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OF THE DAY

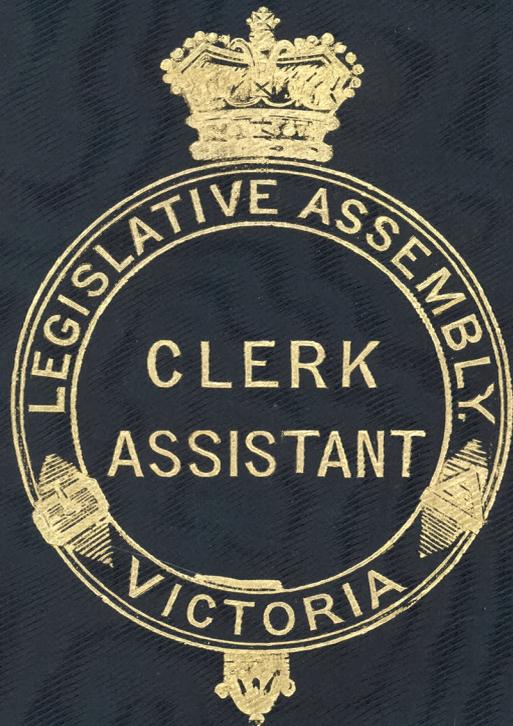
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. *Assembly*

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 1.

THURSDAY, 30TH MAY, 1895.

ORDER OF THE DAY (to take precedence) :—

1. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT—MOTION FOR—*Resumption of debate.*

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1. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 4TH JUNE.

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Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 6TH MAY, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 1.

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Wages Attachment Bill—[43].

Second Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to inquire into the Effect of the Fiscal System of Victoria upon Industry and Production, &c. No. 3.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 4th June.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH MAY, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 2.

Mines Bill—[4].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 2.

Australasian Statistics for the year 1893, &c. No. 1.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns. No. 4.

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11. MR. REID: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if his attention has been called to the danger of flood waters of the Yarra at Richmond and South Yarra, and to ask if the Government have any intention of at once dealing with this matter.
12. MR. MCCOLL: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. If he will state what the records of the Excise Branch of Customs Department show as to the quantity of whisky that has been distilled at Messrs. Joshua's distillery during the twelve months ending 30th April last.
 2. How much malt has been used in such distillation, and how much other grain.
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17. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
18. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 11TH JUNE.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.

W. V. ROBINSON,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*GRAHAM BERRY,
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 5th June.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at a quarter past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 30TH MAY, 1895.

Theatres Bill—[19].

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 1 and 2.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3.

Vegetation Diseases Bill—[7].

Supreme Court Bill—[8].

Explosives Bill—[11].

Marine Bill—[15].

Public Officers' Retirement Bill—[20].

Municipalities' Advances Bill—[22].

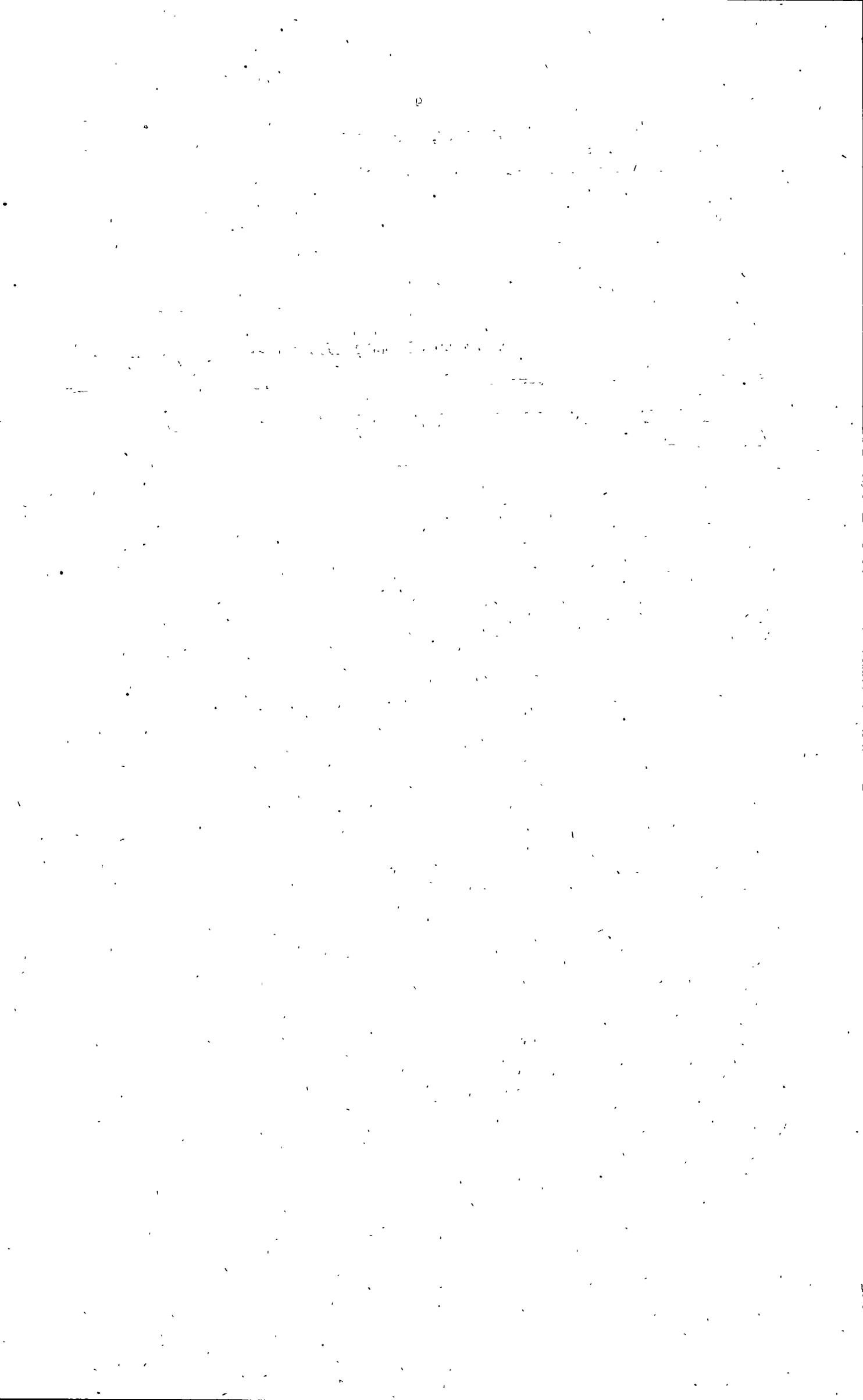
Treasury Deposits Interest Bill—[27].

Juries Bill—[29].

Companies Bill—[33].

Customs and Excise Duties.—Resolutions submitted in Committee of the Whole by the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs.

Public Servants' Insurance Fees.—Return to an Order of the House. C.—No. 1.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 4.

THURSDAY, 6TH JUNE, 1895.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. TURNER : To move, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graves, Mr. Mason, Mr. McLean, Mr. McLellan, Sir James Patterson, Mr. Staughton, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. Tucker, Mr. G. Turner, Mr. Vale, and Mr. Wheeler ; five to be the quorum.
2. MR. G. TURNER : To move, 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. Deakin, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Harper, and Mr. Shiels.
3. MR. G. TURNER : To move, 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. Graham, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Taverner, and Mr. Webb.
4. MR. G. TURNER : To move, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Craven, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Grattan, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hancock, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Rawson, and Mr. Zox ; three to be the quorum.
5. MR. G. TURNER : To move, 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. Austin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Wilkins.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. JURIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPREME COURT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. PUBLIC OFFICERS' RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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TUESDAY, 11TH JUNE.*Questions.*

1. **MR. GURR** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is it a fact that the plain clothes police are allowed to make inquiries for "missing friends," and also to procure evidence in divorce suits for the public.
 2. Has the Honorable the Minister any objection to furnish a return of such work done for the past two years.
 3. Will the Honorable the Minister introduce a Bill for licensing private detectives on payment of a fee.
2. **MR. STERRY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether Bendigo is the only place where the lower paid men in the Railway Department are reduced to seven hours per day ; and, if so, will he endeavour to remedy a state of things which so reduces the wage earnings of the poorest paid men in the service.
3. **MR. GROSE** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will endeavour to have arrangements made with the Railway Department for receiving press telegrams at railway stations after eight o'clock p.m. in cases where the telegraph offices are closed at that hour.
4. **MR. CHIRNSIDE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is a fact that great delay occurs in the granting of mining leases ; and, if so, will he take into consideration the urgent necessity to expedite the granting of leases.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE.*Question.*

1. **MR. MCCOLL** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will refund to the delegates who represented this colony at the Fruit-growers' Conference, lately held in Hobart, the amount paid by them for railway fares from their respective districts to Melbourne.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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3. **MR. MCGREGOR** : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JUNE.

(After half-past-eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
2. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
3. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
5. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
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GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 11th June.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER ISSUED 5TH JUNE, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 4.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. GURR : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is it a fact that the plain clothes police are allowed to make inquiries for "missing friends," and also to procure evidence in divorce suits for the public.
 2. Has the Honorable the Minister any objection to furnish a return of such work done for the past two years.
 3. Will the Honorable the Minister introduce a Bill for licensing private detectives on payment of a fee.
2. MR. STERRY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether Bendigo is the only place where the lower paid men in the Railway Department are reduced to seven hours per day ; and, if so, will he endeavour to remedy a state of things which so reduces the wage earnings of the poorest paid men in the service.
3. MR. GROSE : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will endeavour to have arrangements made with the Railway Department for receiving press telegrams at railway stations after eight o'clock p.m. in cases where the telegraph offices are closed at that hour.
4. MR. CHIRNSIDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is a fact that great delay occurs in the granting of mining leases ; and, if so, will he take into consideration the urgent necessity to expedite the granting of leases.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. TURNER : To move, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Beazley, Mr. Carter, Mr. Deakin, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. Shiels, Mr. R. Murray Smith, and Mr. T. Smith ; three to be the quorum.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. JURIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Consideration of Report.
2. PUBLIC OFFICERS' RETIREMENT BILL—To be considered in Committee.
3. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
4. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
9. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—Second reading.
10. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. EXPLOSIVES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. INSOLVENCY, ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. POWDER MAGAZINES BILL—Second reading.
14. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
15. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
16. TREASURY DEPOSITS INTEREST BILL—Second reading.
17. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
18. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE.

Question.

1. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will refund to the delegates who represented this colony at the Fruit-growers' Conference, lately held in Hobart, the amount paid by them for railway fares from their respective districts to Melbourne.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. KIRTON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the present method of constituting Ministries is unsatisfactory, and should be superseded by one based upon the principle of election.

