W. MABBOTT,
Official Secretary.

The State Governor's Office,
Melbourne, 4th March, 1927.

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SELECT COMMITTEES.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS
(JOINT).

APPOINTED (SEE ACT No. 2717) 8TH JULY, 1925.

The Hon. A. Bell

| The Hon. A. E. Chandler

APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION 1926.

No. 1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Appointed (by President's Warrant) 30th June, 1926.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott
H. I. Cohen
W. H. Edgar
Dr. J. R. Harris

The Hon. J. P. Jones
T. H. Payne
J. Sternberg.

No. 2.—STANDING ORDERS.

Appointed 7th July, 1926.

The Hon. the President
F. W. Brawn
H. I. Cohen
W. H. Edgar
Dr. J. R. Harris

The Hon. D. L. McNamara
J. K. Merritt
T. H. Payne
J. Sternberg
E. J. White.

No. 3.—HOUSE (JOINT).

Appointed 7th July, 1926.

(See Act No. 3176 s. 2.)

The Hon. the President (*ex officio*)
W. Angliss
A. Bell

The Hon. A. E. Chandler
D. L. McNamara
A. M. Zwar.

No. 4.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

Appointed 7th July, 1926.

The Hon. the President
W. J. Beckett
T. Beggs

The Hon. W. L. R. Clarke
M. Saltau.

No. 5.—PRINTING.

Appointed 7th July, 1926.

The Hon. the President
R. H. S. Abbott
E. G. Bath
W. P. Crockett
J. H. Disney

The Hon. H. Hitchcock
H. Keck
E. L. Kiernan
G. J. Tuckett
R. Williams.

No. 6.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

Appointed 7th July, 1926.

The Hon. H. I. Cohen
W. H. Edgar
G. L. Goudie

The Hon. J. P. Jones
M. McGregor
H. F. Richardson.



VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1926.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

Extracted from the Minutes

TUESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

No. 1.—LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—Clause 3 (*as amended*)—[*The clause had been amended by the omission of the words "Three thousand pounds" at the end of the clause*].

3. In paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of section twenty of the Principal Act—

(a) for the words "that any borough does not contain rateable property capable of yielding upon a rate not exceeding One shilling in the pound on the annual value thereof estimated under the provisions of this Act a sum of Three hundred pounds; or"—
there shall be substituted the words—

"that the general and extra rates made and levied by any borough during the twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of September next preceding the report of such inspector did not yield a sum of One thousand and five hundred pounds; or"; and

(b) before the words "the Governor in Council" for the words "One thousand and five hundred pounds" there shall be substituted the words

--(*Hon. H. F. Richardson.*)Amendment proposed—That the words "Two thousand five hundred pounds" be inserted at the end of the clause in place of the words omitted.—(*Hon. G. M. Davis.*)Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

The Hon. E. G. Bath,
H. I. Cohen,
G. M. Davis,
J. H. Disney,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
E. L. Kiernan,
M. McGregor,
D. L. McNamara,
J. K. Merritt,
H. F. Richardson,
M. Saltau,
A. M. Zwar.*Tellers.*The Hon. A. E. Chandler,
E. J. White.

Noes, 8.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
A. Bell,
W. L. R. Clarke,
W. P. Crockett,
J. Sternberg,
G. J. Tuckett.*Tellers.*The Hon. F. W. Brawn,
H. Keck.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.



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IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 2.

Extracted from the Minutes

TUESDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1926.

No. 1.—LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—Clause 22.—

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(14) The provisions of section eighty-two of the *Housing and Reclamation Act 1920* so far as applicable and with such alterations modifications and substitutions as are necessary shall extend and apply with respect to any works and undertakings under any scheme authorized as aforesaid.

—(Hon. H. F. Richardson.)

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Amendment proposed—That the words “sections fifty-two to seventy-one inclusive and of ” be inserted after the words “provisions of” in sub-clause (14).—(Hon. H. I. Cohen.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
H. I. Cohen,
J. H. Disney,
J. Sternberg,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. P. Crockett,
D. L. McNamara.

