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- CUSTOMS OFFICERS** : Bill relating to the execution of certain duties and powers of the Commissioner and officers of Customs—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 17; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 Dec., p. 22. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 19 Dec., p. 39. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1702.*)
- EXCISE REDUCTION** : Bill to authorize the Governor in Council to reduce the excise duties on tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, spirits, and beer—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 18 Dec., 1900, p. 35; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 19 Dec., p. 44. Report by the Clerk of the House of a correction made by him in the Bill, 20 Dec., p. 47. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 21 Dec., p. 55. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1711.*)
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- HOUSE ESTATE AND FINANCIAL AGENTS LICENSING** : Bill to license house and estate and financial agents and money lenders—(*Mr. O'Neill*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 19; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 21 Dec., p. 53.—Bill lapsed.
- INCOME TAX** : Bill to declare the rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and one—(*Sir George Turner*).—House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means; matter considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution specifying the rates of duties of income tax to be charged, levied, collected, and paid for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and one, reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 Dec., 1900, pp. 22–3. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 19 Dec., p. 39. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1704.*)

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- JURORS EXEMPTION** : Bill providing for the exemption of commercial travellers and country auctioneers from service on juries—(*Mr. Brown*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 18. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 21 Dec., p. 52.
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- LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT** : Bill to amend the *Landlord and Tenant Act 1890*—(*Mr. Bailes*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 18 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 21 Dec., p. 52.—Bill lapsed.
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- MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS BORROWING POWERS INCREASE** : Bill to increase the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 17 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 20 Dec., p. 45. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 22 Dec., p. 56. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1714.*)
- MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT** : Bill to amend the *Mines Act 1897*—(*Mr. Bailes*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 18 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 21 Dec., p. 52.—Bill lapsed.
- NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION** : Bill to abolish compulsory vaccination—(*Mr. Bailes*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, pp. 19-20 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—question, on division, negatived, 21 Dec., p. 53.
- OLD-AGE PENSIONS** : Bill to provide for the payment of old-age pensions—(*Sir George Turner*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 1) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon ; Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 16 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a

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PACIFIC CABLE AUTHORIZATION : Bill to enable the Government of Victoria to join with certain other Governments in the cost of the construction and maintenance of a cable across the Pacific Ocean and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects—(*Mr. Gurr*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 18 Dec., 1900, p. 36 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 20 Dec., pp. 45–6. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 22 Dec., p. 56. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1717.*)

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS : Bill relating to parliamentary elections—(*Mr. Foster for Mr. Best*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 18 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 20 Dec., pp. 48–9. Report by the Clerk of the House of corrections made by him in the Bill, 21 Dec., p. 51. —Bill not returned from the Council.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (1901) : Bill relating to elections for the Legislative Assembly during the year One thousand nine hundred and one—(*Mr. Peacock*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 18 Dec., 1900, p. 35 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 20 Dec., p. 45. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 22 Dec., p. 56. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1716.*)

POSTAGE RATE ALTERATION : Bill to alter the rate of postage on letters received at any post office in Victoria for delivery in Victoria—(*Mr. Gurr*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 17 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 Dec., p. 23. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 19 Dec., p. 40. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1705.*)

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PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION : Bill providing for the reclassification of the Public Service and for other purposes—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 17 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 18–19 Dec., p. 37. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments ; some agreed to, others disagreed with, and one agreed to with amendments, 22 Dec., pp. 57–8. Message from the Council that they do not insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, and have agreed to the amendments of the Assembly on an amendment of the Council, 22 Dec., p. 58. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1721.*)

RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1900 AMENDMENT : Bill to amend the *Railway Loan Act 1900*—(*Mr. Trenwith*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 4) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered

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SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT (BILL NO. 2): Bill to amend the Savings Banks Acts—(*Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein; Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 22 Dec., p. 59. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1722.*)

SAVINGS BANKS BUSINESS: Bill relating to the conduct of the business of the Commissioners of Savings Banks on the transfer of the Post Office to the Commonwealth—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 11 Dec., 1900, p. 25; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 19 Dec., p. 43. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 21 Dec., p. 55. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1709.*)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFERENDUM: Bill to authorize a referendum to the people of certain questions as to the use in State schools of certain Scripture lessons, prayers and services, and hymns—(*Mr. Gurr*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, pp. 17–18; read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 12 Dec., p. 31; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 19 Dec., pp. 42–3.—Bill not returned from the Council.

SENATORS ELECTIONS: Bill to facilitate the holding of elections of Senators for Victoria of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 12 Dec., 1900, p. 29; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 19–20 Dec., p. 45. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 22 Dec., p. 56. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1715.*)

STAMPS: Bill relating to stamps—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 12 Dec., 1900, p. 29; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time with an amendment; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 19 Dec., p. 44. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 21 Dec., p. 55. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1710.*)

STOCK AND SHARE BROKERS LICENSING: Bill to license stock and share brokers—(*Mr. O'Neill*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 19. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 21 Dec., p. 53.

TRAMWAYS ACT 1890 (ST. KILDA) EXTENSION: Bill to extend the provisions of the *Tramways Act 1890* to the municipality of Saint Kilda—(*Mr. Bent*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 19; order for second reading deferred on motion by leave, 11 Dec., p. 25; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill”; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 21 Dec., p. 51.—Bill lapsed.

UNUSED ROADS LICENSING: Bill to deal with the licensing of public roads that are occupied by land-owners which are not required for public traffic—(*Mr. O'Neill*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 19. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 21 Dec., p. 53.

VOTING BY POST ACT AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Voting by Post Act 1900*—(*Mr. Peacock*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 17; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time;

ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 Dec., p. 22. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments, 19 Dec., p. 42; amendments considered and disagreed with, 20 Dec., p. 48. Message from the Council that they do not insist on their amendments, 22 Dec., p. 56. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1719.*)

WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Wills Act 1890*—(*Mr. Bailes*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 19; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 21 Dec., p. 53.—Bill lapsed.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE: Bill to remove the disqualification of women at elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, pp. 16–17; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time; amendment to omit the word “now” and, after the word time, add the words “this day six months” proposed but not made; Bill, on division, read a second time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time with an amendment, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 11 Dec., pp. 26–7.—Bill not returned from the Council.

YARROWEE CHANNEL WORKS: Bill to provide for the repayment of portion of an amount to be advanced by the State towards the Yarrowee channel works at Ballarat—(*Mr. Trenwith*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 5 Dec., 1900, p. 17; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 19 Dec., p. 43. Message from the Council agreeing to the Bill, 21 Dec., p. 55. (*Assented to 27 December. Act No. 1708.*)

LIST OF MEMBERS.

SESSION 1900-1.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Under Act No. 1075 the Legislative Assembly consists of Ninety-five Members.

EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

FIRST SESSION (13TH NOVEMBER, 1900, TO 16TH JANUARY, 1901).

Member.	District.	Electors on Roll.*			Votes Polled for Sitting Member,†
		Ratepayers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.	
Anderson, John, Esquire ...	Melbourne East ...	3,448	1,300	4,748	1,253
Andrews, Charles Leonard, Esquire ...	Geelong ...	5,047	926	5,973	1,880
Argyle, Reginald Ivon, Esquire ...	Kyneton ...	1,486	793	2,279	962
Bailes, Alfred Shrapnell, Esquire ...	Sandhurst ...	4,290	1,186	5,476	2,408
Barbour, Robert Thomson, Esquire ...	Hawthorn ...	3,219	834	4,053	1,582
Beazley, William David, Esquire ¹ ...	Collingwood ...	4,053	1,015	5,068	2,863
Bennett, George Henry, Esquire ² ...	Richmond ...	4,706	1,282	5,988	2,444
Bent, The Honorable Thomas ...	Brighton ...	2,884	610	3,494	1,448
Best, The Honorable Robert Wallace ...	Fitzroy ...	4,337	1,407	5,744	1,893
Billson, John William, Esquire ...	Fitzroy ...	4,337	1,407	5,744	1,985
Bowser, John, Esquire ³ ...	Wangaratta and Rutherglen	2,591	909	3,500	1,337
Bromley, Frederick Hadkinson, Esquire ⁴	Carlton ...	2,866	807	3,673	1,143
Brown, Joseph Tilley, Esquire ...	Shepparton and Euroa	1,893	510	2,403	Unopposed
Burton, The Honorable John Balfour ⁵	Stawell ...	1,697	521	2,218	756
Cameron, Ewen, Esquire ...	Portland ...	1,560	479	2,039	718
Cameron, Ewen Hugh, Esquire ...	Evelyn ...	3,164	590	3,754	1,187
Chirnside, Captain John Percy ...	Grant ...	1,905	445	2,350	951
Craven, Albert William, Esquire ...	Benambra ...	1,854	549	2,403	Unopposed
Downward, Alfred, Esquire ...	Mornington ...	3,432	1,008	4,440	Unopposed
Duffus, James Francis, Esquire ...	Port Fairy ...	1,573	378	1,951	657
Duffy, The Honorable John Gavan ...	Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield	1,739	437	2,176	Unopposed
Duggan, The Honorable Daniel Joseph ⁶	Dunolly ...	1,504	531	2,035	Unopposed
Dyer, John Henry, Esquire ...	Borong ...	2,141	476	2,617	999
Findley, Edward, Esquire ...	Melbourne ...	3,331	796	4,127	718
Fink, The Honorable Theodore ...	Jolimont and West Richmond	1,639	819	2,458	Unopposed
Forrest, Charles Lamond, Esquire ...	Polwarth ...	2,450	901	3,351	Unopposed
Foster, The Honorable Henry ...	Gippsland East ...	2,348	883	3,231	836

NOTES.

* The particulars given in this table relate to the General Election 1900; the date of each Member's election, where "unopposed," being 25 October, the "day of nomination," and in the other cases, 1 November, the "day of polling."

† The number of electors qualified to vote on polling day was increased by the issue of voters' certificates, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 1601, to persons whose names were not on the roll.

¹ Mr. W. D. Beazley, Chairman of Committees, from 24 November, 1897.

² Mr. G. H. Bennett, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 11 December, 1900.

³ Mr. J. Bowser, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 11 December, 1900.

⁴ Mr. F. H. Bromley, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 11 December, 1900.

⁵ The Hon. J. B. Burton vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 27 November, 1900; Minister of Mines and Water Supply, from 19 November, 1900.

⁶ The Hon. D. J. Duggan vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 27 November, 1900; President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, from 19 November, 1900.