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3. MR. MCGREGOR: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.
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5. MR. GRAVES: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all writs *capias ad respondendum* directed to the Sheriff issued by the Crown out of the Supreme Court for arrears of rent due to the Lands Department, the amount of demand in each case to be specified; also the Supreme Court number of each writ in lieu of the name of the defendant. This return to be for the past six months only.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JUNE.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
2. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
3. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
5. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 11th June.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER ISSUED 6TH JUNE, 1895.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. STERRY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether Bendigo is the only place where the lower paid men in the Railway Department are reduced to seven hours per day ; and, if so, will he endeavour to remedy a state of things which so reduces the wage earnings of the poorest paid men in the service.
2. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will refund to the delegates who represented this colony at the Fruit-growers' Conference, lately held in Hobart, the amount paid by them for railway fares from their respective districts to Melbourne.
3. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 1. Whether the plans of the various tunnels now being constructed under the Yarra by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for sewerage purposes were submitted to any qualified professional Government officer for approval or otherwise before the contracts for the construction of same were let.
 2. Has the contractor re-commenced operations in the face of the tunnel, at Spottiswoode, where the late lamentable accident occurred.
 3. If so, was a careful inspection of such works made by an efficient and capable officer of the State for the purpose of ascertaining whether operations could be safely carried on by the same mode or process as before, without jeopardizing the lives of the workmen.
 4. If not, will he cause such an inspection to be made, and, in the interest of human life, see that in the future proper supervision over these and similar works is insisted on.
 5. Is it not considered by competent authorities that the Spottiswoode tunnel is being driven and constructed too near the bottom of the river for its safe navigation by vessels of ordinary tonnage, and, having in view the immense expenditure of public money by the Harbor Trust in the construction of wharves, docks, the deepening of the river, &c., in order to induce vessels of greater tonnage to come up to Melbourne, would it not be wise in the interest of the commerce of the port to construct these tunnels at a greater depth.
4. MR. LAZARUS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is his intention to reserve the land, now being worked as an alluvial field at Marong, for miners' right holders only, or does he intend to grant leases over it.
5. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in view of the great distress existing in the community, and the competition amongst the population, he will take into consideration the advisability of bringing in a Bill to reduce all pensions to £150 per annum, with a prohibitive clause forfeiting all pension if any pensioner compete in any business, profession, or occupation whatever.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. LAZARUS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The freightage per ton per mile for the following goods, viz., oilmen's stores, tobacco, tea, candles, and firewood from Melbourne to Bendigo.
 2. The freightage per ton per mile for the same description of goods from Melbourne to Geelong.
 3. The freightage per ton per mile for the same description of goods from Geelong to Ballarat.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
7. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—Second reading.
8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. EXPLOSIVES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. INSOLVENCY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. POWDER MAGAZINES BILL—Second reading.
12. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
13. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
14. TREASURY DEPOSITS INTEREST BILL—Second reading.
15. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

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Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes."

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. KIRTON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the present method of constituting Ministries is unsatisfactory, and should be superseded by one based upon the principle of election.
2. MR. KIRTON : To move, That, in view of the deplorable revelations recently made as to the treatment of the aged poor, a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practicability of making provision for them by means of State-aided pensions or insurance.
3. MR. MCGREGOR : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.
4. MR. IRVINE : To move, That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.
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6. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the monthly statement of material used and spirits made, returned to the Excise Branch of the Customs Department by the Excise officer in charge of each distillery in the colony, for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1894.
7. MR. WEBB : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing separately—
 1. The number of returns sent in to the Income Tax Commissioner from persons styling themselves farmers, graziers, pastoralists, and squatters.
 2. Gross income of each class named.
 3. Gross expenditure of each class named.
 4. Gross amount of interest paid by each class named for money borrowed.

 WEDNESDAY, 19TH JUNE.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
2. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
3. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
5. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

 WEDNESDAY, 26TH JUNE.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MOULE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.

 WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY:

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

GRAHAM BERRY,

Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 12th June.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 6TH JUNE, 1895.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 3, 4, and 5.

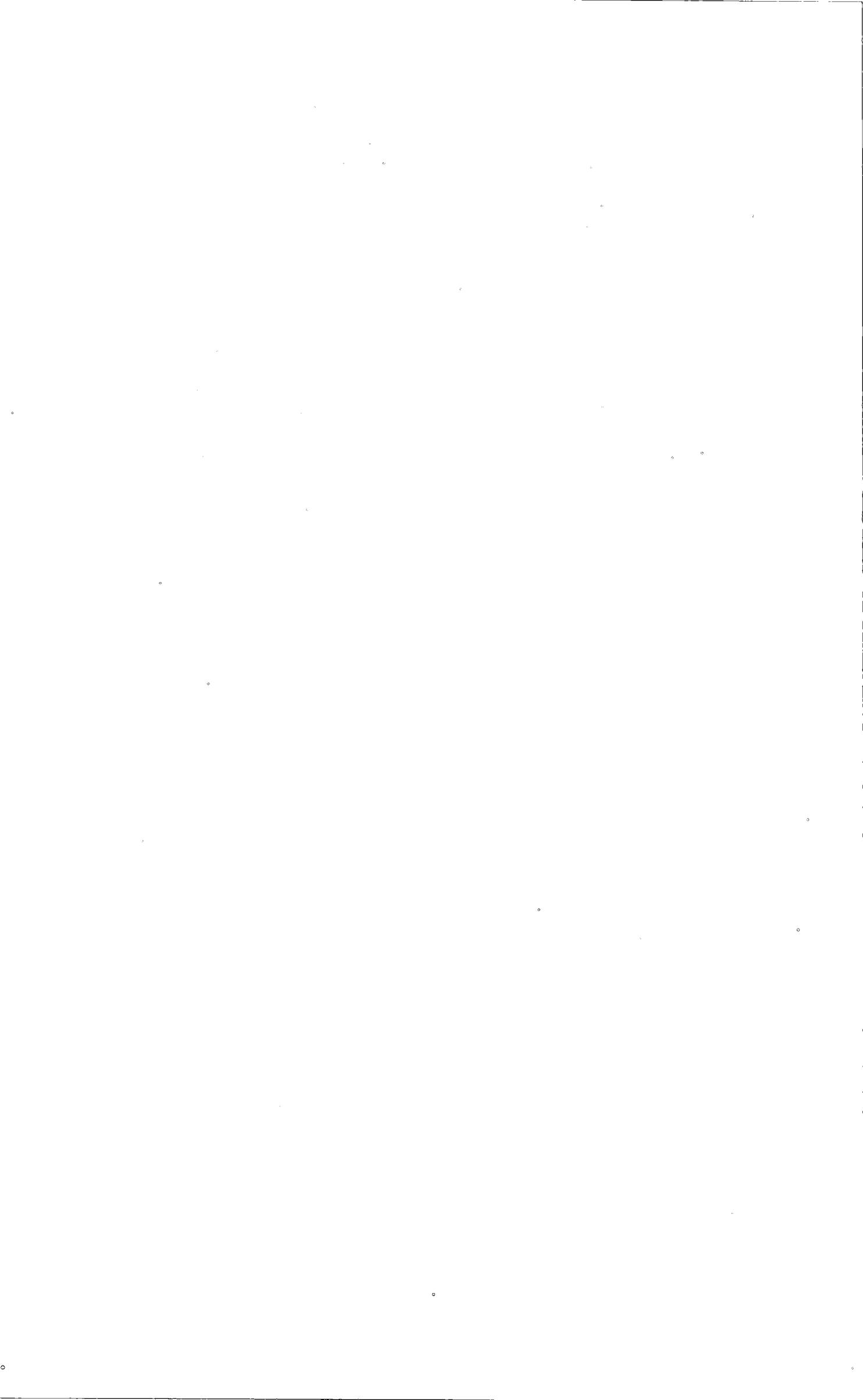
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 6.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 1.

Land Surveyors Bill—[46].

Public Servants with Thirty Years' Service.—Return to an Order of the House. C.—No. 2.

Post Office Act 1890.—Charges for Transmission of Telegrams within Victoria.—Order in Council. No. 7.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 7.

THURSDAY, 13TH JUNE, 1895.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all writs *capias ad respondendum* directed to the Sheriff issued by the Crown out of the Supreme Court for arrears of rent due to the Lands Department, the amount of demand in each case to be specified ; also the Supreme Court number of each writ in lieu of the name of the defendant. This return to be for the past six months only.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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14. TREASURY DEPOSITS INTEREST BILL—Second reading.
15. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 18TH JUNE.

Question.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in view of the great distress existing in the community, and the competition amongst the population, he will take into consideration the advisability of bringing in a Bill to reduce all pensions to £150 per annum, with a prohibitive clause forfeiting all pension if any pensioner compete in any business, profession, or occupation whatever.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JUNE.

Question.

1. MR. STERRY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether, seeing the difficulties which exist in regard to mining on the race-course at Marong and other similar reserves by holders of miners' rights, he will favorably consider the advisability of at once amending the law so as to admit of such lands being thrown open to occupation for mining purposes by miner's-right holders, subject to the approval of the Board of Land and Works.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
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3. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
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6. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JUNE.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MOULE: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.*Tuesday, 18th June.*

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH JUNE, 1895.

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

Bendigo Gas Company's Bill—[23].

Companies Act 1890 further Amendment Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by Mr. Salmon. (To Members only.)

Instruments Bill—[51].

Unused Roads Bill—[52].

Report upon the affairs of the Post Office and Telegraph Department for the year 1894. No. 8.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 8.

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
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General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
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6. MR. PRENDERGAST: To move, That in the opinion of this House class reading books and, as far as possible, all other books used in our State-schools should be compiled and printed in the colony.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 18th June.

- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at four o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 13TH JUNE, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8.
Totalizator Bill—[53].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. STERRY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether, seeing the difficulties which exist in regard to mining on the race-course at Marong and other similar reserves by holders of miners' rights, he will favorably consider the advisability of at once amending the law so as to admit of such lands being thrown open to occupation for mining purposes by miner's-right holders, subject to the approval of the Board of Land and Works.
2. MR. STAUGHTON : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will obtain from the Public Service Board an approximate return of the number of officers employed in the various Departments in excess of the requirements of the State that could be retired on their legal rights.
3. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture when he will have the whole of Mr. J. M. Sinclair's reports on the result of his observations when visiting America and elsewhere printed, and how he intends to circulate such reports.
4. MR. STAUGHTON : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether it is not possible to make a considerable saving by reducing the number of postal deliveries in the City of Melbourne and elsewhere from four to three per day.
5. MR. KIRTON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 1. Is it a fact that several Ballarat tradesmen who tendered for the improvements now being effected at the local post-office were subjected to unnecessary trouble and suspense owing to the delay of the Department in declaring the successful tenderer.
 2. Is it a fact that the contract has been let to a metropolitan tenderer, who has brought nearly all his workmen from Melbourne to the detriment of local men, many of whom are unemployed.
 3. Does he not think that, in view of the large State expenditure in Melbourne, all Government work in the country districts should be restricted to local competition.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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12. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
13. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
14. TREASURY DEPOSITS INTEREST BILL—Second reading.
15. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
2. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
3. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
5. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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1. MR. LANGDON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to rescind a Proclamation relating to the Catumnal Water Reserve, county of Gladstone.
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TUESDAY, 25TH JUNE.

Question.

1. MR. DEAKIN : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to introduce a measure this Session dealing with the mode of appointment of representatives to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JUNE.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MOULE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.*Wednesday, 19th June.***PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.**

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 13TH JUNE, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 6, 7, and 8.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 2.

Yarra River Water-power Electric Bill—[31].

Customs and Excise Duties.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 10.

THURSDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1895.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. STAUGHTON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing how many officers who have acted as Sheriffs, Railways Commissioners, Members of the Public Service Board, and Heads of Departments are now receiving pensions, with names of officers and the amount of pension paid to each.
2. MR. AUSTIN : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all the brands of butter sent to England in 1893 and 1894, and the firms that forwarded the same under the Government supervision.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
2. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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8. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—Second reading.
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15. TREASURY DEPOSITS INTEREST BILL—Second reading.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 25TH JUNE.

Questions.

1. MR. DEAKIN : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to introduce a measure this Session dealing with the mode of appointment of representatives to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
2. MR. LONGMORE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works when it is intended to bring in a Bill to re-classify the shires of the colony, so as to distribute the subsidy on a fairer basis than is done at present.
3. MR. SALMON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that a number of increases in salary were recently granted in his Department ; and, if so, has he any objection to state (a) on what grounds were these granted ; (b) in what branches of the Department were they granted.