Noes, 14.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
E. G. Bath,
A. Bell,
A. E. Chandler,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
M. McGregor,
J. K. Merritt,
H. F. Richardson,
M. Saltau,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. F. W. Brawn,
E. J. White.

And so it passed in the negative.

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No. 3.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1926.

No. 1.—ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.—Clause 5—

5. (1) In making any proposed redivision of the State of Victoria into electoral districts under this Act the Commissioners shall provide for twenty-six metropolitan and thirty-nine urban and country electoral districts on the basis approximately of the following quotas—

- (i) twenty-two thousand electors for each metropolitan district ;
- (ii) fifteen thousand electors for each urban district ; and
- (iii) ten thousand electors for each country district :

Provided that the Commissioners may adopt a margin of allowance to be used whenever necessary but the quota shall not be departed from to a greater extent than fifteen per cent. more or fifteen per cent. less :

Provided further that—

- (i) in case of any proposed urban electoral district the Commissioners may adopt a greater margin of allowance if they consider that any portion of any existing urban electoral district would be more properly included in any proposed country electoral district or districts ; and
- (ii) the Commissioners may depart from the quota in the case of any proposed country electoral district where the greater part of the area thereof is mountainous and sparsely populated.

- (2) In making any such proposed redivision the Commissioners shall give due consideration to—
- (a) the distribution of the numbers of electors for the Legislative Assembly throughout the State and the likelihood of any changes in the distribution of electors within any localities in the State ;
 - (b) community or diversity of interests ;
 - (c) means of communication ;
 - (d) physical features ;
 - (e) existing boundaries of electoral districts and subdivisions ; and
 - (f) Commonwealth electoral boundaries.

(3) Subject to this section—

- (a) the areas of proposed metropolitan electoral districts shall comprise those of the existing electoral districts mentioned in Part I. of the Schedule to this Act ;
- (b) the areas of proposed urban electoral districts shall comprise those of the existing electoral districts mentioned in Part II. of that Schedule ; and
- (c) the areas of proposed country electoral districts shall comprise those of the existing electoral districts mentioned in Part III. of that Schedule :

Provided that in order to provide for the number of metropolitan electoral districts specified in sub-section (1) of this section the Commissioners shall include in any proposed metropolitan electoral district such portion of any existing country electoral district contiguous thereto as they think necessary, but so that the total number of electors to be added to the whole of such proposed metropolitan electoral districts by the inclusion of portions of country electoral districts as aforesaid shall not exceed twenty thousand; and, generally, in order to carry into effect the purposes of this section, the Commissioners may in any other case include in any proposed electoral district such portion as they think necessary of any existing electoral district contiguous thereto whether of the same class or not.

—(Hon. H. F. Richardson.)

Amendment proposed—That clause 5 be omitted and the following clause inserted in lieu thereof:—

- “(a) For the purposes of this Act the Chief Electoral Officer shall whenever necessary ascertain the quota of electors by dividing the whole number of electors in the State as nearly as can be ascertained by the number of electoral districts provided for in the Principal Act.
- (b) In making any proposed redivision of the State into electoral districts under this Act the Commissioners shall give due consideration to—
- (i) community or diversity of interests;
 - (ii) means of communication;
 - (iii) physical features;
 - (iv) existing boundaries of electoral districts and subdivisions; and
 - (v) Commonwealth electoral boundaries;

and subject thereto the quota of electors shall be the basis for redivision and the Commissioners may adopt a margin of allowance to be used whenever necessary but in no case shall such quota be departed from to a greater extent than one-fifth more or one-fifth less.”

—(Hon. H. I. Cohen.)

Question—That clause 5 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
W. Angliss,
E. G. Bath,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
W. P. Crockett,
G. M. Davis,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
M. McGregor,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
M. Saltau,
G. J. Tuckett,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. T. Beggs,
H. Keck.