Member.	District.	Electors on Roll.			Votes Polled for Sitting Member.
		Ratepayers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.	
Gair, Mackay John Scobie, Esquire ...	Bourke East ...	2,221	674	2,895	Unopposed
Gillies, The Honorable Duncan ...	Toorak ...	3,641	1,111	4,752	1,518
Gillott, The Honorable Samuel ⁷ ...	Melbourne East ...	3,448	1,300	4,748	1,812
Graham, The Honorable George ⁸ ...	Numurkah and Nathalia	1,850	381	2,231	Unopposed
Grose, Walter Bolitho, Esquire ...	Creswick ...	1,441	358	1,799	Unopposed
Gurr, The Honorable William ⁹ ...	Geelong ...	5,047	926	5,973	2,070
Harris, Albert, Esquire ...	Gippsland Central ...	2,448	730	3,178	1,013
Harris, Joseph, Esquire ...	South Yarra ...	2,166	710	2,876	901
Hennessy, David Valentine, Esquire ...	Carlton South ...	1,681	721	2,402	800
Holden, George Frederick, Esquire ...	Warrenheip ...	1,548	485	2,033	858
Irvine, The Honorable William Hill ¹⁰	Lowan ...	2,025	507	2,532	Unopposed
Isaacs, The Honorable Isaac Alfred ¹¹	Bogong ...	1,477	636	2,113	Unopposed
Isaacs, John Alfred, Esquire ...	Ovens ...	1,442	605	2,047	811
Keast, William Stephen, Esquire ...	Dandenong and Berwick	3,409	589	3,998	1,046
Kennedy, Thomas, Esquire ...	Benalla and Yarrawonga	2,177	815	2,992	Unopposed
Kerr, David, Esquire ...	Grenville ...	3,190	1,064	4,254	1,438
Kirton, Joseph William, Esquire ¹² ...	Ballarat West ...	4,723	1,100	5,823	2,029
Langdon, Thomas, Esquire ...	Korong ...	1,744	584	2,328	Unopposed
Lawson, Harry Sutherland Wightman, Esquire	Castlemaine ...	2,391	1,262	3,653	1,917
Lazarus, Daniel Barnet, Esquire ...	Sandhurst ...	4,290	1,186	5,476	2,503
Levien, The Honorable Jonas Felix ...	Barwon ...	1,772	343	2,115	923
Mackinnon, Donald, Esquire ...	Prahran ...	2,584	705	3,289	1,110
Madden, Frank, Esquire ...	Eastern Suburbs ...	4,123	972	5,095	1,527
Maloney, William, Esquire ...	Melbourne West ...	1,757	883	2,640	1,397
Mason, The Honorable Francis Conway ¹³	Gippsland South ...	2,457	563	3,020	Unopposed
Mason, John Walter, Esquire ...	Rodney ...	4,219	1,059	5,278	2,020
Mauger, Samuel, Esquire ...	Footscray ...	3,383	920	4,303	Unopposed
McArthur, Peter Campbell, Esquire ...	Villiers and Heytesbury	1,982	542	2,524	1,081
McBride, Peter, Esquire ...	Kara Kara ...	1,664	453	2,117	Unopposed
McCull, The Honorable James Hiers ¹⁴	Gunbower ...	2,005	423	2,428	Unopposed
McGregor, The Honorable Robert ¹⁵ ...	Ballarat East ...	2,575	728	3,303	1,679
McInerney, Thomas Patrick, Esq., LL.D.	Delatite ...	2,169	336	2,505	731
McIntyre, The Honorable Sir John ...	Maldon ...	1,539	464	2,003	Unopposed
McKenzie, Malcolm Kenneth, Esquire	Anglesey ...	2,643	1,056	3,699	1,514
McLean, The Honorable Allan ¹⁶ ...	Gippsland North ...	1,919	332	2,251	Unopposed
McLeod, Donald, Esquire ...	Daylesford ...	1,519	269	1,788	809
Methven, David, Esquire ...	East Bourke Boroughs	7,928	1,632	9,560	2,575
Morrissey, The Honorable John ¹⁷ ...	Rodney ...	4,219	1,059	5,278	2,224
Murray, John, Esquire ¹⁸ ...	Warrnambool ...	1,575	959	2,534	1,036
Nichols, Arthur George, Esquire ...	Gippsland West ...	3,492	921	4,413	765
Oman, David Swan, Esquire ...	Ripon and Hampden ...	2,114	714	2,828	955
O'Neill, Richard, Esquire ...	Mandurang ...	1,539	657	2,196	813
Outtrim, The Honorable Alfred Richard ¹⁹	Maryborough ...	1,906	319	2,225	Unopposed

⁷ The Hon. S. Gillott, appointed a Member of the Executive Council, 19 November, 1900.

⁸ The Hon. G. Graham, Minister of Agriculture and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, also Commissioner of Public Works (without salary), from 5 December, 1899, to 19 November, 1900; also Minister of Labour (without salary), from 8 October, 1900, to 19 November, 1900.

⁹ The Hon. W. Gurr vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 27 November, 1900; Postmaster-General, also Minister of Public Instruction (without salary), from 19 November, 1900.

¹⁰ The Hon. W. H. Irvine, Attorney-General, from 5 December, 1899, to 19 November, 1900.

¹¹ The Hon. I. A. Isaacs vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected, 3 December, 1900, polling 938 votes; Attorney-General, from 19 November, 1900.

¹² Mr. J. W. Kirton, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 11 December, 1900.

¹³ The Hon. F. C. Mason, Speaker, from 25 October, 1897.

¹⁴ The Hon. J. H. McCull, President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, also Minister of Forests (without salary), from 5 December, 1899, to 19 November, 1900.

¹⁵ The Hon. R. McGregor, appointed a Member of the Executive Council, 19 November, 1900.

¹⁶ The Hon. A. McLean, Chief Secretary (and Premier), from 5 December, 1899, to 19 November, 1900.

¹⁷ The Hon. J. Morrissey vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 27 November, 1900; Minister of Agriculture, from 19 November, 1900.

¹⁸ Mr. J. Murray, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 1 December, 1897.

¹⁹ The Hon. A. R. Outtrim, Minister of Mines and Water Supply and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, also Minister of Railways (without salary), from 5 December, 1899, to 19 November, 1900.

Member.	District.	Electors on Roll.			Votes Polled for Sitting Member.
		Ratepayers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.	
Peacock, The Honorable Alexander James ²⁰	Clunes and Allandale ...	1,431	309	1,740	Unopposed
Prendergast, George Michael, Esquire	Melbourne North ...	2,232	1,054	3,286	1,562
Ramsay, Alexander Gordon Culbert, Esquire	Williamstown ...	2,533	503	3,036	1,434
Reay, Lieut.-Colonel William Thomas	East Bourke Boroughs	7,928	1,632	9,560	2,205
Robinson, Arthur, Esquire ...	Dundas ...	1,799	480	2,279	730
Sadler, James Thomas, Esquire ...	Grenville ...	3,190	1,064	4,254	1,662
Salmon, The Honorable Charles Carty ²¹	Talbot and Avoca ...	1,487	343	1,830	Unopposed
Sangster, George, Esquire ...	Port Melbourne ...	1,980	597	2,577	1,117
Shiels, The Honorable William ²²	Normanby ...	1,577	408	1,985	Unopposed
Smith, Thomas, Esquire ...	Emerald Hill ...	2,191	653	2,844	1,057
Spiers, John Pollock, Esquire ...	Windermere ...	1,188	459	1,647	566
Stanley, Robert, Esquire ...	Horsham ...	1,437	443	1,880	852
Staughton, Samuel Thomas, Esquire ...	Bourke West ...	1,624	472	2,096	914
Sterry, David Chaplin, Esquire ...	Sandhurst South ...	1,979	354	2,333	Unopposed
Taverner, The Honorable John William	Donald and Swan Hill	5,218	951	6,169	Unopposed
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Ararat ...	1,390	721	2,111	840
Trenwith, The Honorable William Arthur ²³	Richmond ...	4,706	1,282	5,988	2,297
Tucker, John Benjamin, Esquire ...	Melbourne South ...	2,163	579	2,742	Unopposed
Turner, The Right Honorable Sir George, K.C.M.G. ²⁴	St. Kilda ...	2,998	955	3,953	Unopposed
Vale, The Honorable Richard Tayler	Ballarat West ...	4,723	1,100	5,823	2,027
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ...	Essendon and Flemington	4,849	917	5,766	1,317
White, John Samuel, Esquire ...	Albert Park ...	2,213	890	3,103	929
Wilkins, Edgar, Esquire ...	Collingwood ...	4,053	1,015	5,068	3,050
Williams, Edward David, Esquire ...	Castlemaine ...	2,391	1,262	3,653	1,690
Williams, The Honorable Henry Roberts	Eaglehawk ...	1,710	308	2,018	Unopposed

²⁰ The Hon. A. J. Peacock vacated his seat by accepting office ; re-elected without opposition, 27 November, 1900 ; Chief Secretary, also Minister of Labour (without salary), from 19 November, 1900.

²¹ The Hon. C. C. Salmon, Minister of Public Instruction, also Commissioner of Trade and Customs (without salary), from 29 December, 1899, to 19 November, 1900.

²² The Hon. W. Shiels, Treasurer, from 5 December, 1899, to 19 November, 1900.

²³ The Hon. W. A. Trenwith vacated his seat by accepting office ; re-elected without opposition, 27 November, 1900 ; Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, also Minister of Railways (without salary), from 19 November, 1900.

²⁴ The Right Hon. Sir George Turner vacated his seat by accepting office ; re-elected, 3 December, 1900, polling 1,852 votes ; Treasurer (and Premier), from 19 November, 1900, also Commissioner of Trade and Customs (without salary), from 19 November, 1900, to 1 January, 1901, when, on the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Departments of Customs and Excise became transferred thereto, pursuant to the provisions of the Commonwealth Constitution Act. Vacated his seat by accepting office as Treasurer of the Commonwealth, 1 January, 1901.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i>	The Honorable FRANCIS CONWAY MASON.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i>	WILLIAM DAVID BEAZLEY, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</i>	WILLIAM VALENTINE ROBINSON, C.M.G., J.P.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i>	CHARLES GAVAN DUFFY.
<i>The Second Clerk-Assistant, Clerk of Private Bills, and Clerk of Committees</i>	THOMAS GREENLEES WATSON.
<i>The Serjeant-at-Arms and Assistant Clerk of Committees</i>	GEORGE EDWARD UPWARD.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

The Parliament of Victoria begun and held at the City of Melbourne on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of November, in the sixty-fourth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria; and in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred.

1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, for the despatch of business, pursuant to Proclamation (hereinafter set forth) William Valentine Robinson, Esquire, C.M.G., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Charles Gavan Duffy, Esquire, Clerk-Assistant, and Thomas Greenlees Watson, Esquire, Second Clerk-Assistant, attending in the House, and the other Clerks attending, according to their duty, the following Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk :—

FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir John Madden, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &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 are called "The Parliament of Victoria," and it is expedient to fix the time for holding the next Session thereof: Now therefore I, the Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation fix Tuesday, the 13th day of November instant, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Council and Assembly, called the Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at Twelve of the clock at noon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in Parliament-place, Spring-street, 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 Colony, at Melbourne, this fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred, and in the sixty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

JOHN MADDEN.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. McLEAN.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Several of the Members repaired to their seats.

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

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

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

Accordingly the Members of the Legislative Assembly went to the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Honor Mr. Justice a'Beckett said—

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

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

(700 copies.)

Then the said Letters Patent were read, and are as follows:—

*VICTORIA by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India :*

WHEREAS by Proclamation made the fifth day of November instant by His Excellency the Honorable Sir JOHN MADDEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, the said JOHN MADDEN did fix Tuesday, the thirteenth day of November instant, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Our said Colony, called "The Parliament of Victoria," for the despatch of business, at Twelve of the clock at noon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in the City of Melbourne: And forasmuch as for certain causes the said JOHN MADDEN cannot conveniently be present in person in the said Parliament at that time: NOW KNOW YE THAT WE, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved His Honor THOMAS A'BECKETT and His Honor HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES, Justices of Our Supreme Court of Victoria, do give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto you the said THOMAS A'BECKETT and HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES, or either of you, full power in Our name to begin and hold Our said Parliament, and to do everything which for and by Us, or the said JOHN MADDEN shall be there to be done; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it may concern to meet Our said Parliament, and to the said THOMAS A'BECKETT and HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES, or either of them, that they diligently attend in the premises and form aforesaid. In testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

(L.S.) WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir JOHN MADDEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c., at Melbourne, this ninth day of November, One thousand nine hundred, and in the sixty-fourth year of Our reign.