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WEDNESDAY, 26TH JUNE.

Question.

1. MR. STAUGHTON : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether it is not possible to make a considerable saving by reducing the number of postal deliveries in the City of Melbourne and elsewhere from four to three per day.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MOULE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
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5. MR. IRVINE : To move, That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.
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9. MR. MOULE : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the papers and correspondence relating to the retirement of Mr. Travers Adamson from the office of Crown Prosecutor.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
4. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 20th June.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at a quarter past five o'clock.

Tuesday, 25th June.

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

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19TH JUNE, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 4.
 Supreme Court Bill—[8]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Juries Bill—[29]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 10.

DECLARATION OF POLICE TO DEPARTMENT

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above
 is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears
 in the files of the Department of Police, New York City, and
 that the same is a true and correct copy of the original as the
 same appears in the files of the Department of Police, New York City,

Witness my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 19____.

[Signature]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 11.

TUESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. DEAKIN: To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to introduce a measure this Session dealing with the mode of appointment of representatives to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
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3. MR. SALMON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that a number of increases in salary were recently granted in his Department; and, if so, has he any objection to state (a) on what grounds were these granted; (b) in what branches of the Department were they granted.
4. MR. PRENDERGAST: To ask the Honorable the Premier does the Government purpose to take any steps to compel the effective inspection of all slaughter-yards so as to prevent the possibility of diseased meat entering into human consumption.
5. MR. GRÔSE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will take an early opportunity of considering the position of the "daily pay" men of the Railways Department in connexion with the recent increases of salary granted to other officers of the Department.
6. MR. CARTER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Has his Department any diamond drills for sale.
 2. Has the Department recently disposed of any such drills, privately or by public auction.
 3. If so, to whom were they sold, and through whom.
 4. What was the price obtained.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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7. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—Second reading.
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9. EXPLOSIVES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. INSOLVENCY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. POWDER MAGAZINES BILL—Second reading.
12. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
13. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
14. TREASURY DEPOSITS INTEREST BILL—Second reading.
15. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JUNE.

Question.

1. MR. STAUGHTON: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether it is not possible to make a considerable saving by reducing the number of postal deliveries in the City of Melbourne and elsewhere from four to three per day.

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 3. The amount of arrears of rents due in respect of the same sections on account of the year 1894.

General Business.

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NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MOULE: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
4. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. SMITH: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the question of the prevention of accidents from the opening of railway carriage doors, such Committee to consist of Mr. Barrett, Mr. Langdon, Mr. J. S. White, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 25th June.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

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

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 20TH JUNE, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 11.

Sixteenth Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Government Statist in connexion with Friendly Societies. No. 6.

Marine Board of Victoria.—Statement of Pilotage Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended 31st December, 1894. No. 36.

Third General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways. No. 38.

Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums for the year ended 31st December, 1894. No. 39.

Income Tax Act 1895.—Regulations. No. 40.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 31st March, 1895. No. 41.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/15/54

TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. STAUGHTON : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether it is not possible to make a considerable saving by reducing the number of postal deliveries in the City of Melbourne and elsewhere from four to three per day.
2. MR. GRAHAM : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if, in view of the important discovery made by Dr. Perkins, of America, with regard to the storing and transit of fruit, which has been fully reported on by Mr. Sinclair, he will take steps to have the Perkins system tried in this colony during the next fruit season.
3. MR. MCGREGOR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
 1. Is the Lethbridge Reservoir dry.
 2. If so, as it is upwards of ten years since it was dry before, is it the intention of the Department to clean it out, as was done when it was last dry, and thus increase its capacity and improve the quality of the water.
4. MR. STAUGHTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has authorized an official of the Railways Department to issue a circular to the railway employes asking them to apply for employment in the State Nursery, Macedon.
5. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if his attention has been called to the serious accident that occurred at the railway station, Traralgon, on Saturday last, and whether he purposes taking steps to prevent a recurrence of such accidents in future.
6. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether, in cases where the period of the leases of the selectors of land under the 19th section of *The Land Act 1869*, have expired without the full amount of rent and fees being paid, he considers that such selectors are now in illegal occupation of their holdings; and, if so, does he intend his Department to take, either through the Crown Law officers or otherwise, any further action against such selectors.
7. MR. BEAZLEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when it is intended to proceed with the *Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill*.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

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Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. TURNER : To move, That the Sessional Order relating to General Business be suspended for this evening so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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11. MR. LONGMORE: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of George Cooper, who was severely injured while in the employ of the Victorian Railways, with the view of giving him some relief in addition to that granted by the Department, such Committee to consist of _____, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records; _____ to be the quorum.
12. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to:
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading

WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 26th June.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 20TH JUNE, 1895.

- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 5.
 Friendly Societies Actuary's Bill—[3].
 Gaols Bill—[16].
 Public and Bank Holidays Bill—[17].
 Sale of Goods Bill—[56].
 Trusts Amendment Bill—[57].
- Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 9, 10, and 11.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 12.
 Customs and Excise Duties.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)
 Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890—
 Minor Articles used in Manufacture—
 Black Rivets. No. 15.
 Coat Hangers of Metal. No. 16.
 Apparel and Slops—Buckles, Clasps, Buttons, and Fasteners. No. 17.
 Welts and Facings. No. 18.
 Duty on Persian Leather. No. 19.
 Surgical Instruments and Appliances. No. 20.
 Duty on Carriages known as "Victorias." No. 21.
 Customs Act 1890—
 Additional Drawback Regulation. No. 22.
 Drawback Regulations Amended. No. 23.
 Fisheries Act 1890—
 Fishing in Lady Bay. No. 24.
 Fishing in Lake Tyers. No. 25.
 Fishing prohibited in portion of the Goulburn River. No. 26.
 Explosives Act 1890.—Addition to list of Explosives authorized for Importation into and Manufacture in Victoria. No. 27.
 Marine Act 1890—
 Additional General Rule for the Ports in Victoria.—Port of Gippsland Lakes. No. 28.
 Additions to and Alterations of General Rules for the Ports in Victoria. Nos. 29 and 30.
 Additional Regulation for the Management and Government of Pilots. No. 31.
 Amended Limits and Scales of Pilotage Rates.—Rates of Pilotage. No. 32.
 Amended Limits and Scales of Pilotage Rates for the Port of Gippsland Lakes. No. 33.
 Regulations relating to the Marking of Load-lines on Ships. No. 34.
 Marine Act 1892.—Fees for Certificates in connexion with the Marking of Load-lines on Ships. No. 35.
 Accounts of the Melbourne Harbor Trust for the year ended 31st December, 1894. No. 37.
 Post Office Act 1890—
 Reduction in Rate of Interest on Deposits in Post Office Savings Banks. No. 42.
 Telephone Rates. No. 43.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 13.

THURSDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1895.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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15. TREASURY DEPOSITS INTEREST BILL—Second reading.
16. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
17. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 2ND JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. HARRIS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if his attention has been directed to the report of Mr. Bruce, the Chief Inspector of New South Wales, on the export of meat trade, &c., and if he will procure copies of the report from the New South Wales Government.
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WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
4. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY.

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WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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

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Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 2nd July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 26TH JUNE, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4.
Width of Tires Bill—[9].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 13.

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1894.—Part I.—Blue Book. No. 2.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 14.

TUESDAY, 2ND JULY, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. HARRIS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if his attention has been directed to the report of Mr. Bruce, the Chief Inspector of New South Wales, on the export of meat trade, &c., and if he will procure copies of the report from the New South Wales Government.
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 1. If it is a fact that loss and injustice were inflicted upon a number of litigants at the recent County Court at Sale, through having to provide themselves with counsel and witnesses, at great expense, and then seeing their cases postponed for several months through the Judge leaving the district before the cases were heard.
 2. If so, who was responsible.
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4. MR. GROSE : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether the Government will take steps to test the legality of the patent rights of the cyanide process in Victoria, as is being done in South Australia and New Zealand by the respective Governments of those colonies.
5. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if the system of retrenchment, under which notice has been given that certain post-offices in the electorate of Delatite will be closed, is being applied in a uniform manner, and to all districts alike.
6. MR. CRAVEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will distribute amongst Members of Parliament, for their information, copies of the recently prepared "Return showing the approximate loss on a number of railway lines for the year ended 30th June, 1894."
7. MR. DOWNWARD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a copy of all the papers and correspondence in connexion with the contracts with Newcastle for the supply of 180,000 tons of coal.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. LANGDON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total cost of construction of the line of railway from Boort to Quambatook.
 2. The quantity, in tons, of wheat and other farm produce despatched from the following stations for the season 1894-5 :—(a) Quambatook, (b) Oakvale, (c) Gredgwin, (d) Barrapoort.

Government Business.

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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURPHY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Honorable the Premier should communicate with the Premiers of the Australian colonies with a view to having intercolonial free-trade established between the colonies.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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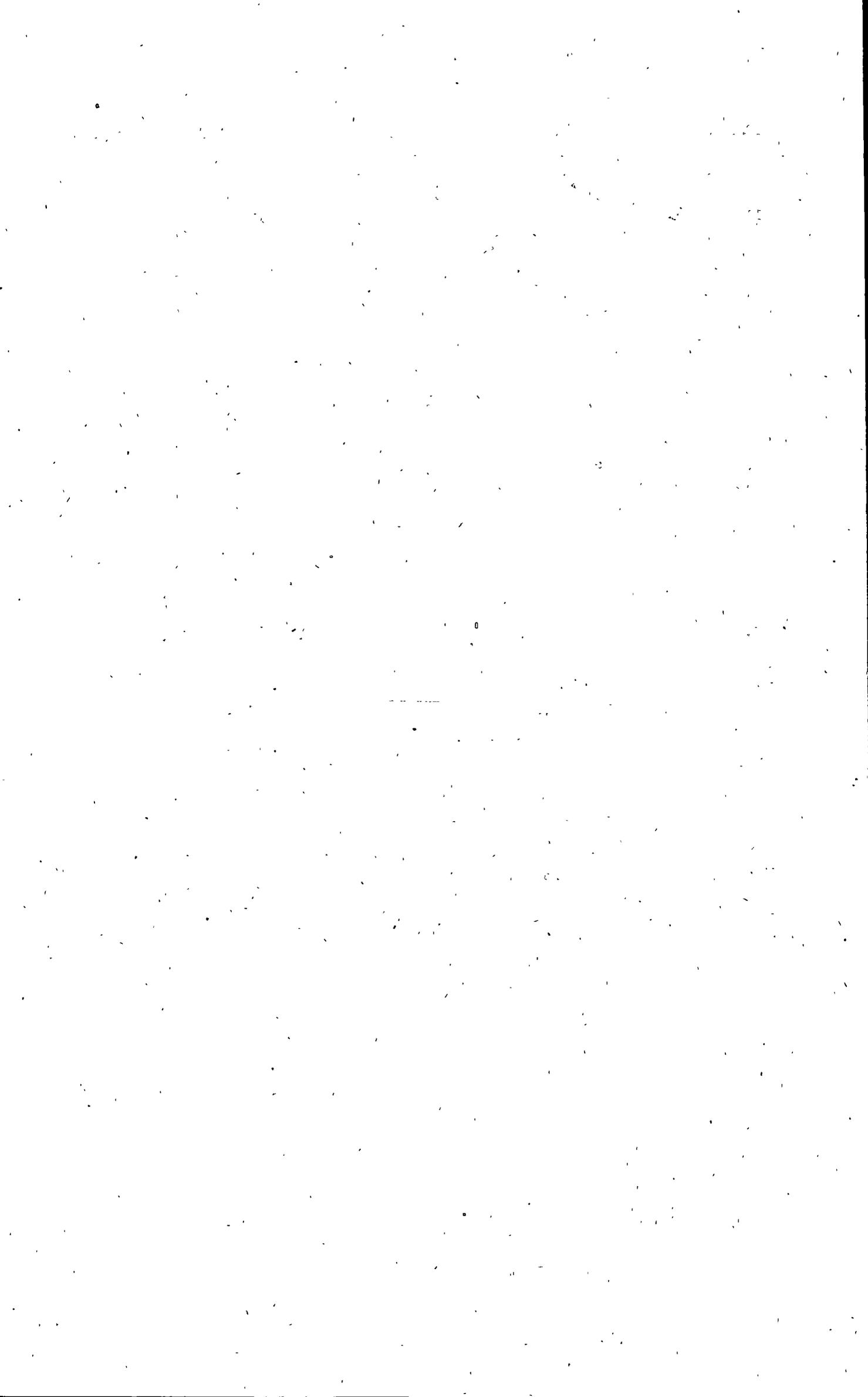
PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 27TH JUNE, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 14.