Noes, 5.

The Hon. H. I. Cohen,
J. H. Disney,
D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. L. Kiernan,
R. Williams.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 4.

Extracted from the Minutes.

SATURDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1926.

No. 1.—COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.—Clause 1—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Compulsory Voting (Assembly Elections) Act 1926* and shall be read and construed as one with *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* (hereinafter called the Principal Act) and any Act amending the same all of which Acts and this Act may be cited together as The Constitution Act Amendment Acts.

—(Hon. Dr. J. R. Harris).

Amendment proposed—That the word "Assembly" be omitted with the view of inserting in place thereof the word "Parliamentary".—(Hon. D. L. McNamara).

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
F. W. Brawn,
A. E. Chandler,
W. L. R. Clarke,
G. M. Davis,
G. L. Goudie,
Dr. J. R. Harris,
H. Hitchcock,
M. McGregor,
H. F. Richardson,
H. H. Smith,
A. M. Zwar.

Tellers.

The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,
H. Keck.

Noes, 11.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
T. Beggs,
A. Bell,
Sir F. G. Clarke,
H. I. Cohen,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara,
R. Williams.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. L. Kiernan,
E. J. White.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.

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REPORT.

1. The Standing Orders Committee have the honour to report that, in pursuance of the resolution of your Honorable House on the 20th July last, they have considered the various forms of limitation of debate in operation in other Legislatures, and have decided to recommend a modified form of "The Closure" which, when applied, would operate to close the debate on the immediate question before the Chair.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the following be adopted as a Standing Order of the Legislative Council :—

133A. After any question has been proposed either in the Council or in a Committee of the whole Council, a motion may be made by any Member rising in his place and without notice and whether any other Member is addressing the Chair or not "That the question be now put" and, if six other Members thereupon rise in their places as indicating approval of the motion, the question on such motion shall be put forthwith and decided without amendment or debate, and no other motion shall be made or question of Order raised until such motion has been disposed of.

2. As the present form of the Previous Question in the Legislative Council is "That this question be now put" your Committee consider that, if the foregoing recommendation be adopted, it will be necessary, in order to avoid confusion, to alter the form of the Previous Question to "That this question be not now put" as was done in the British House of Commons when that House adopted the Closure. This can be done by amending Standing Orders 91 and 92, which would necessitate consequential amendments in Standing Orders 93 and 171.

Your Committee therefore recommend that Standing Orders 91, 92, 93, and 171 be repealed and the following be adopted as Standing Orders in lieu thereof :—

91. A question may be superseded : (1) By the adjournment of the Council, either on the motion of a Member "That the Council do now adjourn," or on notice being taken and it appearing that a quorum of Members is not present ; (2) By a motion "That the Orders of the Day be now read ;" (3) By the Previous Question, viz. : "That this question be not now put," being proposed and resolved in the affirmative.

92. If the question "That this question be not now put" be resolved in the negative the original question shall be put forthwith, without any amendment or debate.*

93. The question "That the Orders of the Day be now read" and also the question "That this question be not now put" may be superseded by the adjournment of the Council upon motion to that effect being carried or for the want of a quorum.

171. No motion "That this question be not now put" shall be made in Committee of the whole Council.

** Note.—If the question "That this question be not now put" be resolved in the affirmative, the original question is superseded, the Motion or Bill under discussion drops off the Notice-Paper (see S.O. 76), and the Council passes on to the next business.*

3. Your Committee also considered the question of recommending the adoption of a Standing Order to provide that repeated calls for a quorum may be disregarded if a reasonable time has not elapsed since the House was counted and the President or Chairman is of opinion that there is a quorum within the precincts. It was decided that it is not desirable to include such a provision in the Standing Orders as the case can be met by the President or Chairman in his discretion following the practice in the House of Commons and the Commonwealth House of Representatives, where it has been ruled that the Speaker may decline to count the House when he has recently satisfied himself that a quorum is present.

Committee Room,
14th September, 1926.

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