JOHN MADDEN.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. McLEAN.

Entered on Record by me in the Register of Patents, Book 24,
page 238, this ninth day of November, One thousand nine
hundred.

CHARLES A. TOPP.

And then His Honor Mr. Justice a'Beckett said—

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

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

And the Members of the Assembly being returned—

3. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—His Honor Mr. Justice a'Beckett (who was accompanied by His Honor Mr. Justice Hodges) having entered the House and been conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Chair, handed to the Clerk at the Table a Commission, which was read and is as follows:—

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir JOHN MADDEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; and Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

TO THOMAS A'BECKETT, Esquire, Judge of Our Supreme Court in Our Colony
of Victoria:

GREETING:

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

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, in the said Colony,
this ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine
hundred, and in the sixty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

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A. McLEAN.

Entered on Record by me in the Register of Patents, Book 24,
page 238, this ninth day of November, One thousand nine
hundred.

CHARLES A. TOPP.

4. WRITS.—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the following letter, which he read :—

SIR,

Government House,
Melbourne, 12th November, 1900.

I have the honour, by direction of the Lieutenant-Governor, to transmit herewith 84 Writs issued under the hand of His Excellency, for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, with the names duly indorsed thereon.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

F. S. CAMPBELL,
Private Secretary.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,
&c., &c., &c.

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

Albert Park	...	...	John Samuel White.
Anglesey	...	...	Malcolm Kenneth McKenzie, of Reedy Creek, grazier.
Ararat	...	...	Richard Frederick Toutcher.
Ballarat East	...	...	Robert McGregor.
Ballarat West	...	...	{ Joseph William Kirton. Richard Tayler Vale.
Barwon	...	...	Jonas Felix Levien, of Drysdale, agriculturist.
Bénalla and Yarrowonga	...	...	Thomas Kennedy, of Cobram, farmer and grazier.
Benambra	...	...	Albert William Craven, surveyor, Moonee Ponds.
Bogong	...	...	Isaac Alfred Isaacs, of Melbourne, barrister and solicitor.
Borong	...	...	John Henry Dyer, farmer, of Rupanyup.
Bourke East	...	...	Mackay John Scobie Gair, solicitor, of Moonee Ponds.
Bourke West	...	...	Samuel Thomas Staughton, of Eynesbury, Melton, Victoria, grazier.
Brighton	...	...	Thomas Bent, of Bay-street, Brighton, valuer.
Carlton	...	...	Frederick Hadkinson Bromley.
Carlton South	...	...	David Valentine Hennessy.
Castlemaine	...	...	{ Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson, and Edward David Williams.
Clunes and Allandale	...	...	Alexander James Peacock, of Creswick, legal manager.
Collingwood	...	...	{ Edgar Wilkins, and William David Beazley.
Creswick	...	...	Walter Bolitho Grose, of Creswick.
Dandenong and Berwick	...	...	William Stephen Keast, 58 Kinkora-road, Hawthorn, auctioneer.
Daylesford	...	...	Donald McLeod, of Daylesford, accountant.
Delatite	...	...	Thomas Patrick McInerney, of 330 Collins-street, Melbourne, Doctor of Laws.
Donald and Swan Hill	...	...	John William Taverner, of Kerang, farmer.
Dundas	...	...	Arthur Robinson, of Hawthorn-road, Caulfield, solicitor.
Dunolly	...	...	Daniel Joseph Duggan.
Eaglehawk	...	...	Henry Roberts Williams, gentleman, Denham-street, Eaglehawk.
East Bourke Boroughs	...	...	{ David Methven, of No. 205 Barkly-street, East Brunswick, contractor, and William Thomas Reay, of 2 William-street, Hawthorn, journalist.
Eastern Suburbs	...	...	Frank Madden, of "Mooroolbeek," Studley Park, Kew, solicitor.
Emerald Hill	...	...	Thomas Smith, of 4 Bank-street West, South Melbourne, hatter.
Essendon and Flemington	...	...	Edward Coughlan Warde, of 13 Studley-street, Abbotsford, wood-turner.
Evelyn	...	...	Ewen Hugh Cameron.
Fitzroy	...	...	{ John William Billson, of Highett-street, Richmond, secretary, and Robert Wallace Best, of 112 Nicholson-street, Fitzroy, barrister and solicitor.
Footscray	...	...	Samuel Mager, of Hobbs-street, Footscray, hatter.
Geelong	...	...	{ William Gurr, and Charles Leonard Andrews.

Gippsland Central	...	...	Albert Harris, of Walhalla, merchant.
Gippsland East	...	...	Henry Foster, of Melbourne.
Gippsland North	...	...	Allan McLean.
Gippsland South	...	...	Francis Conway Mason, of Melbourne, gentleman.
Gippsland West	...	...	Arthur George Nichols, of Drouin West, farmer.
Grant	...	...	John Percy Chirnside, of Werribee, grazier.
Grenville	...	...	{ James Thomas Sadler, and David Kerr.
Gunbower	...	...	James Hiers McColl, Quarry Hill, Bendigo, engineer.
Hawthorn	...	...	Robert Thomson Barbour, of Power-street, Hawthorn, quantity surveyor.
Horsham	...	...	Robert Stanley, of Pimpinio, in Victoria, farmer.
Jolimont and West Richmond	...	...	Theodore Fink, barrister, "Willyama," Balaclava-road, Balaclava.
Kara Kara	...	...	Peter McBride, of St. Arnaud, merchant.
Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Laneefield	...	...	John Gavan Duffy, of "Narrara," Alma-road, St. Kilda, barrister and solicitor.
Korong	...	...	Thomas Langdon.
Kyneton	...	...	Reginald Ivon Argyle, farmer, Kyneton.
Lowan	...	...	William Hill Irvine, of Melbourne, barrister-at-law.
Maldon	...	...	John McIntyre, of Brighton, gentleman.
Mandurang	...	...	Richard O'Neill.
Maryborough	...	...	Alfred Richard Outtrim, of Maryborough, gentleman.
Melbourne	...	...	Edward Findley.
Melbourne East	...	...	{ Samuel Gillott, and John Anderson.
Melbourne North	...	...	George Michael Prendergast.
Melbourne South	...	...	John Benjamin Tucker, of 123 Cecil-street, South Melbourne, secretary.
Melbourne West	...	...	William Maloney.
Mornington	...	...	Alfred Downward, of Mornington, grazier.
Normanby	...	...	William Shiels, St. Kilda, Melbourne, barrister-at-law.
Numurkah and Nathalia	...	...	George Graham, farmer, Wunghnu.
Ovens	...	...	John Alfred Isaacs, barrister and solicitor, Melbourne.
Polwarth	...	...	Charles Lamond Forrest.
Port Fairy	...	...	James Francis Duffus, Koroit, hotelkeeper.
Portland	...	...	Ewen Cameron.
Port Melbourne	...	...	George Sangster.
Prahran	...	...	Donald Mackinnon, of 434 Toorak-road, South Yarra, barrister.
Richmond	...	...	{ George Henry Bennett, and William Arthur Trenwith.
Ripon and Hampden	...	...	David Swan Oman, of Lismore, grazier.
Rodney	...	...	{ John Walter Mason. John Morrissey.
Sandhurst	...	...	{ Daniel Barnett Lazarus, and Alfred Shrapnell Bailes.
Sandhurst South	...	...	David Chaplin Sterry, of Ironbark, Bendigo, gentleman.
Shepparton and Euroa	...	...	Joseph Tilley Brown, auctioneer, of Collins-street, Melbourne.
South Yarra	...	...	Joseph Harris, of Mornington, journalist.
St. Kilda	...	...	The Right Honorable Sir George Turner, solicitor, Carlisle-street, St. Kilda.
Stawell	...	...	John Balfour Burton.
Talbot and Avoca	...	...	Charles Carty Salmon, of Daisy Hill Park, Talbot, surgeon.
Toorak	...	...	Duncan Gillies.
Villiers and Heytesbury	...	...	Peter Campbell McArthur, grazier, Laureny, Caramut.
Wangaratta and Rutherglen	...	...	John Bowser, journalist, Wangaratta.
Warrenheip	...	...	George Frederick Holden, of Wallace, produce merchant.
Warrnambool	...	...	John Murray.
Williamstown	...	...	Alexander Gordon Culbert Ramsay.
Windermere	...	...	John Pollock Spiers.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—J. S. White, Esq., M. K. McKenzie, Esq., R. McGregor, Esq., J. W. Kirton, Esq., The Honorable R. T. Vale, The Honorable J. F. Levien, T. Kennedy, Esq., A. W. Craven, Esq., The Honorable Isaac A. Isaacs, J. H. Dyer, Esq., M. J. S. Gair, Esq., S. T. Staughton, Esq., The Honorable T. Bent, F. H. Bromley, Esq., D. V. Hennessy, Esq., H. S. W. Lawson, Esq., E. D. Williams, Esq., The Honorable A. J. Peacock, E. Wilkins, Esq., W. D. Beazley, Esq., W. S. Keast, Esq., D. McLeod, Esq., T. P. McNerney, Esq., The Honorable J. W. Taverner, A. Robinson, Esq., D. J. Duggan, Esq., The Honorable H. R. Williams, D. Methven, Esq., W. T. Reay, Esq., F. Madden, Esq., T. Smith, Esq., E. C. Warde, Esq., E. H. Cameron, Esq., J. W. Billson, Esq., The Honorable R. W. Best, S. Mauger, Esq., W. Gurr, Esq., C. L. Andrews, Esq., A. Harris, Esq., The Honorable H. Foster, The Honorable A. McLean, The Honorable F. C. Mason, A. G. Nichols, Esq., J. P. Chirnside, Esq., J. T. Sadler, Esq., D. Kerr, Esq., The Honorable J. H. McColl, R. T. Barbour, Esq., R. Stanley, Esq., The Honorable T. Fink, P. McBride, Esq., The Honorable J. Gavan Duffy, T. Langdon, Esq., R. I. Argyle, Esq., The Honorable W. H. Irvine, The Honorable Sir John McIntyre, R. O'Neill, Esq., The Honorable A. R. Outtrim, E. Findley, Esq., S. Gillott, Esq., J. Anderson, Esq., G. M. Prendergast, Esq., J. B. Tucker, Esq., W. Maloney, Esq., A. Downward, Esq., The Honorable W. Shiels, The Honorable G. Graham, John A. Isaacs, Esq., C. L. Forrest, Esq., J. F. Duffus, Esq., E. Cameron, Esq., G. Sangster, Esq., D. Mackinnon, Esq., G. H. Bennett, Esq., W. A. Trenwith, Esq., D. S. Oman, Esq., J. W. Mason, Esq., J. Morrissey, Esq., D. B. Lazarus, Esq., A. S. Bailes, Esq., D. C. Sterry, Esq., J. Harris, Esq., The Right Honorable Sir George Turner, J. B. Burton, Esq., The Honorable C. C. Salmon, The Honorable D. Gillies, P. C. McArthur, Esq., J. Bowser, Esq., G. F. Holden, Esq., J. Murray, Esq., A. G. C. Ramsay, Esq., took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

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

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. E. H. Cameron, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker The Honorable Francis Conway Mason, and moved, That The Honorable Francis Conway Mason do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Trenwith.

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

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

Then Mr. McLean and Sir George Turner, and other Honorable Members, congratulated Mr. Speaker.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at one o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—A Message was delivered by the Usher of the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

I have much pleasure in congratulating you upon the high and honorable position to which the favour of the House of Assembly has placed you for the second time, and I have every confidence that you will fulfil the duties appertaining thereto in a worthy and dignified manner.