Bendigo Gas Company's Act Amendment Bill.—Petition of the Corporation of the City of Bendigo. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Land Act 1890.—Part I.—Alteration of Regulations. Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, and 51.

Settlement on Lands Act 1893.—Alteration of Regulations. No. 52.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY, 1895.

Questions.

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Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

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1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPREME COURT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
3. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LONGMORE: To move, That this House is of opinion—

1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
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WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

GRAHAM BERRY,

Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 9th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 27TH JUNE, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 5.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 6.

Voluntary Conveyances Bill—[60].

Married Women's Property Bill—[61].

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 12, 13, and 14.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 15.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 3.

Customs and Excise Duties—

Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)

Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members' only.)

Supreme Court Act 1890 Further Amendment Bill.—Amendment of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

Penal Establishments and Gaols.—Report of the Inspector-General for the year 1894. No. 46.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 16.

THURSDAY, 4TH JULY, 1895.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPREME COURT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
2. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
4. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
9. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—Second reading.
10. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. EXPLOSIVES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. INSOLVENCY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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16. TREASURY DEPOSITS INTEREST BILL—Second reading.
17. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
18. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 9TH JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. If, in view of the present distress, he will press on the work for the Dudley-street bridge and the railway sheds, so as to immediately find work for the unemployed.
 2. When does he think these works will be commenced.
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7. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will introduce a measure to deal with adulterations of food, clothing, and other necessaries.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **SIR JOHN MCINTYRE** : To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. T. SMITH** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the question of appliances for the prevention of railway carriage-door accidents, such Committee to consist of Mr. Barrett, Mr. Langdon, Mr. J. S. White, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
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7. **MR. PRENDERGAST** : To move, That in the opinion of this House class reading books and, as far as possible, all other books used in our State schools should be compiled and printed in the colony.
8. **MR. LANGDON** : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain Crown land in the parish of Bort.
9. **MR. GRAVES** : To move, That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary ; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected, by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64.
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WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading
2. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
3. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
5. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LONGMORE: To move, That this House is of opinion—
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 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
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WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 9th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 3RD JULY, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 6.

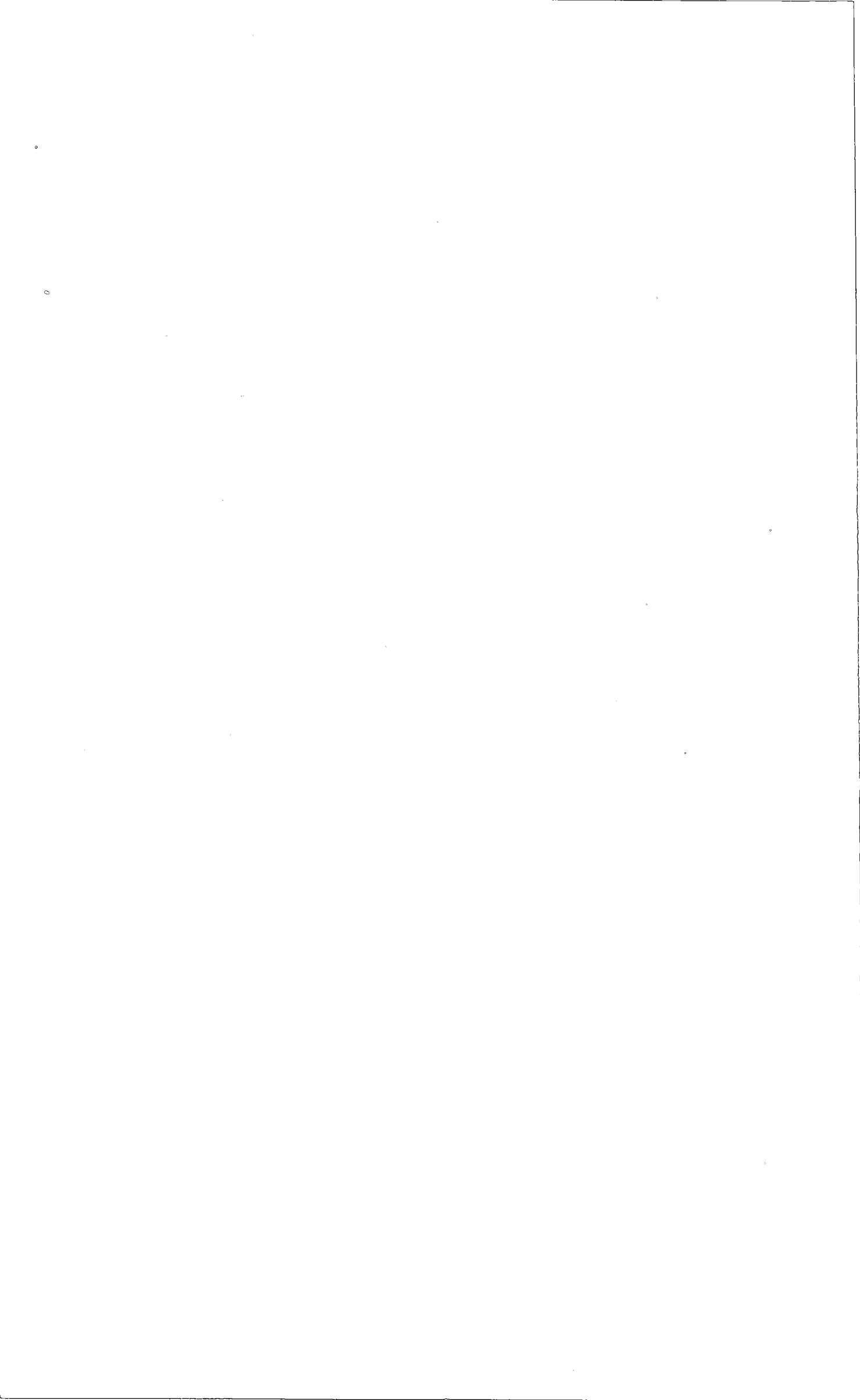
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 7.

Width of Tires Bill—[9]. (To Members of Council only.)

Gaols Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. S. W. Cooke. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 16.

Customs and Excise Duties.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 17.

TUESDAY, 9TH JULY, 1895.

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8. **MR. SANGSTER** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a list of all officers in the Engineer-in-Chief's and Engineer of Existing Lines Departments who joined the Departments since January, 1887, and who are at present employed in the Railways Department, giving their names, date of joining the service, grade at joining, present grade, nature of employment, where employed, and their present salaries.
9. **MR. SALMON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that a number of clerks in the Railways Department have received increases of salaries to the extent of £2 10s. per annum, and that others, doing similar work and possessing no greater merits, have received increments of £12 10s. per annum; and, if so, has this been done with his sanction.
 2. Is it a fact that, by the action of the Railways Commissioners, the non-clerical section, or daily-paid men of the service, did not receive increments, while the clerical section did receive increments; if so, did the Minister approve of and sanction the action of the Commissioners.
 3. Is it a fact that many of the non-clerical section have been paid at the rate of 5s. 6d. per day for five years past.
 4. Is it a fact that the Railways Commissioners are offering prizes amounting to over £1,000 per annum in the Existing Lines Branch, and yet assert that they cannot afford to allow the junior employés of the service the increments to which they are justly entitled.

10. **MR. SANGSTER** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if his attention has been called to a statement by Mr. E. C. James, stevedore, as published in the *Herald* newspaper of the 20th of June last, namely—"That to a great extent it was by the examination of his (James') books that the entering of short tonnage of coals was discovered in the case of McIlwraith, McEachran, and Company"; and, if so, do the officers of the Customs Department bear out that statement.
11. **MR. MASON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he proposes to bring in Bills to authorize the construction of the railway line from Traralgon to Gormandale, and the seven other lines recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways at the same time, or what action he intends to take in regard to the said lines.
12. **MR. HANCOCK** : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed at once with more public works, with a view to give employment to a large number of the unemployed citizens who are suffering greatly from their enforced idleness.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
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16. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
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WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY.

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(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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6. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

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1. **MR. LONGMORE** : To move, That this House is of opinion—
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 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
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WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.*Tuesday, 9th July.*

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER ISSUED 4TH JULY, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 17.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 18.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. W. ANDERSON:** To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will proceed with the Municipalities' Advances Bill at the earliest opportunity, in order to give relief to municipalities on the one hand and afford relief in the labour market on the other.
2. **MR. MURRAY:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that certain Melbourne firms, when successful in tendering for supplies to Government institutions, enjoy the privilege of having these supplies conveyed free of charge on the railways.
3. **MR. GRAHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will take an early opportunity of introducing a Bill to amend the *Railway Lands Acquisition Act 1893*.
4. **MR. MURRAY:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the Commissioners have, since their last visit to Warrnambool, reported on the great necessity for additional station buildings there; and, if they have done so, when the erection of those buildings will be commenced.
5. **MR. GRAHAM:** To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in view of the statements made in the House regarding adulteration in the manufacture and sale of tweeds and flannels, he will appoint a Board or move for a Select Committee to inquire into the truth or otherwise of the statements.
6. **MR. GRAY:** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. If the Department has directed the letter-carriers to obtain particulars to enable Messrs. Sands and McDougall to compile their Directory, and if thereby a number of men were prevented from obtaining employment.
 2. If the letter-carriers have performed this work, will they be paid extra for the work done.
 3. What amount, if any, was paid by the firm to the Department for the information.
7. **MR. SANGSTER:** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. What amount of brandy has been exported by each distillery in Victoria from 1st July, 1891, to 30th June, 1895, inclusive.
 2. If any Victorian-made brandy exported has been returned to the colony; and, if so, to which distillery.
8. **MR. LEVIEN:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether he will take more effective means of circulating the pamphlets issued by the Department of Agriculture upon the cultivation of sugar-beet, flax, &c.
9. **MR. STERRY:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he has decided what action he intends taking in regard to the question of mining upon the Marong Race-course Reserve, and if he intends to so amend the law as to admit of the reserve being thrown open to occupation for mining under miners' rights.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. FOSTER:** To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Mines Acts.
2. **MR. GAVAN DUFFY:** To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Post Office Act 1890* and for other purposes.

(220 copies.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
2. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
3. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
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6. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY.

(After half-past-eight o'clock.)

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LONGMORE :** To move, That this House is of opinion—
1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
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WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 17th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 4TH JULY, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 7.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8.

Sale of Goods Bill—[56]. (To Members of Council only.)

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill—[63].

Width of Tires Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Henry Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Theatres Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. J. Balfour. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 15, 16, and 17.

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

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 4.