JOHN MADDEN.

Government House,
Melbourne, 14th November, 1900.

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the following Commission :—

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir JOHN MADDEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

To The Honorable FRANCIS CONWAY MASON, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of Victoria :

GREETING :

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

(L.S.) Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, in the said Colony, this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred, and in the sixty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign.

JOHN MADDEN.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. McLEAN.

Entered on Record by me in the Register of Patents, Book 24,
page 239, this thirteenth day of November, One thousand
nine hundred.

CHARLES A. TOPP.
(700 copies.)

5. **MEMBERS SWORN.**—J. T. Brown, Esq.; W. B. Grose, Esq.; J. P. Spiers, Esq.; and R. F. Toutcher, Esq., took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

6. **PAPERS.**—Mr. McColl presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
State Forests and Timber Reserves.—Thirteenth Progress Report of the Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves.—Proposed Diversion of Water from Upper Acheron for Supply of Metropolis, and question of Vesting Catchment Area in Metropolitan Board of Works.

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 of the House :—

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st January, 1900, to 30th June, 1900.

Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Victorian Naval and Military Forces.—Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Part I.—Pay of Permanent Forces. Part II.—Pay of Militia Forces.—Order in Council.

Land Act 1890.—Section 69.—Schedule No. 11.—Country Lands to be offered for Sale by Public Auction during the year 1900.

7. **LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. McLean moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Land Acts.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. McLean and Mr. McColl do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. McLean then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Land Acts,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

8. **HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.**—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he read to the House as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

I avail myself of the earliest opportunity, after the return of the writs for the general election, of having your advice and assistance in certain matters of importance which require immediate attention.

A Bill to confer the Franchise on Women, which has been before you on many previous occasions, will be at once submitted to you in the hope that the adult population of Victoria, without distinction of sex, may be entitled, as in South Australia and Western Australia, to take part in the forthcoming Federal Elections.

Legislation is urgently needed in order to retain the Mallee farmers on their holdings. A Bill designed to effect this object will be forthwith submitted to you, and provision will also be made in it for creating a fourth class for the poorer lands of the colony, liberalizing the village settlement conditions, and simplifying and expediting the work of the Lands Department.

A scheme for the establishment of a provision for Old Age has, after careful consideration, been prepared by my Advisers, and will be laid before you without delay.

The reclassification of the Public Servants in those Departments of the State which are to be transferred to the Federal Government is a subject of urgency, and a measure dealing with this matter will be presented for your early consideration.

The Royal Commission appointed to consider the question of Religious Instruction in State Schools having prepared a series of lessons, my Advisers will, in accordance with the resolution of the Legislative Assembly, submit to you a Bill to authorize the reference of the question to a direct vote of the people.

The revenue is, I am happy to inform you, showing signs of healthy expansion; and it is the intention of my Advisers, in pursuance of their promise to Parliament, to bring in a Bill for establishing the Penny Post before the Commonwealth is inaugurated on the 1st January, 1901.

In view of the advent of Federation, my Advisers will submit a measure providing for a reduction in the emoluments of the Representative of Her Majesty in Victoria.

I beg to express the earnest hope that your labours may tend to the welfare and happiness of the people.

JOHN MADDEN.

9. **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.**—Mr. Andrews moved, That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

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

Sir George Turner moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“And we respectfully desire to inform Your Excellency that the Government does not possess the confidence of the House or of the country.”

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 48.	
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McBride,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Manger,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McColl,	Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bent,	Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Bennett,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Best,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Billson,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Methven,	Mr. Burton,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Downward,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Reay,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Findley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Salmon,	Mr. Fink,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Shiels,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Stanley,	Mr. Gair,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Staughton,	Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Vale,	Mr. Gurr,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. White.	Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Lazarus,		Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Madden,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Craven,	Mr. Keast,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Kirton.	Mr. Kerr,	
		Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
		Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

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

THURSDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1900.

Debate further continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.		Noes, 42.	
Mr. Anderson,	Dr. McInerney,	Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nichols,	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Oman,	Mr. Brown,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Best,	Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Peacock,	Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Ramsay,	Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Reay,	Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sadler,	Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Spiers,	Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Sterry,	Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,	Mr. Holden,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. A. Harris,	Sir George Turner,	Mr. Langdon,	Mr. White.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Warde,	Mr. Lazarus,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,	Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. E. D. Williams,	Mr. Madden,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. H. R. Williams.	Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Kirton.
Mr. Lawson,			
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,		
Mr. Manger,	Mr. Beazley.		
Mr. McGregor,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament. And we respectfully desire to inform Your Excellency that the Government does not possess the confidence of the House or of the country—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

TUESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker reported that he had, that day, waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament, agreed to on the 15th November instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I thank you, in the name and on behalf of our Most Gracious Sovereign, for the expression of loyalty contained in the Address just presented to me.

You acquaint me in your Address that my late Advisers did not possess the confidence of Parliament or of the country, and I have the honour to inform you that, they having resigned their offices, I have taken steps which will, I trust, bring the Executive Government into harmony with the opinion of the Legislative Assembly.

JOHN MADDEN.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 20th November, 1900.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

George Henry Bennett, Esquire,
Ewen Hugh Cameron, Esquire,
Mackay John Scobie Gair, Esquire,
Albert Harris, Esquire,
Frank Madden, Esquire,
David Methven, Esquire, and
The Honorable John William Taverner

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

Given under my hand this nineteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Gillott moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 4th December next, at four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. SUPPLY.—Mr. Gillott moved, That this House will, on Tuesday, 4th December next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Gillott moved, That this House will, on Tuesday, 4th December next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Gillott presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—

Report of the Council of Judges under Section 33 of the *Supreme Court Act 1890*.

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 of the House :—

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—

Statement showing the Names, Remuneration, Duties, &c., of all Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Assembly under the authority of Part IX. of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890*, during the period from 15th November, 1899, to 20th November, 1900.

Statement of Temporary Appointments in the Department of the Library.

Judicature Act.—Rules of the Supreme Court.

Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1900.

Water Acts—

Bacchus Marsh Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 8 (Draft Form).

Bairnsdale Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation No. 14.

Cohuna Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation No. 21.

Gunbower West Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.

Macorna North Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation No. 8.

Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 17 (Draft Form).

Twelve Mile Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation for the Sale of Water.

Wandella Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.

Yatchaw Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Gillott moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifty-five minutes past four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 4th December next.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **ISSUE OF WRITS.**—Mr. Speaker announced that since the adjournment of the House he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve for the following Electoral Districts, viz.:—
 - St. Kilda, in the place of the Honorable Sir George Turner, K.C.M.G. ;
 - Bogong, in the place of the Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs ;
 - Clunes and Allandale, in the place of the Honorable Alexander James Peacock ;
 - Richmond, in the place of William Arthur Trenwith, Esquire ;
 - Rodney, in the place of John Morrissey, Esquire ;
 - Dunolly, in the place of Daniel Joseph Duggan, Esquire ;
 - Stawell, in the place of John Balfour Burton, Esquire ; and
 - Geelong, in the place of William Gurr, Esquire ;
 who had severally accepted offices of profit under the Crown.
3. **RETURNS TO WRITS.**—Mr. Speaker also announced that he had received returns to Writs, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen had been duly elected for the respective districts set opposite their several names :—
 - George Turner, solicitor, 72 Carlisle-street, St. Kilda, for the Electoral District of St. Kilda.
 - Alexander James Peacock, of Creswick, legal manager, for the Electoral District of Clunes and Allandale.
 - William Arthur Trenwith, of Coppin-street, Richmond, bootmaker, for the Electoral District of Richmond.
 - John Morrissey, for the Electoral District of Rodney.
 - Daniel Joseph Duggan, for the Electoral District of Dunolly.
 - John Balfour Burton, for the Electoral District of Stawell.
 - William Gurr, for the Electoral District of Geelong.
 Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had not yet received the return to the Writ issued by him for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Bogong, although the election had been held ; but he had received a telegram from the Returning Officer informing him that Mr. Isaac Alfred Isaacs had been duly elected.
4. **MEMBERS SWORN.**—The following Members were then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law, viz. :—The Right Honorable Sir George Turner, K.C.M.G., The Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs, The Honorable Alexander James Peacock, The Honorable William Arthur Trenwith, The Honorable John Morrissey, The Honorable Daniel Joseph Duggan, The Honorable John Balfour Burton, and The Honorable William Gurr.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at four o'clock.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1900.

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

2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that since the adjournment of the House last night he had received a return to the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Bogong, by which it appeared that Isaac Alfred Isaacs, of Melbourne, barrister and solicitor, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.

3. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
Charitable Institutions.—Report of Inspector for the year ended 30th June, 1900.

Mr. Duggan presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—

Land Acts and Wattles Act 1890—Report of Proceedings taken under the Provisions of, during the year ending 31st December, 1899.

Mr. Trenwith presented—

Embezzlement and Theft in the Railways Department.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 10th July, 1900, for a return showing the number and nature of the cases of embezzlement and theft by servants of the Railways Department during the last ten years, and the punishment inflicted. The cases to be denoted by numbers or letters.

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 of the House:—

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890.—Part IX.—Statement showing the Names, Remunerations, Duties, &c., of all Persons temporarily employed in the Departments of the Legislative Council and the Parliament Gardens.

Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Victorian Naval and Military Forces.—Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Part IV.—Allowances. Part I.—Pay of Permanent Forces.—Order in Council.

Public Service Act 1890—
Alteration of Regulations.
Regulations.

State Forests and Timber Reserves—Royal Commission on.—Copy of Order in Council increasing the Expenditure.

Supreme Court Act 1900.—Rule of the Supreme Court, dated 9th November, 1900.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the quarter ending 30th September, 1900.

Water Act 1890.—Wimmera United Waterworks Trust.—Application for an Additional Loan of £4,210.

4. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Sir George Turner moved, That the Honorable Member for Collingwood, Mr. William David Beazley, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read:—

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the payment of old-age pensions.

Government Offices,
5th December, 1900.

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

6. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 1, having been read—On the motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the payment of old-age pensions.

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

Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Payment of Old-age Pensions,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read:—

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the payment of judgments, decrees, and orders made in the United Kingdom in respect of Victorian Government Stock inscribed in the United Kingdom.

Government Offices,
5th December, 1900.

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

8. INSCRIBED STOCK JUDGMENTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 2, having been read—On the motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the payment of judgments, decrees, and orders made in the United Kingdom in respect of Victorian Government Stock inscribed in the United Kingdom.

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

Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Gillott do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Payment of Judgments Decrees and Orders made in the United Kingdom in respect of Victorian Government Stock Inscribed in the United Kingdom,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

9. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to remove the disqualification of women at elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.

- Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to remove the Disqualification of Women at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS) BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of claims for old-age pensions.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Registration of Claims for Old-age Pensions*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill providing for the reclassification of the Public Service and for other purposes.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Peacock do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill providing for the Reclassification of the Public Service and for other purposes*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. CUSTOMS OFFICERS BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the execution of certain duties and powers of the Commissioner and officers of Customs.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Gillott do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the execution of certain duties and powers of the Commissioner and Officers of Customs*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS BORROWING POWERS INCREASE BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Peacock do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to increase the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
14. YARROWEE CHANNEL WORKS BILL.—Mr. Trenwith moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the repayment of portion of an amount to be advanced by the State towards the Yarrowee Channel works at Ballarat.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Trenwith and Mr. McGregor do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Trenwith then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Repayment of Portion of an Amount to be advanced by the State towards the Yarrowee Channel Works at Ballarat*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
15. VOTING BY POST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Peacock moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Voting by Post Act 1900*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Peacock and Mr. Duggan do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Voting by Post Act 1900'*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
16. POSTAGE RATE ALTERATION BILL.—Mr. Gurr moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to alter the rate of postage on letters received at any post office in Victoria for delivery in Victoria.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Gurr and Mr. Gillott do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Gurr then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to alter the Rate of Postage on Letters received at any Post Office in Victoria for delivery in Victoria*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
17. SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFERENDUM BILL.—Mr. Gurr moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize a referendum to the people of certain questions as to the use in State schools of certain Scripture lessons, prayers and services, and hymns.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Gurr and Mr. McGregor do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Gurr then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize a Referendum to the People of certain questions as to the use in State Schools of certain Scripture Lessons Prayers and Services and Hymns,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

18. CENSUS QUESTIONS *re* WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.—Sir John McIntyre moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the following questions be added to the usual ones upon the census papers to be issued to householders next year:—

1. How many female adults are in favour of woman's suffrage.
2. How many male adults are in favour of woman's suffrage.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

19. LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Bailes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Landlord and Tenant Act 1890*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Bailes and Mr. Foster do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Bailes then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Landlord and Tenant Act 1890,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

20. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL.—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Best, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to parliamentary elections.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Best, Mr. Bailes, and Mr. Foster do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Foster then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Parliamentary Elections,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

21. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Bailes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Mines Act 1897*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Bailes and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Bailes then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Mines Act 1897,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

22. GIPPSLAND EAST EDUCATION ENDOWMENT RESERVES RELEASE BILL.—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to release certain land in the Electorate of Gippsland East from permanent reservation made for the purposes of education endowment.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Foster and Mr. Bailes do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Foster then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to release certain Land in the Electorate of Gippsland East from Permanent Reservation made for the purposes of Education Endowment,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

23. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Bailes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Land Act 1898*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Bailes, Mr. Foster, and Mr. Robinson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Bailes then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Land Act 1898,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

24. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. O'Neill moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Licensing Act 1890*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Kerr do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. O'Neill then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Licensing Act 1890,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

25. JURORS EXEMPTION BILL.—Mr. Brown moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill providing for the exemption of commercial travellers and country auctioneers from service on juries.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Brown and Mr. Craven do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Brown then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill providing for the exemption of Commercial Travellers and Country Auctioneers from service on Juries,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

26. **WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Bailes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Wills Act 1890*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Bailes and Mr. Lawson do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Bailes then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Wills Act 1890,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
27. **HOUSE ESTATE AND FINANCIAL AGENTS LICENSING BILL.**—Mr. O’Neill moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to license house and estate and financial agents and money lenders.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. O’Neill and Mr. Robinson do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. O’Neill then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to license House and Estate and Financial Agents and Money Lenders,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
28. **HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Bromley moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to hackney carriages.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Bromley and Mr. Billson do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Bromley then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Hackney Carriages,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
29. **STOCK AND SHARE BROKERS LICENSING BILL.**—Mr. O’Neill moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to license stock and share brokers.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. O’Neill and Mr. Gair do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. O’Neill then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to license Stock and Share Brokers,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
30. **BRANDS REGISTRATION BILL.**—Mr. Craven moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Kennedy, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the registration of brands on stock.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Craven, and Mr. Brown do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Craven then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for the Registration of Brands on Stock,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
31. **UNUSED ROADS LICENSING BILL.**—Mr. O’Neill moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to deal with the licensing of public roads that are occupied by land-owners which are not required for public traffic.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. O’Neill and Mr. Robinson do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. O’Neill then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to deal with the licensing of Public Roads that are occupied by Land-owners which are not required for Public Traffic,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
32. **JUVENILE STREET VENDORS AND TRADERS BILL.**—Mr. Salmon moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate and control juvenile street vendors and traders.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Salmon and Mr. Methven do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Salmon then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to regulate and control Juvenile Street Vendors and Traders,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
33. **TRAMWAYS ACT 1890 (ST. KILDA) EXTENSION BILL.**—Mr. Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the *Tramways Act 1890* to the municipality of Saint Kilda.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Bent and Mr. Bennett do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Bent then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to extend the provisions of the ‘Tramways Act 1890’ to the Municipality of Saint Kilda,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 19th December instant.
34. **NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.**—Mr. Bailes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish compulsory vaccination.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Bailes and Mr. Nichols do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Bailes then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to abolish Compulsory Vaccination,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

35. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Health Act 1890*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Murray, Mr. Duffus, and Mr. McArthur do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Murray then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Health Act 1890,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 19th December instant.

36. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

 THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DAYS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day, except Friday, when the hour of meeting shall be Two o'clock; that Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, shall be called on after half-past Ten o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bent, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Gair, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Levien, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. McLean, Mr. Staughton, Mr. Trenwith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Vale; five to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Best, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Madden, and Mr. Shiels.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Craven, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Trenwith.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Downward, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Grose, Mr. Kirton, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Manger, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Outtrim, and Mr. Sterry; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Brown, Mr. McBride, and Mr. Wilkins.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session:—Mr. Beazley, Mr. Fink, Mr. Kennedy, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. Smith, Mr. E. D. Williams, and Mr. H. R. Williams; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. MEMBERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN CONTINGENTS AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice, That positions in the Public Service shall be open to members of the contingents who return from South Africa, provided they are competent to perform the duties in a satisfactory manner.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. **GOVERNOR'S SALARY REDUCTION BILL.**—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the sum appropriated for the payment of the Governor's salary.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to reduce the sum appropriated for the payment of the Governor's Salary,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. **CUSTOMS OFFICERS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. **INSCRIBED STOCK JUDGMENTS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. **VOTING BY POST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Peacock, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
 On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—
- Resolved*—The rates of duties of income tax which shall subject and pursuant to the Income Tax Acts be charged levied collected and paid for the use of Her Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and one are hereby declared to be as follows (that is to say) :—
- (a) On all income derived by any person from personal exertion—
- for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Twelve hundred pounds, Fourpence ;
- for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Twelve hundred pounds and up to Two thousand and two hundred pounds, Sixpence ;
- and for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Two thousand and two hundred pounds, Eightpence.

- (b) On all income derived by any person from the produce of property—
 for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Twelve hundred pounds,
 Eightpence ;
 for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Twelve hundred pounds
 and up to Two thousand and two hundred pounds, Twelvepence ;
 and for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Two thousand and two
 hundred pounds, Sixteenpence.

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

Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

15. INCOME TAX BILL.—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and one,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

16. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Kirtou 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.

17. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Salmon 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.

18. POSTAGE RATE ALTERATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gurr moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Gurr moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Gurr, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 8 to 12 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

20. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
 Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating the Temporary Chairmen of Committees, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

George Henry Bennett, Esquire,
John Bowser, Esquire,
Frederick Hadkinson Bromley, Esquire,
Joseph William Kirton, Esquire, and
John Murray, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this eleventh day of December, One thousand nine hundred.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 - Land Acts.—Additions and Alterations to Regulations under the Land Acts.—Order in Council.
 - Mines Ventilation Board.—Copy of Order in Council increasing the Expenditure.
4. ORDER OF THE HOUSE RESCINDED.—Mr. Bent moved, by leave, That the Order of the House appointing Wednesday, the 18th December instant, for the second reading of the Tramways Act 1890 (St. Kilda) Extension Bill be rescinded, and that the second reading of the said Bill be made an Order for Thursday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. SAVINGS BANKS BUSINESS BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the conduct of the business of the Commissioners of Savings Banks on the transfer of the Post Office to the Commonwealth.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the conduct of the business of the Commissioners of Savings Banks on the transfer of the Post Office to the Commonwealth.*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1900.

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

7. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 3, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Duggan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Mr. Duggan, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

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

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

Ordered—That Mr. Duggan and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Duggan then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

8. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Craven moved, as an amendment, That the word "now" be omitted, and that after the word "time" the words "this day six months" be added.

Question—That the word "now," 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.

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Downward,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Mauger,	
Mr. McColl,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Dr. McInerney,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Brown,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. White.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lazarus,	
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Bowser,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Craven.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—

Clause 4, line 6, after “1898,” insert “and also in the *Voting by Post Act* 1900 and any Act amending the same.”

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

9. OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1900.

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

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Maloney moved, That paragraph (e) of the Schedule be omitted.

Question—That paragraph (e), proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Schedule—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. A. Harris,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lazarus,	
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Forrest.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bromley,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Maloney,	
Sir John McIntyre,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murray,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Salmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir George Turner moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House agreed to the following amendments in this Bill :—

Clause 2, line 7, after “who is” insert “permanently disabled or who is”; and after “caused” insert “in either case.”

” 2, line 8, after “unhealthy” insert “or hazardous.”

Schedule, paragraph (o), after “I am” insert “permanently disabled or”; and after “unhealthy” insert “or hazardous.”

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

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

Land Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading,

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive and Nos. 9 and 10 be postponed until this day.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at ten minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

 WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SENATORS ELECTIONS BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the holding of elections of Senators for Victoria of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to facilitate the holding of Elections of Senators for Victoria of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. STAMPS BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to stamps.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Gurr do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Stamps,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Methven rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The granting of the sum of £3,333 to the contractors for the Coliban Reservoir."
 Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
 Mr. Methven moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and negatived.
5. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Duggan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. McColl moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
6. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
 Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Sir George Turner moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

7. GOVERNOR'S SALARY REDUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Prendergast moved, That the word "Five," in clause 2, line 10, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Four."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 69.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. J. Harris,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. White,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Lazarus,	Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Billson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Findley,
Lieut.-Col. Reay.	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

8. SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFERENDUM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gurr moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barbour,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Gillott,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Beazley.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lazarus,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. White.
Mr. Dyer,	
Mr. Findley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Keast,	

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

Mr. Gurr moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Gurr, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.

 THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, viz.:—Mr. E. H. Cameron, Mr. Craven, Mr. Foster, Mr. A. Harris, Mr. Smith, and Mr. White.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Duggan moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Duggan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1900.

- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
On the motion of Mr. Duggan, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Duggan moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
 5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-three minutes past twelve o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.

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TUESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
 - Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1899—
 - Part VI.—Production.
 - Part VII.—Law, Crime, &c.
 - Part VIII.—Accumulation.
 - Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
 - Technical Education.—Report on Technical Instruction in the British Islands and America, by Professor T. R. Lyle, M.A.

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 of the House :—

 - Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1900.
 - Companies Act 1890.—Summary of Statements for the year 1899 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.
 - Water Act 1890.—Donald Waterworks Trust.—Application for an Additional Loan of £1,000.
3. EXCISE REDUCTION BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Governor in Council to reduce the excise duties on tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, spirits, and beer.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 - Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Governor in Council to reduce the Excise Duties on Tobacco Cigars Cigarettes Spirits and Beer,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Savings Banks Acts.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Gurr do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 - Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Savings Banks Acts,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (1901) BILL.—Mr. Peacock moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to elections for the Legislative Assembly during the year One thousand nine hundred and one.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Ordered—That Mr. Peacock and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 - Mr. Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly during the year One thousand nine hundred and one,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. **PACIFIC CABLE AUTHORIZATION BILL.**—Mr. Gurr moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Government of Victoria to join with certain other Governments in the cost of the construction and maintenance of a cable across the Pacific Ocean, and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Gurr and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Gurr then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to enable the Government of Victoria to join with certain other Governments in the Cost of the Construction and Maintenance of a Cable across the Pacific Ocean and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

JOHN MADDEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Railway Loan Act 1900*.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 17th December, 1900.