Post Office Savings Bank.—Statement of Accounts for the year 1894. No. 10.

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1894.—Part II.—Interchange. No. 9.

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THURSDAY, 11TH JULY, 1895.

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Government Business.

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1. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
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General Business.

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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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WEDNESDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 16th July.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 17th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER ISSUED 11TH JULY, 1895.

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



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 21.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if he will request the trustees of the cemeteries concerned to furnish a statement showing what has been the total amount of revenue received for the dressing (planting, &c.) of graves in the St. Kilda, Boroondara, and Melbourne General Cemeteries, from 1st January, 1890, to 30th June, 1895, and if the profits have been expended in improving the borders or been absorbed in the general grave-digging, &c.; also, the rates charged per grave in each of the afore-named cemeteries.
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3. **MR. BROMLEY:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture why the work of shipping butter, &c., is not let by public contract instead of being carried out as at present by making private arrangements.
4. **MR. HAMILTON:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that bricklayers working at the Job's Gully Bridge, Eaglehawk, are compelled to accept their wages with 5 per cent. written off every month; and, if so, why.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. G. TURNER:** To move, That the Sessional Order relating to General Business be suspended for this evening, so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.
2. **MR. TAVERNER:** To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the establishment and management of a Metropolitan General Cemetery and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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General Business.

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6. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY.*Private Bill Business.*

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 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
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WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LAZARUS: To move, That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

GRAHAM BERRY,

Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 17th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 11TH JULY, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 8.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9.

Width of Tires Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Henry Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Electric Light and Power Bill—[41].

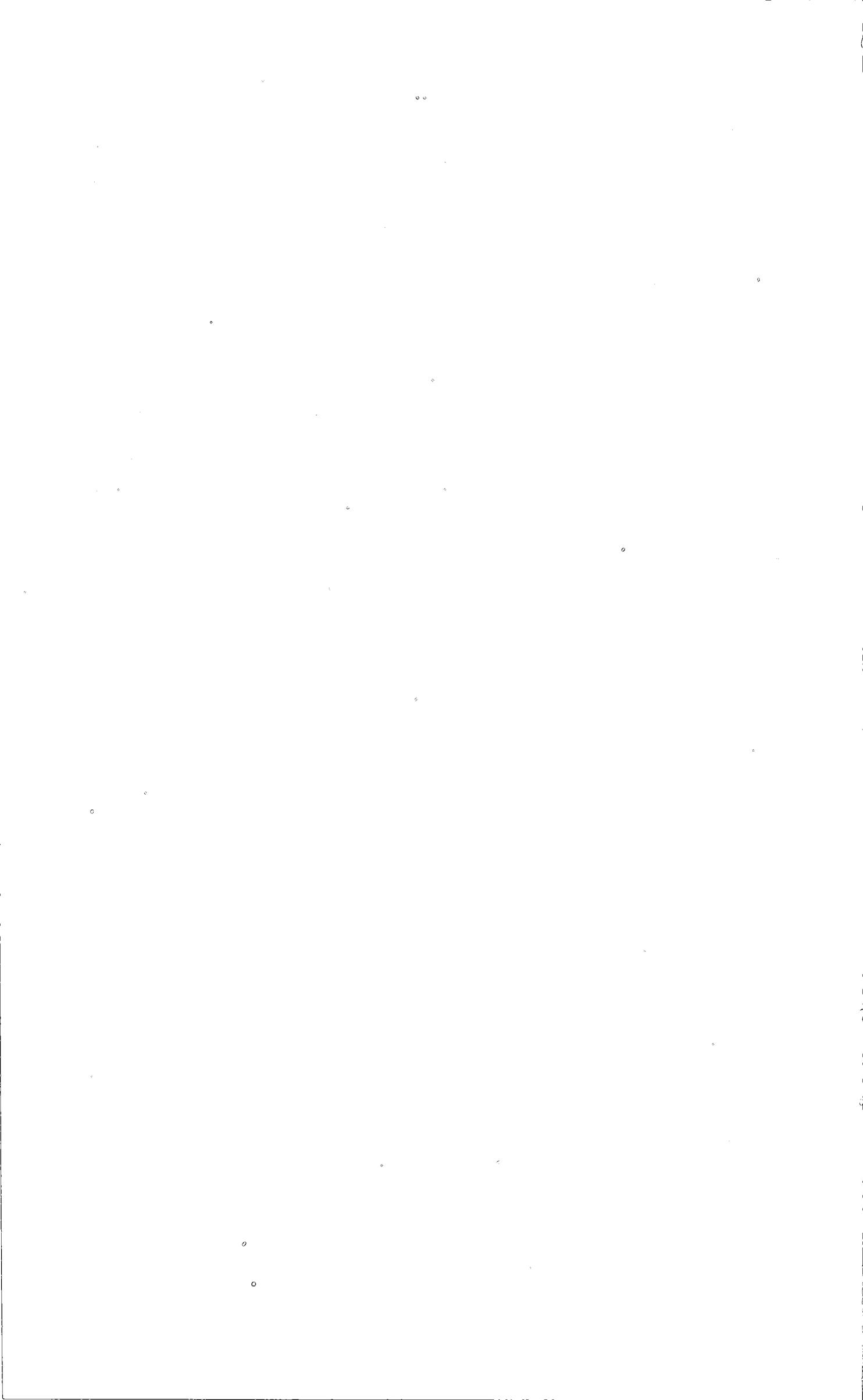
Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 18, 19, and 20.

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

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 5.

Customs and Excise Duties.—New Resolutions to be proposed. (To Members only.)

Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories, Work-rooms, and Shops for the year ended 31st December, 1894. No. 49.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 22.

THURSDAY, 18TH JULY, 1895.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. PRENDERGAST : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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 2. The wages paid to different classes of workmen on the different works.
 3. The number of men employed, and the wages paid to each class of workmen on all classes of casual or relief work or permanent works started since last December in the Public Works or Mines Departments.
2. MR. BROMLEY : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing, in regard to the shipping of butter under Government supervision—
 1. The amount of commission paid on disbursements.
 2. The amount paid to Customs agents.
 3. The total amount paid by the Government for the year 1894.
 4. The names of the agents employed by the Government.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
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17. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. METROPOLITAN GENERAL CEMETERY BILL—Second reading.
19. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
20. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MALONEY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Audit Act 1890.*

TUESDAY, 23RD JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if he will request the trustees of the cemeteries concerned to furnish a statement showing what has been the total amount of revenue received for the dressing (planting, &c.) of graves in the St. Kilda, Boroondara, and Melbourne General Cemeteries, from 1st January, 1890, to 30th June, 1895, and if the profits have been expended in improving the borders or been absorbed in the general grave-digging, &c. ; also, the rates charged per grave in each of the afore-named cemeteries.

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 2. How many village settlers have received the sum of £30.
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General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 18th July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at half-past ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH JULY, 1895.

Friendly Societies Actuary's Bill.—Amendment by Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

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Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st July, 1893, to 31st December, 1893. No. 5.



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6. MR. MCCOLL: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Can a ratepayer whose rates are unpaid stand for election as a municipal councillor.
 2. Is it necessary that the nominators of a candidate for a municipal council should have their rates paid to make the nomination valid.
7. MR. HAMILTON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he has given his decision in the appeal case of *Pearce v. Commerie*, re the quartz tailings on the Yorkshire lease at Tarnagulla; and, if not, what action does he intend to take.
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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. BOWSER: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of arrears contracted each year by each municipality which obtained a loan under the Vermin Destruction Act for the purchase of rabbit-proof wire netting; also the amount deducted from the subsidy payable to such municipalities each year on account of overdue instalments of wire-netting loans.

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WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
2. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAZARUS : To move, That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.
2. MR. PRENDERGAST : To move, That in the opinion of this House class reading books and, as far as possible, all other books used in our State schools should be compiled and printed in the colony.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER,

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Monday, 22nd July.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH JULY, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 9.
Width of Tires Bill—[9]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 23.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 24.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. MURRAY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if his attention has been drawn to a statement published in the *Evening Herald* last week that, through the action of the police, discharged prisoners found it difficult to obtain employment; and if he will cause exhaustive inquiries to be made as to the truth of the statement.
2. MR. GRAHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if it is his intention to pay the bonus on all flax grown for fibre this year, and up to what date will he receive applications for the same.
3. MR. MURRAY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will direct the Railways Board, now taking evidence, to furnish progress reports to Parliament.
4. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will direct that some arrangement be made to deliver registered letters at places where he has closed post-offices which are remote from such offices still left open.
5. MR. PRENDERGAST: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. Is it a fact that the contract for the Moonee Ponds Post-Office has been let at a price which will not permit of a fair wage being paid to those who may be employed on the work.
 2. Has a condition been inserted in the contract stipulating that a minimum rate of wage shall be paid and maximum hours of labour observed.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. TURNER: To move, That the Sessional Order relating to General Business be suspended for this evening, so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.
2. MR. G. TURNER: To move, That the House, at its rising to-morrow, adjourn until Tuesday next, at three o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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16. MINES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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19. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
20. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

(220 copies.)

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE: To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

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 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
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WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

Questions.

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General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LAZARUS: To move, That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.
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WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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GRAHAM BERRY,

*Speaker.***MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.***Wednesday, 24th July.*

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT)—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 18TH JULY, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 10.

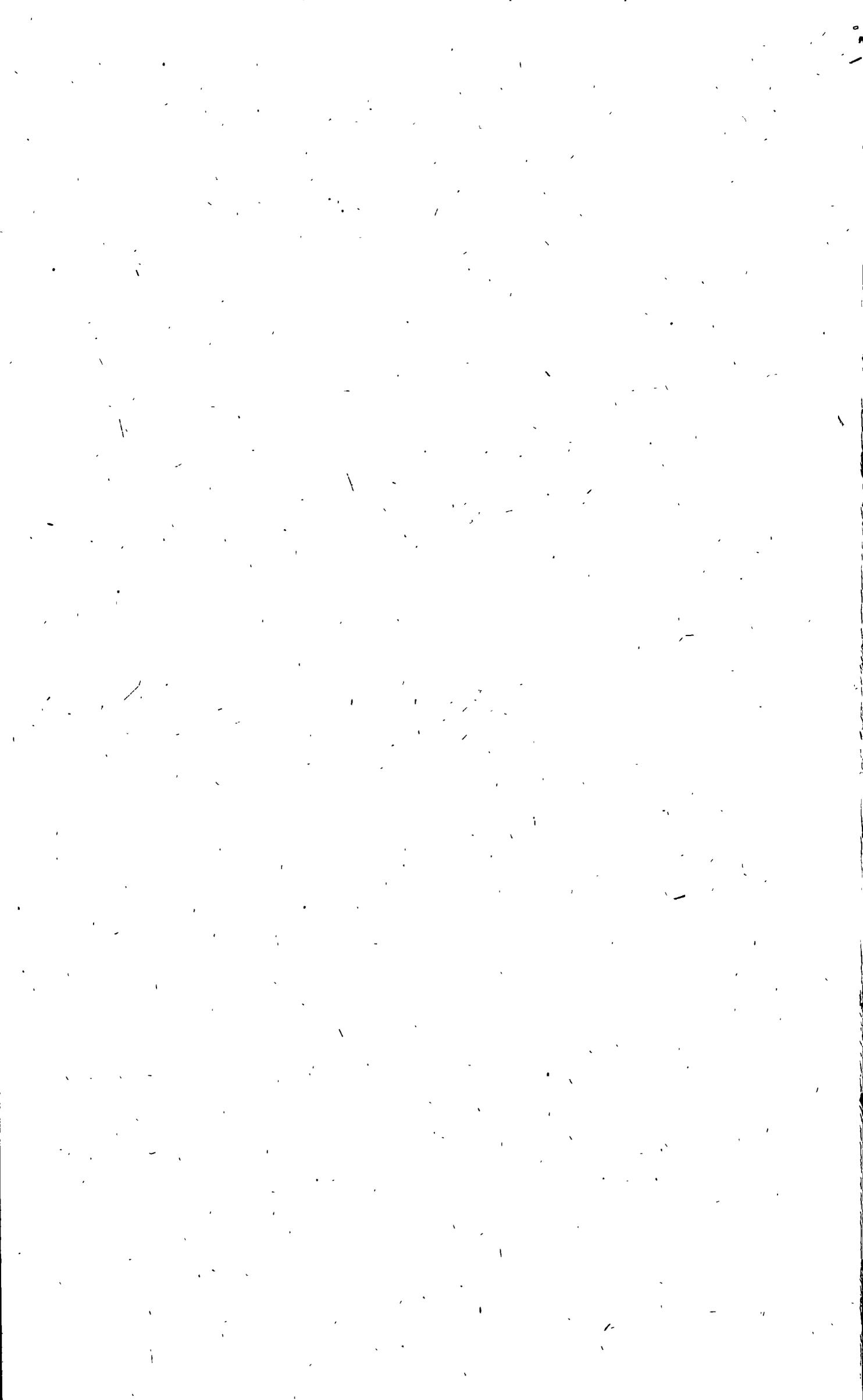
Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 21, 22, and 23.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 24.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 6.