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

8. **RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 4, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Trenwith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Mr. Trenwith, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the *Railway Loan Act 1900*.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Trenwith and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Trenwith then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Railway Loan Act 1900,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

9. **LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Duggan, read a third time.

Mr. Best moved, That the word “four,” in clause 21, line 18, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word “two.”

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

Mr. Best moved, That the word “sixth,” in clause 21, line 19, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word “fourth.”

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

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

A. Notwithstanding anything in the Land Acts contained where any additional land is granted under a conditional purchase lease to the holder of a permit or lease under the *Settlement on Lands Act 1893* no interest shall be charged on the purchase money of such land.

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

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

HH. In section one hundred and fifty-two of the *Land Act 1898* for the words “purchase by agreement and” there shall be substituted the words “either by purchase by agreement or by taking compulsorily.”

Mr. Best moved, That this clause be read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—That this clause be read a second time—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Barbour,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Burton,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. McGregor.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. White.
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lazarus,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. McBride.
Mr. Madden,	

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

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

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

- DD. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Mines Acts, the Governor in Council may make regulations for prescribing the mode of procedure with respect to appeals to the Court of Mines from the decisions of a warden on all questions of compensation payable to the owner or occupier of private land within the meaning of the *Mines Act 1897* whether such land has been alienated before or since the twenty-ninth day of December One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.
- (2) Notwithstanding that the Governor in Council may have directed that a Court of Mines shall be held at certain intervals or upon certain days and at certain places within any district in any year it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to further direct that a Court of Mines shall be held at shorter intervals or upon any other days or at any additional places within such district in the same year.
- (3) This section shall apply to appeals pending at the commencement of this Act as well as to future appeals.

Mr. Toutcher moved, That this clause be read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

10. PUBLIC SERVICE RECLASSIFICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1900.

Debate continued.

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

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Sir George Turner moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 9 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

And then the House, at four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. CORRECTIONS IN LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following Report from the Clerk of the House:—

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER,

I have the honour to report that I have made the following corrections in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes,*" viz.:—

In clause C, line 16, the words "the same" have been inserted after "and."

In clause Q, line 7, the words "shall be and the same" have been inserted after "1896."

In clause AA, line 28, the words "shall be and the same" have been inserted after "Farming District."

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the execution of certain duties and powers of the Commissioner and Officers of Customs*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Payment of Judgments Decrees and Orders made in the United Kingdom in respect of Victorian Government Stock Inscribed in the United Kingdom*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and one*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to alter the Rate of Postage on Letters received at any Post Office in Victoria for delivery in Victoria*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to reduce the sum appropriated for the payment of the Governor's Salary*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to Insolvency*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

5. INSOLVENCY LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to Insolvency*," be now read a first time.

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

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read :—

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize certain annual payments to be made towards the maintenance of the establishment of the Governor-General.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1900.

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

7. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 5, having been read—On the motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize certain annual payments to be made towards the maintenance of the establishment of the Governor-General.

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

Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize certain Annual Payments to be made towards the Maintenance of the Establishment of the Governor-General*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

8. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to amended notice, That so much of the Sessional Order as limits the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session so far as Government Business is concerned. Debate ensued.

Mr. Maloney moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion :—" providing a Session be held in February next."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Bromley,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Lazarus,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McColl,	
Dr. McInerney,	
Sir John McIntyre,	

Tellers.

Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Prendergast.

Noes, 53.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Lawson,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Robinson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Question—That so much of the Sessional Order as limits the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session so far as Government Business is concerned—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 72.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bowser,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Bromley,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. McKeuzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Foster,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Lazarus,	
Mr. Levien,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McBride.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Craven,	Mr. Vale.
Mr. Findley,	
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Methven,	
Mr. Prendergast,	
Mr. Salmon,	

Tellers.

Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Toutcher.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. RAILWAY EXTENSION.—Mr. Trenwith moved, pursuant to notice, That the following questions be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report, viz. :—

1. The question of connecting the North-Eastern, Goulburn Valley, and Northern Main Trunk lines by means of a railway.
2. The question of connecting Tolmie by means of a railway with one of the existing lines.
3. The question of connecting Woolamai, San Remo, and Cape Patterson by means of a railway with the existing railway system.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Methven moved, as an amendment, That the following paragraph be added to the motion :—

- “ 4. The question of constructing a railway from Flemington-bridge to Pascoe Vale ; and the question of constructing a railway from Traralgon to Carrajung.”

Debate continued.

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

Question—That the following questions be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report, viz. :—

1. The question of connecting the North-Eastern, Goulburn Valley, and Northern Main Trunk lines by means of a railway.
2. The question of connecting Tolmie by means of a railway with one of the existing lines.
3. The question of connecting Woolamai, San Remo, and Cape Patterson by means of a railway with the existing railway system—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Voting by Post Act 1900,’* ” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “ *An Act to provide for the Registration of Claims for Old-age Pensions,* ” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

12. SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFERENDUM BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

On the motion of Mr. Gurr, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Gurr moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Sangster moved, That the word “ day,” in clause 2, page 2, line 1, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word “ week.”

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

Mr. Bromley moved, That the following words be added to clause 2 :—“ At least fifty thousand votes shall be given in favour of the questions before any alteration of the present Education Act is made.”

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bromley,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. White.
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McArthur,	

Tellers.

Mr. Lazarus,
Mr. McBride.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kirtou,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Beazley.

And so it passed in the negative.

On the motion of Mr. Bowser, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—

Clause 4, at the end of the clause add the words “No ballot-paper shall be declared informal on the ground only that the voter has not voted in answer to every question.”

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to provide for the Payment of Old-age Pensions*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

14. YARROWEE CHANNEL WORKS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Trenwith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Trenwith moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Trenwith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

15. SAVINGS BANKS BUSINESS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

16. **STAMPS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—

Clause 1, at the end of the clause add “and shall be read as one with the *Stamps Act 1890.*”

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

17. **EXCISE REDUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

18. **RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

19. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read :—

JOHN MADDEN,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 6.

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

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 19th December, 1900.

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

20. **SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 6, having been read—On the motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

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

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

21. SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
22. SENATORS ELECTIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment.
On the motion of Mr. Peacock, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Peacock moved, That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Peacock, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
23. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (1901) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Peacock, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
24. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS BORROWING POWERS INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
25. PACIFIC CABLE AUTHORIZATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gurr moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Gurr moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Gurr, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

26. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—

Supply—To be considered in Committee.

27. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

28. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past twelve o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Bromley, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Report of the Printing Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. **PAPER.**—Mr. Speaker presented—
Finance, 1899–1900.—The Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1900; accompanied by the Report of the Commissioners of Audit and by the Documents specified in the Fifty-first Section of the Audit Act.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. **CORRECTION IN EXCISE REDUCTION BILL.**—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following Report from the Clerk of the House:—

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 20th December, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER,

I have the honour to report that I have made the following correction in the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Governor in Council to reduce the Excise Duties on Tobacco Cigars Cigarettes Spirits and Beer,*" viz.:—

In the Preamble, line 3, the words "this present" have been inserted before "Parliament."

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Sangster rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The expediency of the official landing of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York taking place at the Port Melbourne Town Pier."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Sangster moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
6. **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA BILL.**—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to enable certain arrangements entered into by and on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia to be carried into effect and to make provision with regard to the property held by or on behalf of or in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria or by any congregation or body connected therewith or by any person for or on behalf of the said Church or any congregation of the said Church and for other purposes in connexion with such Church.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs and Mr. Peacock do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable certain arrangements entered into by and on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Tasmania and Western Australia for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia to be carried into effect and to make provision with regard to the Property held by or on behalf of or in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria or by any Congregation or Body connected therewith or by any Person for or on behalf of the said Church or any Congregation of the said Church and for other purposes in connexion with such Church,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

7. VOTING BY POST ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. After clause 1 insert the following new clause :—

A. For section three of the *Voting by Post Act* 1900 there shall be substituted the following section, namely :— Amendment of
of s. 3 of No.
1701.

3. After the publication of such notice any elector for any province or district in which an election is about to be held who appears from the rolls to reside in such province or district (as the case may be) may apply to the returning officer for such province or district for a postal ballot-paper enabling him to vote through the post at such election instead of attending personally to tender his vote thereat.

2. Clause 4, omit this clause and insert the following new clause :—

B. For the First Schedule to the *Voting by Post Act* 1900 there shall be substituted the Schedule to this Act. Amendment of
First Schedule
of No. 1701.

3. Insert the following new Schedule :—

SCHEDULE.

Section B.

Notice under Voting by Post Act 1900.

ELECTORAL OF [Ovens.]

An election of a Member (or Members) of the Legislative is about to be held in the above-mentioned electoral , and any elector thereof who appears from the rolls to reside in such and who desires to vote through the post office at such election may on posting an application to the returning officer at obtain a postal ballot-paper enabling him to vote through the post at such election.

Such application shall be as nearly as possible in the following form :—

“ I hereby apply for a postal ballot-paper for the forthcoming election for the Legislative

My name is [James Smith].”

“ My trade or occupation is that of a [farm labourer].”

“ My usual residence is [Barwidgee].”

“ My present postal address is [Dederang].”

“ Signature of Elector [James Smith].”

Printed forms of application may be obtained at any post office or the application may be in writing.

If applicant is the holder of an elector's right such right must be attached to application.

No postage is payable thereon.

The application is to be addressed as follows :—

“ The Returning Officer,
[Bright].”

Any elector who intends to vote through the post must apply at once, as no postal ballot-paper will be supplied unless the returning officer receives application therefor sufficiently early to admit of the postal ballot-paper being sent to and returned by such elector so as to reach the returning officer before closing of poll.

Caution.—Any person wilfully making a false statement in an application is liable on conviction to two years' imprisonment.

A. B.,
Chief Secretary.

Mr. Peacock moved, That the said amendments be disagreed with.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

8. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Clause 2, line 7, after “ sixty ” insert “ five.”

Sir George Turner moved, That the said amendment be disagreed with.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

9. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

On the motion of Mr. Best, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Best moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Clause 9, lines 21–23, after “Returns” omit “to be advertised in the *Government Gazette* the particulars contained in the Fifth Schedule,” and insert “as in the form of the Second Schedule to this Act shall be advertised in the *Government Gazette* within fourteen days of being supplied to the Chief Secretary.”

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

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5.

11. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

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

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Debate continued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir George Turner.
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Gillott,	
Mr. Gurr,	
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Robinson.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Bromley,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Lazarus,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Dr. McInerney,	
Mr. McLean,	
Mr. McLeod,	

Tellers.

Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Prendergast.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Murray, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Murray moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

13. **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.”
 Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Isaac A. Isaac moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged:—
Insolvency Law further Amendment Bill—Second reading.
 Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.

FRIDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable Frederick William Holder, Premier of South Australia.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. CORRECTIONS IN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following Report from the Clerk of the House :—

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER,

I have the honour to report that I have made the following corrections in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Parliamentary Elections,*" viz. :—

In clause 1, lines 6 to 9 inclusive, the following words have been omitted :—“and is divided into Parts as follows :—

Part I.—Election Expenses, sections 2–26.

Part II.—Election of Members to the Legislative Assembly, sections 27–32.”

In line 10, page 1, the following words have been omitted :—

“Part I.—Election Expenses.”