Customs and Excise Duties.—Proposed Increased Duty. (To Members only.)

Customs and Excise Duties.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members of Assembly only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 25.

THURSDAY, 25TH JULY, 1895.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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13. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
14. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
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16. MINES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. METROPOLITAN GENERAL CEMETERY BILL—Second reading.
19. SALE OF GOODS BILL—Second reading.
20. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
21. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if the trustees of the St. Kilda, Boroondara, and Melbourne General Cemeteries have yet supplied the information asked for in regard to their revenue and expenditure.
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General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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(220 copies.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. OUTTRIM : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts alleged in the petition of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Maryborough, in regard to the distribution of the municipal endowment, presented to this House on the 3rd July, 1895, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wheeler, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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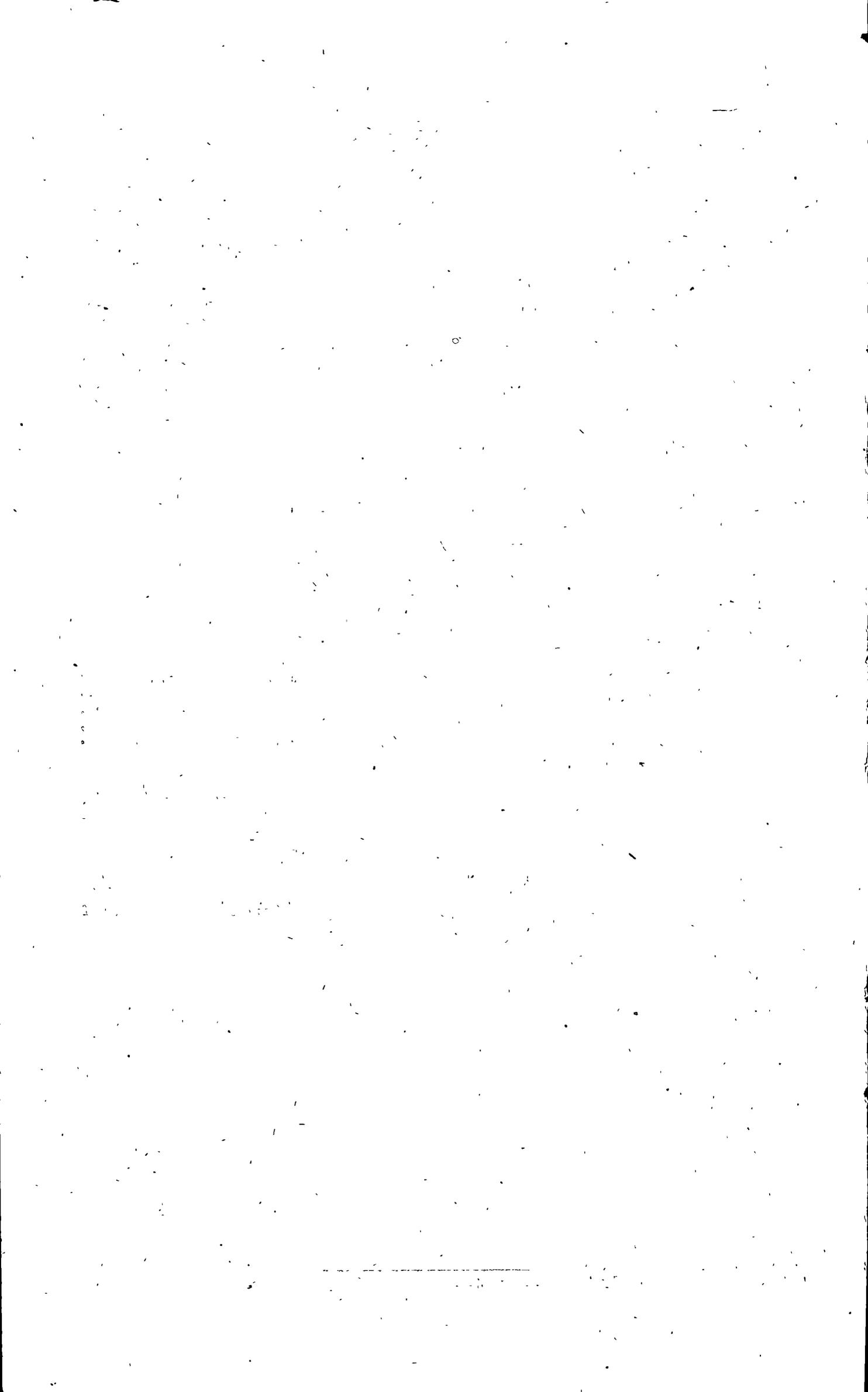
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*Speaker.*PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH JULY, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 25.

Sale of Goods Bill—[56]. (To Members only.)

Customs and Excise Duties.—Additional Exemptions to be proposed in Committee. (To Members of Assembly only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 26.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1895.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.
3. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
5. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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3. MR. STERRY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Whether his attention has been drawn to the recent suicide of the man Walter Mashiter, and the written statement left by him concerning certain monetary transactions with one David Henry.
 2. Will he have inquiries made into these transactions or dealings with Henry, and, if he finds that they were in any way fraudulent, take such action as he deems necessary.
 3. And further, will he introduce a Bill to prevent usury and fraud being practised upon the unfortunate portion of the public who have to borrow money.
4. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will cause the evidence now being taken by the Railway Board to be laid before this House ; and, if so, when the first instalment will be available.
5. MR. CHIRNSIDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is true that the diamond drill at Ballan is to be removed.
6. MR. SALMON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if, in view of the well known payable leads in many parts of the colony now unworkable on account of the excessive quantity of water, he will take into consideration the advisability of assisting, with small loans of money or pumping machinery, the many co-operative parties of practical miners ready and willing to develop these leads, if so assisted.
7. MR. RAWSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will, in the interest of the travelling public, make some provision for heating the refreshment rooms at Kyneton.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. OUTTRIM: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts alleged in the petition of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Maryborough, in regard to the distribution of the municipal endowment, presented to this House on the 3rd July, 1895, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wheeler, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; three to be the quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE: To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LAZARUS: To move, That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.
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3. MR. IRVINE: To move, That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.
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 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
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WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST:

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
2. MR. KIRTON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the present method of constituting Ministries is unsatisfactory, and should be superseded by one based upon the principle of election.
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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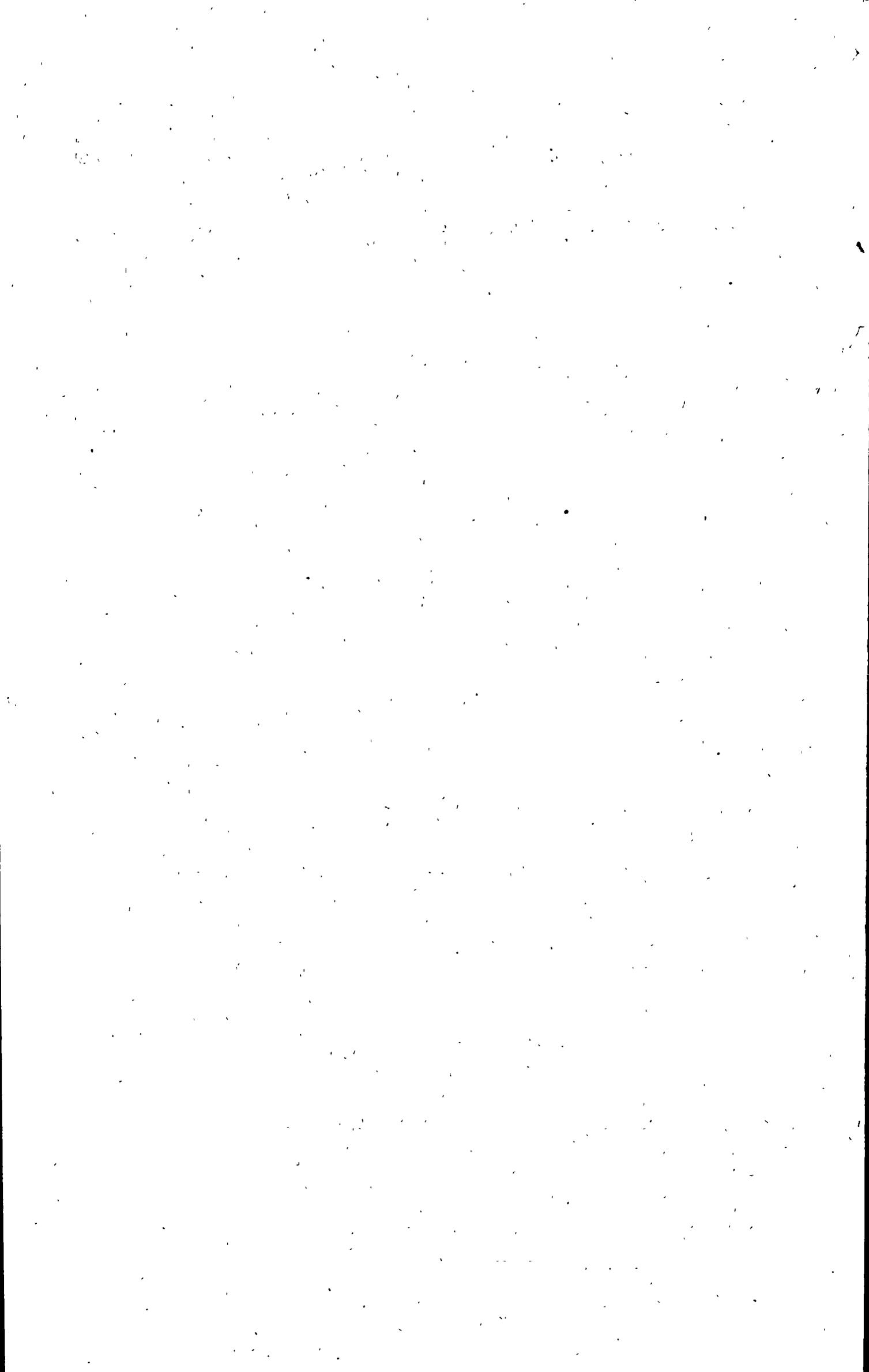
GRAHAM BERRY,

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH JULY, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 10.
 Trusts Amendment Bill—[57]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Married Women's Property Bill—[61]. (To Members of Council only.)