And the words “this Part of” have been omitted before “this Act” wherever they occur.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Sir George Turner moved, That the consideration of the Notices of Motion be postponed until after the consideration of the Orders of the Day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. TRAMWAYS ACT 1890 (ST. KILDA) EXTENSION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.”
Mr. Bent moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Bent moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Bent, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable certain arrangements entered into by and on behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Victoria New South Wales Queensland South Australia Tasmania and Western Australia for constituting one Presbyterian Church of Australia to be carried into effect and to make provision with regard to the Property held by or on behalf of or in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria or by any Congregation or Body connected therewith or by any Person for or on behalf of the said Church or any Congregation of the said Church and for other purposes in connexion with such Church*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Registration of Claims for Old-age Pensions*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendment with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

Clause 2, line 7, after "sixty" insert "five."

Sir George Turner moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with the said amendment. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with the said amendment.

8. LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bailes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

And, after debate—

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

9. MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bailes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Foster 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 next.

10. GIPPSLAND EAST EDUCATION ENDOWMENT RESERVES RELEASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Foster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Foster moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Foster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Bennett reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

11. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—

Land Act 1898 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

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

Mr. Manger 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 next.

13. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—

Jurors Exemption Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

14. **WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bailes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Levien 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 next.

15. **HOUSE ESTATE AND FINANCIAL AGENTS LICENSING BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. O'Neill moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Irvine 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 next.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

17. **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The following Orders of the Day were read and discharged:—

Hackney Carriages Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Stock and Share Brokers Licensing Bill—Second reading.

Brands Registration Bill—Second reading.

Unused Roads Licensing Bill—Second reading.

Juvenile Street Vendors and Traders Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

18. **NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bailes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Gair,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Lazarus,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. Methven,	
Mr. Nichols,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. Bennett.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Beazley,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Staughton.
Mr. Gillott,	
Mr. Gurr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. John A. Isaacs,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Maloney.

And so it passed in the negative.

19. **LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

1. Clause 12, page 8, line 1, after "any" insert "qualified."

2. Clause 18, after sub-clause (4) insert new sub-clause—

(4A) Any two members of the Board shall be a quorum, and shall have all the powers and authority conferred upon the Mallee Classification Board by the *Land Act 1898*.

3. " page 12, line 8, after "Board" insert "five members of the Board to form a quorum."

4. Clause 19, line 22, omit "and every such person."

5. Clause 20, lines 37–8, omit "amount of any arrears of rent payable in respect of the mallee allotment lease at the time of selection and the."

6. Clause 24, omit this clause.

7. After clause 33 insert the following new clause:—

A. The Governor in Council may if he think fit extend any lease of a mallee allotment or any part thereof in the Mallee Country or Border for a period of five years from the first December One thousand nine hundred and three if the lessee thereof proves to the satisfaction of the Board that before the date mentioned one-half of the cultivatable land of the original allotment had been cleared and cultivated.

8. Clause 53, line 6, omit "(2)."

9. Clause 61, sub-clause (2), omit this sub-clause.

10. Clause 63, omit this clause.
 11. Clause 66, line 12, after "stones" insert "timber."
 12. Clause 68, omit this clause.
 13. Clause 69, omit this clause.
 14. Insert the following new clauses:—

- A. Sections forty-six and forty-seven of the *Land Act* 1890 are hereby repealed. Repeal of ss. 46 and 47 of No. 1106.
- B. Sections ninety-one ninety-two ninety-five and ninety-six of the *Land Act* 1890 are hereby repealed. Repeal of ss. 91, 92, 95, and 96 of No. 1106.
- C. In section one hundred and twenty-three of the *Land Act* 1890 after the word "area" there shall be inserted the words "or to select an agricultural or grazing allotment." Amendment of s. 123 of No. 1106.
- D. In section one hundred and twenty-four of the *Land Act* 1890 after the word "agricultural" wherever occurring there shall be inserted the words "or grazing." Amendment of s. 124 of No. 1106.
- E. Sub-section (a) of section two of the *Mallee Lands Act* 1896 is hereby repealed. Repeal of sub-sec. (a) of s. 2 of No. 1428.
- F. Sub-section (2) of section six of the *Mallee Lands Act* 1896 is hereby repealed. Repeal of sub-sec. (2) of s. 6 of No. 1428.
- G. Section seven of the *Mallee Lands Act* 1896 as amended by section one hundred and forty of the *Land Act* 1898; and sections eleven and twelve of the *Mallee Lands Act* 1896 are hereby repealed. Repeal of ss. 7, 11, and 12 of No. 1428. (See clause 57 post.)
- H. Sub-sections (2) (3) and (9) of section nineteen of the *Mallee Lands Act* 1896 are hereby repealed. Repeal of sub-sec. (2) (3) and (9) of s. 19 of No. 1428.
- K. Notwithstanding anything in the Land Acts contained where a village community and a homestead association are contiguous residence within the limits of the village community lands or within the limits of the homestead association lands or either by any lessee or holder of a permit of a village community or homestead section shall be deemed residence in respect of his allotment or section within the meaning of section ten or section twenty-four of the *Settlement on Lands Act* 1893 or any amendment thereof. Amendment of sub-sec. 10 of sec. 10 and sub-sec. 10 of sec. 24 of No. 1311.
- L. Notwithstanding anything in the Land Acts contained, where the lessee of a grazing area or of a mallee allotment whether issued before or after the commencement of this Act would have been entitled during his tenancy to have been credited with any occupation and rent of his grazing area or mallee allotment if he had selected such grazing area or mallee allotment or part thereof either before or after such commencement such occupation and rent may at the discretion of the Minister be credited as occupation and rent by and in favour of the transferee of any such lessee who makes an application to select such grazing area or part thereof or such mallee allotment or part thereof in pursuance of the provisions of the Land Acts. Transferee to get credit for occupation and rent if he selects.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 6 disagreed with.

Amendment 7—

Mr. Duggan moved, That this amendment be disagreed with.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Findley,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. McInerney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. John A. Isaacs.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Argyle,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Toucher.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. A. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Lazarus,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Craven.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 8 disagreed with.

Amendments 9 to 11 inclusive agreed to:

Amendment 12 disagreed with:

Amendment 13—

Mr. Duggan moved, That this amendment be agreed to.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Lazarus,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Bent,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Brown,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Taverner.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Robinson.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Best,	Lient.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. Hennessy,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 14—

Amendment to insert new clauses A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and K agreed to.

Amendment to insert new clause L disagreed with.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Repayment of portion of an Amount to be advanced by the State towards the Yarrowee Channel Works at Ballarat*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the conduct of the business of the Commissioners of Savings Banks on the transfer of the Post Office to the Commonwealth*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Governor in Council to reduce the Excise Duties on Tobacco Cigars Cigarettes Spirits and Beer*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Railway Loan Act 1900'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

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

SATURDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1900.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to increase the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to facilitate the holding of Elections of Senators for Victoria of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government of Victoria to join with certain other Governments in the cost of the Construction and Maintenance of a Cable across the Pacific Ocean and for purposes consequent upon and incidental to such objects*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Elections for the Legislative Assembly during the year One thousand nine hundred and one*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Health Act 1890'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they do not insist on their amendments in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Voting by Post Act 1900'*" with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

23. SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment was read and is as follows:—

Insert the following new clause :—

A. In section thirty-six of the *Savings Banks Act 1890 Amendment Act 1896* the words "or unless some particular mode of investment is thereby prescribed" are hereby repealed.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this House disagree with the amendment made by the Legislative Council, because such amendment involves an alteration of an Act which appropriates public moneys; and the Assembly do not deem it necessary to offer any further reason, hoping the above may be sufficient.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message to the foregoing effect.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council do not insist on some of their amendments, and do insist on others disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now laid aside.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Andrews,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Trenwith.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Lazarus.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Vale.
Mr. Findley,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Reay,	Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill laid aside.

25. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs and Mr. Duggan do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts and for other purposes*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act providing for the Reclassification of the Public Service and for other purposes*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

1. Clause 4, at end of clause add—"and in every instance where a junior officer is recommended the certificate of the Board be first issued certifying that there is no senior officer available equally capable of satisfactorily performing the duties."
2. Clause 8, line 16, omit "without" and insert "after."
3. " line 16, after "the" insert "qualifications and."
4. Clause 10, page 4, line 2, omit "one month" and insert "fourteen days."
5. " page 4, line 2, omit "higher rate of pay or."
6. " page 4, line 3, after "grant" insert "such higher rate of pay or."
7. Clause 11, at end of clause add—"and except members of the Defence Force of Victoria who shall have served in such force for a period of not less than five years at the time of the passing of this Act."
8. Clause 18, line 35, omit "and so on from six months to six months."
9. Clause 20, line 29, omit "every" and insert "the Governor in Council may if he thinks fit on the recommendation of the Board appoint any."
10. " line 29, omit "during the last preceding eight years has been" and insert "at the commencement of this Act is."
11. " line 31, after "Departments" insert "and who during the last preceding eight years has been so employed."
12. " lines 32-3, omit "shall without further or other authority than this Act be forthwith appointed."
13. " line 34, after "Service and" insert "such person."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 and 2 disagreed with.

Amendments 3 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 7 agreed to with the following amendments :—Omit "and except" and insert "Provided that"; and after "Act" add "shall on fulfilling all the requirements of section forty-four of the *Defences and Discipline Act 1890* have equal rights with persons who have served in South Africa or China as aforesaid to enter the General Division of the Public Service."

Amendments 8 to 13 inclusive agreed to.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendment with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1900.

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

Insert the following new clause :—

- A. In section thirty-six of the *Savings Banks Act 1890 Amendment Act 1896* the words "or unless some particular mode of investment is thereby prescribed" are hereby repealed.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this House insist on disagreeing with the said amendment.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly insist on disagreeing with the said amendment.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they do not insist on their amendments in the Bill intituled "*An Act providing for the Reclassification of the Public Service and for other purposes*" with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed, and have agreed to the amendments of the Legislative Assembly on an amendment of the Legislative Council.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1900.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council still insist on their amendment with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1900.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now laid aside.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill laid aside.

31. SAVINGS BANKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Savings Banks Acts.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs and Mr. Peacock do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Savings Banks Acts,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Savings Banks Acts*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

33. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 22nd January next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Gillies,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Vale.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lazarus,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. McGregor.

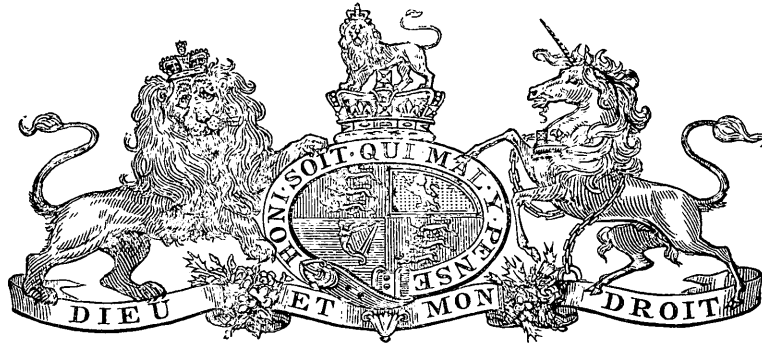
Mr. Billson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Findley,	
Dr. McInerney,	Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Maloney.
Mr. Sangster,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifty-seven minutes past five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd January next.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.



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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir JOHN MADDEN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

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 it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria": Now therefore I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the said Council and Assembly, called the Parliament of Victoria, until Tuesday, the 26th day of February, 1901.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this sixteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and one, and in the sixty-fourth year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

JOHN MADDEN.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEORGE TURNER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SESSION 1900-1.



1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed 20th November, 1900.)

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,
Mr. Gair,
Mr. A. Harris,

Mr. Madden,
Mr. Methven,
Mr. Taverner.

2.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 6th December, 1900.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Bent,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Gair,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Levien,

Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Trenwith,
Sir George Turner,
Mr. Vale.

3.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 6th December, 1900.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Best,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,

Mr. Madden,
Mr. Shiels.

4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 6th December, 1900.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Craven,

Mr. Graham,
Mr. Trenwith.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 6th December, 1900.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Bowser,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Downward,
Mr. Dyer,
Mr. Grose,

Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Mauger,
Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Sterry.

6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 6th December, 1900.)

Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Brown,Mr. McBride,
Mr. Wilkins.

7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 6th December, 1900.)

Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Fiuk,
Mr. Kennedy,
Sir John McIntyre,Mr. Smith,
Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. H. R. Williams.

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

(Appointed 13th December, 1900.)

Mr. E. H. Cameron,
Mr. Craven,
Mr. Foster,Mr. A. Harris,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. White.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1900.

No. 1.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 14TH DECEMBER, 1900.

TUESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1900.

No. 1.—*Women's Suffrage Bill*.—Clause 4.

In section one hundred and twenty-eight and all subsequent sections in Part IV. of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* and also in the *Purification of Rolls Act 1891* and any Act amending the same and also in section two of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1893* and also in the *Melbourne and Geelong Parliamentary Elections Act 1897* and also in *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1898* the word "male" wherever it occurs shall be repealed, and the word "person" wherever it occurs in reference to electors shall be deemed to include women, and generally all words importing or applicable to the masculine gender shall where used in reference to electors or to procedure for becoming electors be deemed to include the feminine gender; and in any certificates in the form contained in the Nineteenth Schedule to the said first-mentioned Act for the word "manhood" wherever it occurs the word "womanhood" shall be substituted where an elector's right is issued to a woman.—(*Sir George Turner*.)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause:—"Provided that every female elector shall be entitled to avail herself of the provisions of the *Voting by Post Act 1900*, although she does not comply with the conditions set forth for male electors in sub-sections (a) and (b) of section four of the said Act.—(*Mr. McColl*.)

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

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Brown,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Sterry.
Mr. Lazarus,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. McArthur,	
Mr. McBride,	

Tellers.

Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. Salmon.

Noes, 55.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barbour,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Craven,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Gurr,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Maloney,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—*Old-age Pensions Bill*.—Clause 2.

For the purpose of paying to any person who has attained the age of sixty-five years or who is in permanent ill-health "caused by having been engaged in mining or any unhealthy occupation" and who makes a declaration in the form in the Schedule to this Act with such alterations and additions as may be prescribed a pension at a rate of not more than Seven shillings per week there may be paid a sum or sums not exceeding in the whole Fifty thousand pounds out of the Consolidated Revenue which is hereby appropriated accordingly.—(*Sir George Turner*.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "caused by having been engaged in mining or any unhealthy occupation," in lines 2 and 3, be omitted.—(*Mr. Wilkins*.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bowser,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Burton,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. A. Harris,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Keast,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Lazarus,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Salmon.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Findley,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Prendergast.
Mr. Tucker,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY (MORNING), 12TH DECEMBER, 1900.

No. 3.—Schedule.

I, *A.B.*, of _____, in the colony of Victoria, do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare—

- (a) that I am now residing in Victoria ;
- (b) that I have so resided for at least twenty years ;
- (c) that I have not been absent from *Australasia*, whether continuously or not, for more than five years during the time from which the said twenty years commenced to run ;
- (d) that I have resided in "Victoria" for not less than five years immediately preceding the date of making of this declaration ;

* * * * *

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Victoria rendering persons making a false declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Declared at _____ in the colony of Victoria this _____ day of _____ 190 _____, before me—

A Commissioner, J.P. (*or as the case may be*).

—(*Sir George Turner*.)

Further amendment proposed—That the word "Victoria," in paragraph (d), be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Australasia."—(*Mr. McBride*.)

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

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barbour,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Forrest,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Lazarus,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Lawson.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McColl,	
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Bowser,
Mr. Prendergast.	Mr. Salmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1900.

No. 4.—*Governor's Salary Reduction Bill.*—Clause 2.

The salary of every future Governor of Victoria shall be "Five" thousand pounds per annum.—(*Sir George Turner.*) Salary of future Governors to be £5,000 per annum.

Amendment proposed—That the word "Five," in line 1, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Three."—(*Mr. Prendergast.*)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 79.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Bent,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Duggan,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Keast,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. White,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Lazarus,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Craven.

Noes, 2.

<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—New clause A.

After the appointment of the next Governor of Victoria no Acting Governor shall at the same time draw the salary of Chief Justice.—(Mr. Grose.)

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

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Bent,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. Bromley,	
Mr. Findley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Grose,
Mr. Ramsay,	Mr. Wilkins.

Noes, 61.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Dyer,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hennessy,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. White,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Lazarus,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Craven.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1900.

No. 6.—*Land Acts further Amendment Bill.*—Clause 21.

For section one hundred and thirty-four of the *Land Act* 1898 as amended by section sixteen of the *Land Act* 1900 there shall be substituted the following section, namely:—

134. (1) Perpetual leases of land situated in the Mallee Country or Mallee Border shall, amongst other things, contain—

*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
(b) a condition that the perpetual lessee his executors administrators or assigns will not cut damage remove or cause to be cut damaged or removed any live pine box or redgum trees growing upon the land demised except upon the receipt of a special permit by the Minister;							Certain trees not to be cut damaged or removed.
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—(Mr. Duggan.)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to paragraph (b):—“Provided that the lessee shall not be guilty of a breach of this condition if he proves that any tree cut damaged or removed was required and actually used for the purpose of fencing such land or constructing thereon any building or improvement and not for any other purpose.”—(Mr. Irvine.)

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

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Best,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Billson,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Irvine,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. White,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Lazarus,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. McGregor.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Foster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Lieut.-Col. Reay,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Staughton.	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 7.—Clause 25.

After the word "Board" at the end of sub-section (1) of section one hundred and sixty-five of the *Land Act* 1898 there shall be added the words "and any other costs incurred after the first day of July One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine incidental to the acquiring and disposing of any such land."—*(Mr. Duggan.)*

Amendment of s. 165 No. 1602 re fixing value of land acquired.

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause:—"and any costs of constructing roads for the purpose of disposing of any such land."—*(Mr. Robinson.)*

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

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Findley,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Lazarus,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Bailes,
Dr. McInerney,	Mr. McGregor.

[Noes, 19.

Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. White.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Toutcher.
Sir John McIntyre,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1900.

No. 2.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 22ND DECEMBER, 1900.

WEDNESDAY (MORNING), 19TH DECEMBER, 1900.

No. 1.—*Public Service Reclassification Bill.*—New clause D.

Where any officer of the General division has for a period of not less than two years been performing work to which a higher salary is attached than the salary which such officer has received such officer shall from the commencement of this Act be paid the salary attached to the work he is performing, and such salary shall be calculated as if such officer had been receiving during each year he was performing such higher work the increments attached to the position held by him.—*(Mr. Lazarus.)*

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

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Lazarus,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Methven,	Mr. White.
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. O'Neill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. McBride,
Lieut.-Col. Reay,	Mr. Tucker.

Noes, 38.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Andrews,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Holden,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Robinson.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—New clause E.

No officer over twenty-one years of age shall be employed in the Public Service at a lower rate of pay than 'Two pounds per week for forty-eight hours' work.—*(Mr. Maloney.)*

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Bennett,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. White,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Methven,	
Mr. Murray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Tucker.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Dr. McInerney,	Mr. Robinson.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1900.

No. 3.—*Scripture Lessons Referendum Bill*.—Clause 2.

In order to ascertain whether or not the electors of the Legislative Assembly Referendum are in favour of or against the teaching by State school teachers as part of the ordinary school curriculum in State schools for one-half hour in each school day of the Scripture lessons as recommended by the said Royal Commission and also whether such electors are in favour of or against the use in State schools of "the" prayers and services and hymns respectively suggested by the said Commission a general poll or referendum shall be taken pursuant to this Act.—(*Mr. Gurr.*)
 Amendment proposed—That the word "the," before "prayers," in line 5, be omitted.—(*Mr. Bromley.*)
 Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Gillies,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. J. Harris.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Bromley,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. White.
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Grose,
Mr. Lazarus,	Mr. McBride.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—

Motion made and question put—That clause 2 stand part of the Bill.—(*Mr. Gurr.*)
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mauger,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Graham,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. McBride.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lazarus,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Chirnside,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. White.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Toutcher.

No. 5.—Clause 3.

On the day appointed for the taking of the polls "at elections for the choosing for Victoria of Senators of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth in the year One thousand nine hundred and one" the returning officer of each and every electoral district of the Legislative Assembly (hereinafter called the returning officer) shall without further or other authority than this Act proceed by himself and the deputies appointed for the purpose of the election of Senators as aforesaid to take at every booth at the polling places lawfully

General poll or
referendum as to
Bill at election of
Senators in 1901.

appointed in each division of the district for which he is the returning officer a poll of all persons who would on such day be entitled to vote in such division in the election of any member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for such district and who desire to vote in favour of or against the teaching in State schools by State school teachers as part of the ordinary school curriculum of the Scripture lessons as submitted by the Royal Commission or in favour of or against the use in State schools of the forms of prayers and services or hymns submitted by the said Commission.—
(*Mr. Gurr.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “at elections for the choosing for Victoria of Senators of the Senate of the Parliament of the Commonwealth in the year One thousand nine hundred and one,” in lines 1 to 3, be omitted.—(*Lieut.-Col. Reay.*)

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

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Manger,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Bromley,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Findley,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. White.
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lazarus,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Murray.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY (MORNING), 20TH DECEMBER, 1900.

No. 6.—*Senators Elections Bill.*—Clause 6.

(1) The polling place at which any person qualified and entitled to vote at Polling places. such election shall record his vote shall be a polling place at which such person would be entitled to vote at a general election of members of the Legislative Assembly and such person may vote for as many candidates as there are Senators to be elected, but any ballot-paper purporting to record more “or fewer” votes than the number of Senators to be elected shall be rejected at the close of the poll.

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—(*Mr. Peacock.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “or fewer,” in line 5, be omitted.—(*Mr. Prendergast.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Lazarus.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Bowser,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Findley,	
Mr. Sangster,	Dr. McInerney,
Mr. Vale,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1900.

No. 7.—*Parliamentary Elections Bill*.—Clause 18.

(1) Any person guilty of an illegal practice in reference to any election shall on summary conviction in a Court of Petty Sessions constituted by a Police Magistrate alone be liable to a fine of * * * * * Penalties on conviction for illegal practice.

not exceeding One hundred pounds "and be incapable during a period of five years from the date of his conviction of being registered as an elector or voting at any parliamentary election held for or within the province or electoral district or electorate in which the illegal practice has been committed."

(2) Any person so convicted of an illegal practice in reference to any election shall also be incapable of being elected to and of sitting in the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly for any province district or electorate for a period of three years after the date of his conviction, and if at the date of his conviction he have been elected to the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly his election shall be void from the time of such conviction.—(*Mr. Best.*)

Further amendment proposed—That all the words after the word "pounds," in line 4, to the end of sub-section (1) of the clause be omitted.—(*Dr. McInerney.*)

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

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Best,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Findley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Sadler,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Kennedy,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Mauger,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Methven,	Mr. Craven.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bennett,	Lieut.-Col. Reay,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. White,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Lazarus,	
Mr. McArthur,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. McInerney,	Mr. Bowser,
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Maloney.
Mr. McKenzie,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