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



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 27.

WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if the trustees of the St. Kilda, Boroondara, and Melbourne General Cemeteries have yet supplied the information asked for in regard to their revenue and expenditure.
2. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will cause an inspection to be made of the Flinders-street Railway Station, with the view of affording better protection to passengers in inclement weather in their ingress thereto and egress.
3. **MR. STERRY** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Whether his attention has been drawn to the recent suicide of the man Walter Mashiter, and the written statement left by him concerning certain monetary transactions with one David Henry.
 2. Will he have inquiries made into these transactions or dealings with Henry, and, if he finds that they were in any way fraudulent, take such action as he deems necessary.
 3. And further, will he introduce a Bill to prevent usury and fraud being practised upon the unfortunate portion of the public who have to borrow money.
4. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will cause the evidence now being taken by the Railway Board to be laid before this House ; and, if so, when the first instalment will be available.
5. **MR. CHIRNSIDE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is true that the diamond drill at Ballan is to be removed.
6. **MR. SALMON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if, in view of the well known payable leads in many parts of the colony now unworkable on account of the excessive quantity of water, he will take into consideration the advisability of assisting, with small loans of money or pumping machinery, the many co-operative parties of practical miners ready and willing to develop these leads, if so assisted.
7. **MR. RAWSON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will, in the interest of the travelling public, make some provision for heating the refreshment rooms at Kyneton.
8. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if it is a fact that there are three varieties of punishment to which persons defrauding the Customs are liable, some being fined only, some being imprisoned and fined, and some punished with imprisonment ; and, if so, what is the reason of such difference in punishment.
9. **MR. LAZARUS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will state—
 1. What number of passengers travelled by the special football train from Bendigo on Saturday, 27th July, 1895, and what number travelled by the previous special football train.
 2. Was the fact that a special football train would be granted on 27th July, 1895, not announced until Thursday, 25th July instant, and if so what was the motive for such delay.
 3. Upon what principle was 8s. 8d. charged as the fare from Bendigo and only 6s. 4d. from Ballarat.
10. **MR. PRENDERGAST** : To ask the Honorable the Premier (for the Minister of Defence)—
 1. Have recommendations been made to the Minister of Defence that Major Reynolds, an Imperial drill instructor, receiving £1,000 per annum, should have his engagement extended ; if so, is it intended to extend such term.
 2. Are two Imperial sergeants-major, Brenchley and Mailer, applying to have themselves exempted from the colonial regraded rate of pay, and is it proposed to treat them differently from Victorian-trained sergeants-major.

11. MR. GRAY : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a return showing the temporary hands at present employed in the Civil Service—

1. Name.
2. Rate of pay (including allowances).
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Government Business.

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24. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 2nd August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at Wandong.

Wednesday, 7th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 25TH JULY, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 11.

Friendly Societies Actuary's Bill.—Amendment proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Electric Light and Power Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. J. H. Abbott and the Hon. J. Sternberg. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly: Nos. 24, 25, and 26.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 27.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 7.

Gaols Bill—[16]. (To Members only.)

Theatres Bill—[19]. (To Members only.)

Voluntary Conveyances Bill—[60]. (To Members only.)

Borough Elections Bill—[72].

Customs and Excise Duties.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)

Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools.—Report of the Secretary for the year 1894.

No. 53.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 28.

THURSDAY, 1st AUGUST, 1895.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the temporary hands at present employed in the Civil Service, stating—
 1. Name.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 6th AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if it is a fact that there are three varieties of punishment to which persons defrauding the Customs are liable, some being fined only, some being imprisoned and fined, and some punished with imprisonment; and, if so, what is the reason of such difference in punishment.
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4. MR. McLEOD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if any encouragement is to be given in the direction of the development of the frozen meat export trade ; and, if so, in what form it is proposed to do so.
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 2. What amount of duty did Messrs. Joshua and Co. pay on spirits distilled from molasses during the year 1894.
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1. What is the wage paid to the unskilled labour at the Dudley-street works at present being carried on.
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 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
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15. **MR. WEBB** : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Tatura Waterworks Trust to sell certain land at Tatura.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LONGMORE** : To move, That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.

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WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 2nd August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at Wandong.

Wednesday, 7th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 31ST JULY, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 11.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 28.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 29.

TUESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if it is a fact that there are three varieties of punishment to which persons defrauding the Customs are liable, some being fined only, some being imprisoned and fined, and some punished with imprisonment ; and, if so, what is the reason of such difference in punishment.
2. **MR. McLEOD** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Police-Rabbit Inspectors are supposed to look strictly to the matter of rabbit extirpation in their respective districts.
3. **MR. MURPHY** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will take the necessary steps to have a County Court Judge appointed for Ballarat who shall reside there.
4. **MR. McLEOD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if any encouragement is to be given in the direction of the development of the frozen meat export trade ; and, if so, in what form it is proposed to do so.
5. **MR. W. ANDERSON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a return showing the amount of loan moneys expended on the Coliban, Geelong (Stony Rises), and Ballarat Water Supply Schemes respectively ; also, the amount of interest paid for the year 1894-5 by the Government for the loans granted on account of each of those schemes, the interest received by the Government during the same year on account of the said loans, and the dates at which the respective loans mature.
6. **MR. McCOLL** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a return showing—
 1. What quantity of spirits was distilled by Messrs. Joshua and Co. from molasses during the year 1894.
 2. What amount of duty did Messrs. Joshua and Co. pay on spirits distilled from molasses during the year 1894.
 3. How much of the spirit made from molasses by Messrs. Joshua and Co. during the year 1894 was converted into brandy, how much into whisky, how much into rum, and how much into any other spirit.
7. **MR. PRENDERGAST** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the report of the inspector and other correspondence *re* suspension of labour conditions on the Coal Creek Extended Company's lease.
8. **MR. GROSE** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will take steps to insure that amounts paid under the *Income Tax Act* 1895 by persons whose incomes were less than £200 shall be returned as soon as possible.
9. **MR. PRENDERGAST** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. What is the wage paid to the unskilled labour at the Dudley-street works at present being carried on.
 2. What wages per day are paid to skilled labour in each trade.
10. **MR. DEAKIN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. If it be true that tenders for painting stations at Ballarat, Castlemaine, and elsewhere are now being invited.
 2. If qualified painters, who joined the Railways Department under *The Victorian Railways Commissioners Act* 1883, and who are required to insure their lives, are being refused employment on the plea that there is no work for them.
11. **MR. PRENDERGAST** : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. Has his attention been called to a statement made by Dr. Molloy, resident surgeon at the Melbourne Hospital, that the wards are literally packed in order to make room for urgent cases.
 2. In view of that statement, is it the intention of the Government to see that the sick poor are provided with accommodation.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS: To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Glenrowan to Hedi be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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22. GAOLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
23. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
24. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MCCOLL: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The various post-offices which have been closed or in which reductions in the cost of working expenses have been made during the year 1894-5, and the electoral districts in which they are situated; the amount of reduction in each case; the present annual cost of working each of these offices; and the remuneration paid (if any) to postmasters or persons in charge of such offices.
 2. The number and description of mail services discontinued.
 3. The number and description of mail services in which reductions have been made, the amount of the reduction, the present cost of the service, and the distance travelled each journey.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. STERRY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to furnish a return showing—
 1. How many men are employed in the Railways Department who are receiving less than 7s. per day.
 2. How many are receiving less than 6s. per day.
 3. How many are receiving less than 5s. per day.
 4. How many years on the average have each of the respective classes, that is, the 7s., 6s., and 5s. per day men, been in the service.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JOHN McINTYRE: To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LAZARUS: To move, That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.
2. MR. PRENDERGAST: To move, That in the opinion of this House class reading books and, as far as possible, all other books used in our State schools should be compiled and printed in the colony.
3. MR. IRVINE: To move, That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.

4. MR. LANGDON : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain Crown land in the parish of Boort.
5. MR. GRAVES : To move, That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary ; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64.
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15. MR. WEBB : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Tatura Waterworks Trust to sell certain land at Tatura.
16. MR. GRAY : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the temporary hands at present employed in the Civil Service, stating—
 1. Name.
 2. Rate of pay (including allowances).
 3. How long employed.
 4. Department employed in.
 5. Where and how employed.
17. MR. MURRAY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Veterinary Surgeons Act* 1890.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.
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7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
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4. MR. COOK : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Compulsory Vaccination in Victoria.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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Wednesday, 7th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1ST AUGUST, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 29.

Postal and Telegraph Conference, 1895.—Report of Proceedings of the Conference held in Hobart, February, 1895. No. 57.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 30.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. STERRY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to furnish a return showing—
 1. How many men are employed in the Railways Department who are receiving less than 7s. per day.
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3. MR. T. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he is aware what action, if any, the Agent-General has taken to refute the aspersions cast upon the colony by Major-General Tulloch, in an article entitled "An Object Lesson," published in the July number of the *Nineteenth Century*.
4. MR. LAZARUS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. What special fitness Mr. Rolandson has for the position of Inspector of Mines.
 2. Has he been subjected to any competitive examination; if so, who were the examiners.
 3. If not, why was the previously established custom of the Department of competitive examinations departed from in this instance in favour of Mr. Rolandson.
 4. What saving, if any, has been made by the Department by the retirement of the former inspector, Mr. Grainger, and the appointment of Mr. Rolandson.
5. MR. WHEELER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will state the basis upon which the vote of £3,500, now on the Estimates for agricultural societies, will be distributed.
6. MR. T. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Premier (for the Honorable the Minister of Defence)—
 1. What is the pay per day for engine-room artificers, carpenters and joiners, stokers, and able and training seamen under the new regrading system in the Naval Defence Force.
 2. How those rates of pay compare with pay for the same classes of skilled labour in other Government Departments.
 3. What are the hours per week that those men have to be on duty.
7. MR. LANGDON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will take early steps to have fruit that is being hawked about the country duly inspected, in order to ascertain whether such fruit is fit for human consumption; having also in view the prevention of the spread of diseases to which fruit is liable.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ISAAC A. ISAACS: To move, That the Order of the House appointing Wednesday, 14th August instant, for the consideration of the Local Government Act 1890 further Amendment Bill (No. 2) as reported, be read and rescinded, and that the consideration of the Report be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

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 2. The number and description of mail services discontinued.
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TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. MURPHY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will take the necessary steps to have a County Court Judge appointed for Ballarat who shall reside there.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading
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7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.

General Business

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.

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3. MR. KIRTON: To move, That, in view of the deplorable revelations recently made as to the treatment of the aged poor, a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practicability of making provision for them by means of State-aided pensions or insurance.
4. MR. COOK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Compulsory Vaccination in Victoria.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 7th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 1ST AUGUST, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 12.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 27, 28, and 29.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 30.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 8.

Borough Elections Bill—[72]. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 31.

THURSDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1895.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ISAAC A. ISAACS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide facilities for carrying out certain of the provisions of the *Water Act 1890* at Mildura and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Consideration of Report.
2. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
4. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
7. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
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9. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—Second reading.
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21. THEATRES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
22. VOLUNTARY CONVEYANCES BILL—Second reading.
23. GAOLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
24. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
25. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

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1. What rule guides the Commissioners of Railways in placing women in charge of railway stations.
 2. How many women are in charge of stations.
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7. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
1. Is it a fact that 156,020 acres were made available for village settlement, of which the total acreage allotted on 30th July, 1894, was 48,367 acres.
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 2. Did the deceased meet with his death by contributory negligence of his own or otherwise.
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 4. Was his widow entitled to any compensation.
 5. Did his widow receive any consideration whatsoever from the Railways Commissioners; and, if so, what was the nature of it.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
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8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **SIR JOHN MCINTYRE** : To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

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10. **MR. LONGMORE :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of George Cooper, who was severely injured while in the employ of the Victorian Railways, with the view of giving him some relief in addition to that granted by the Department, such Committee to consist of _____, _____, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; _____ to be the quorum.
11. **MR. GRAVES :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
12. **MR. MURPHY :** To move, That in the opinion of this House the Honorable the Premier should communicate with the Premiers of the Australian colonies with a view to having intercolonial free-trade established between the colonies.
13. **MR. STERRY :** To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend Part X. of the Thirteenth Schedule to the *Local Government Act* 1890.
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 3. The number and description of mail services in which reductions have been made, the amount of the reduction, the present cost of the service, and the distance travelled each journey.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HIGGINS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to establish, in connexion with the Department of Trade and Customs, an advising Board, whose functions shall be to watch the operation of the Duties of Customs and Excise and the effect thereof on industries; to collect information; to consider proposals for alterations, exemptions, and new duties, and to suggest improvements; and to make reports to Parliament.
2. MR. MALONEY: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £200 for William Moran, permanently injured in the Railway Department in the execution of his duty.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 8th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 13th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 7TH AUGUST, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 12.

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

Customs and Excise Duties.—Proposed Exemptions, &c. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 32.

TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1895.

Questions.

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9. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether he will in future cause the £1 now deposited with all applications for land to be refunded except to the successful applicants.
10. MR. HAMILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when was the Order in Council fixing the reduced rates charged on the carriage of goods between Geelong and Ballarat first brought into force.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.—*Resumption of debate.*
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WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.

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 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
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 2. The number and description of mail services discontinued.
 3. The number and description of mail services in which reductions have been made, the amount of the reduction, the present cost of the service, and the distance travelled each journey.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HIGGINS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to establish, in connexion with the Department of Trade and Customs, an Advising Board, whose functions shall be to watch the operation of the Duties of Customs and Excise and the effect thereof on industries; to collect information; to consider proposals for alterations, exemptions, and new duties, and to suggest improvements; and to make reports to Parliament.
2. MR. MALONEY: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £200 for William Moran, permanently injured in the Railway Department in the execution of his duty.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 13th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 8TH AUGUST, 1895.

Friendly Societies Actuary's Bill—[3]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 32.

Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the Question of Further Extension of Railways in the Mallee Districts; together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices. Report No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 33.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. MOULE :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health whether his attention has been called to the circumstances relating to the cremation of the body of a Hindoo at Sandringham recently, and whether he will cause an inquiry to be made in respect of the same ; and further, whether he will take steps to prevent any similar ceremony taking place except in some portion of ground set apart for that purpose and not frequented by the public.
2. **MR. STERRY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
 1. What number of American phylloxera-resisting vines he will have for distribution this year.
 2. Will he see that the infected district of Strathfieldsaye gets a fair proportion of them.
 3. And further, will he take steps to introduce cuttings of American vines for planting in the infected districts next year.
3. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to state what railways and sidings have been constructed at Government expense for the Gippsland coal companies, and the cost of each.
4. **MR. BEAZLEY :** To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. Is it a fact that a charge preferred against an officer of the Chief Secretary's Department, located at Ararat, was recently investigated by two members of the Public Service Board, one of whom died before the evidence was considered.
 2. Is it also a fact that the decision was signed by the surviving member, and by the third member of the Board who was not present at the inquiry.
 3. If so, is the decision of the Board legal.
5. **MR. MURPHY :** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will take the necessary steps to have a County Court Judge appointed for Ballarat who shall reside there.
6. **MR. McLEOD :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a return showing the amount of money expended in providing protection and berthage of, and safe navigation for, intercolonial and ocean-going vessels in each of the undermentioned ports of the colony—Hobson's Bay and River Yarra, Corio Bay, Gippsland Lakes, Warrnambool, Port Fairy, and Portland, from 1884 to 1894 inclusive ; such return to include amounts expended on dredging, channel cutting, providing breakwaters and wharf accommodation, but excluding dock works. Works undertaken by the Melbourne Harbor Trust to be shown separately in the said return.
7. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. Is it a fact that 156,020 acres were made available for village settlement, of which the total acreage allotted on 30th July, 1894, was 48,367 acres.
 2. If so, has the balance been taken up, and, if not, is it now available for village settlers.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. DEAKIN :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of candidates from each of the technical schools in the colony who passed the examination in November and December, 1894, in theoretical chemistry, practical chemistry, metallurgy, assaying, geology, mineralogy, and mining, together with the report of the examiners on such examination.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BEST :** To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the granting of a lease of certain Crown land in the parish of Moolap as a site for the manufacture of Salt.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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23. GAOLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
24. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
25. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TOTALIZATOR BILL—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
4. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. IRVINE: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the liability of Employers for injuries to their Workmen.

WEDNESDAY, 21st AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE: To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

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1. MR. LONGMORE: To move, That this House is of opinion—
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 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
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13. **MR. STERRY** : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend Part X. of the Thirteenth Schedule to the *Local Government Act 1890*.
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20. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That this House is of opinion—
1. That a substantial reduction should be made in certain port charges now levied upon shipping, with the view of inducing cheaper freights, and thereby assisting the producing and exporting interests of Victoria in the carriage of produce to British, Australasian, and foreign markets.
 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
 3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria ; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HIGGINS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to establish, in connexion with the Department of Trade and Customs, an advising Board, whose functions shall be to watch the operation of the Duties of Customs and Excise and the effect thereof on industries; to collect information; to consider proposals for alterations, exemptions, and new duties, and to suggest improvements; and to make reports to Parliament.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 14th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 20th August.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 8TH AUGUST, 1895.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 30, 31, and 32.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 33.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 9.

Municipal Electors Bill—[77].

Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives on the Working of the Explosives Act during the year 1894. No. 55.

Report of Proceedings taken under the provisions of the Settlement on Lands Act 1893 during the financial year ended 30th June, 1895. No. 56.

Twenty-ninth Report of the Board of Visitors to the Observatory; together with the Report of the Government Astronomer, &c; to which is appended the Twenty-eighth Report of the Board of Visitors, &c. No. 58.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 34.

THURSDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1895.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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22. VOLUNTARY CONVEYANCES BILL—Second reading.
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24. MOOLAP LAND LEASING BILL—Second reading.
25. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
26. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. STERRY: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the monetary transactions of the late Walter Mashiter with Mr. David Henry, money lender, and generally to inquire and report upon usurious transactions, such Committee to consist of Mr. Langdon, Mr. Lazarus, Mr. McColl, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Styles, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. PRENDERGAST: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all persons in the Public Service (exclusive of Railways and junior and telegraph messengers), specifying—
 1. Name.
 2. Age.
 3. Rate of pay.
 4. Length of time in service.
 5. Department in which employed.
 6. How employed.
 7. What are the new regulations and rates of pay for labourers entering the service.

TUESDAY, 20TH AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. T. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. What has been the system or principle observed in the percentage reductions made upon the salaries and wages of officers and men in the Permanent Naval Force.
 2. Is it a fact that the men's wages have suffered a larger percentage reduction than the officers' salaries; and, if so, what is the reason therefor.

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2. MR. G. J. TURNER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will take into consideration the requirements of coal miners, and put them on a similar footing to gold miners when dealing with the question of supplementing the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund.
3. MR. STERRY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
2. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. HIGGINS** : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to establish, in connexion with the Department of Trade and Customs, an advising Board, whose functions shall be to watch the operation of the Duties of Customs and Excise and the effect thereof on industries; to collect information; to consider proposals for alterations, exemptions, and new duties, and to suggest improvements; and to make reports to Parliament.

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1. **RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—***Resumption of debate on the question—* That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—**To be further considered in Committee.
2. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—**Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **MR. W. R. MERRY—***Resumption of debate on the question—*That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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Thursday, 15th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 20th August.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 14TH AUGUST, 1895.

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill—

New Clauses to be proposed by the Hon. Agar Wynne. (To Members of Council only.)

Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood, in lieu of Amendments circulated on 26th July. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 34.

Mildura Rating Bill—[70].

Customs and Excise Duties.—Proposed Alterations of Existing Duties and Proposals for New Duties. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Supplementary Estimates, 1894-5. B.—No. 8.

Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1896. B.—No. 9.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 35.

TUESDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. T. SMITH :** To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. What has been the system or principle observed in the percentage reductions made upon the salaries and wages of officers and men in the Permanent Naval Force.
 2. Is it a fact that the men's wages have suffered a larger percentage reduction than the officers' salaries ; and, if so, what is the reason therefor.
2. **MR. G. J. TURNER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will take into consideration the requirements of coal miners, and put them on a similar footing to gold miners when dealing with the question of supplementing the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund.
3. **MR. STERRY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
 1. What number of American phylloxera-resisting vines he will have for distribution this year.
 2. Will he see that the infected district of Strathfieldsaye gets a fair proportion of them.
 3. And further, will he take steps to introduce cuttings of American vines for planting in the infected districts next year.
4. **MR. MURPHY :** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will take the necessary steps to have a County Court Judge appointed for Ballarat who shall reside there.
5. **MR. LANGDON :** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether his attention has been directed to the evidence given before the Railways Standing Committee, as set out in questions numbered 4505 to 4508 in their report on the question of the further extension of railways in the mallee districts, relative to the right of mallee lessees to make improvements on their holdings ; if so, does he agree with the opinion of the witness as therein expressed, particularly as to the powers stated to be given to such lessees under any existing Mallee Leases Act.
6. **MR. BROMLEY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he can inform the House—
 1. How many men were called for on the last ballot in 1890, as porters, at 5s. per day.
 2. How many men entered the service at that time, and what rate of pay per day they are getting now.
 3. How many engine cleaners entered at 5s. per day, and what rate of pay per day they are now receiving.
7. **MR. LANGDON :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he intends to refer the question of desired railway extension into the mallee country back to the Railways Standing Committee for further inquiry, consideration, and report.
8. **MR. STERRY :** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether he will take some decided action to suppress the betting that is alleged to be going on in the numerous lanes and at the street corners throughout the city and suburbs, and also to suppress the various sly "Tote" shops ; and will he, if necessary, invite Parliament to amend the law to enable him to do so.
9. **MR. COOK :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 1. Has a minimum wage clause been inserted in the contract for the supply of rabbit crates.
 2. If such a clause has been inserted, will he have inquiries made with a view to ascertain whether it is being evaded by a certain Brunswick contractor.
 3. If evaded, will he take steps to enforce the clause.
10. **MR. GRAY :** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. Is it the intention of the Postal Department to give Messrs. Sands and McDougall the information to compile their Directory for this year.
 2. If so, upon what terms of payment will the information be supplied.

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Government Business.

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1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
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19. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
20. SALE OF GOODS BILL—Second reading.
21. THEATRES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
22. VOLUNTARY CONVEYANCES BILL—Second reading.
23. GAOLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
24. MOOLAP LAND LEASING BILL—Second reading.
25. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
26. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STERRY : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the monetary transactions of the late Walter Mashiter with Mr. David Henry, money lender, and generally to inquire into and report upon similar usurious transactions, such Committee to consist of Mr. Langdon, Mr. Lazarus, Mr. McColl, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Styles, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
2. MR. PRENDERGAST : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all persons in the Public Service (exclusive of Railways and junior and telegraph messengers) receiving 6s. per day and under, specifying—
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WEDNESDAY, 21st AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE : To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That this House is of opinion—
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 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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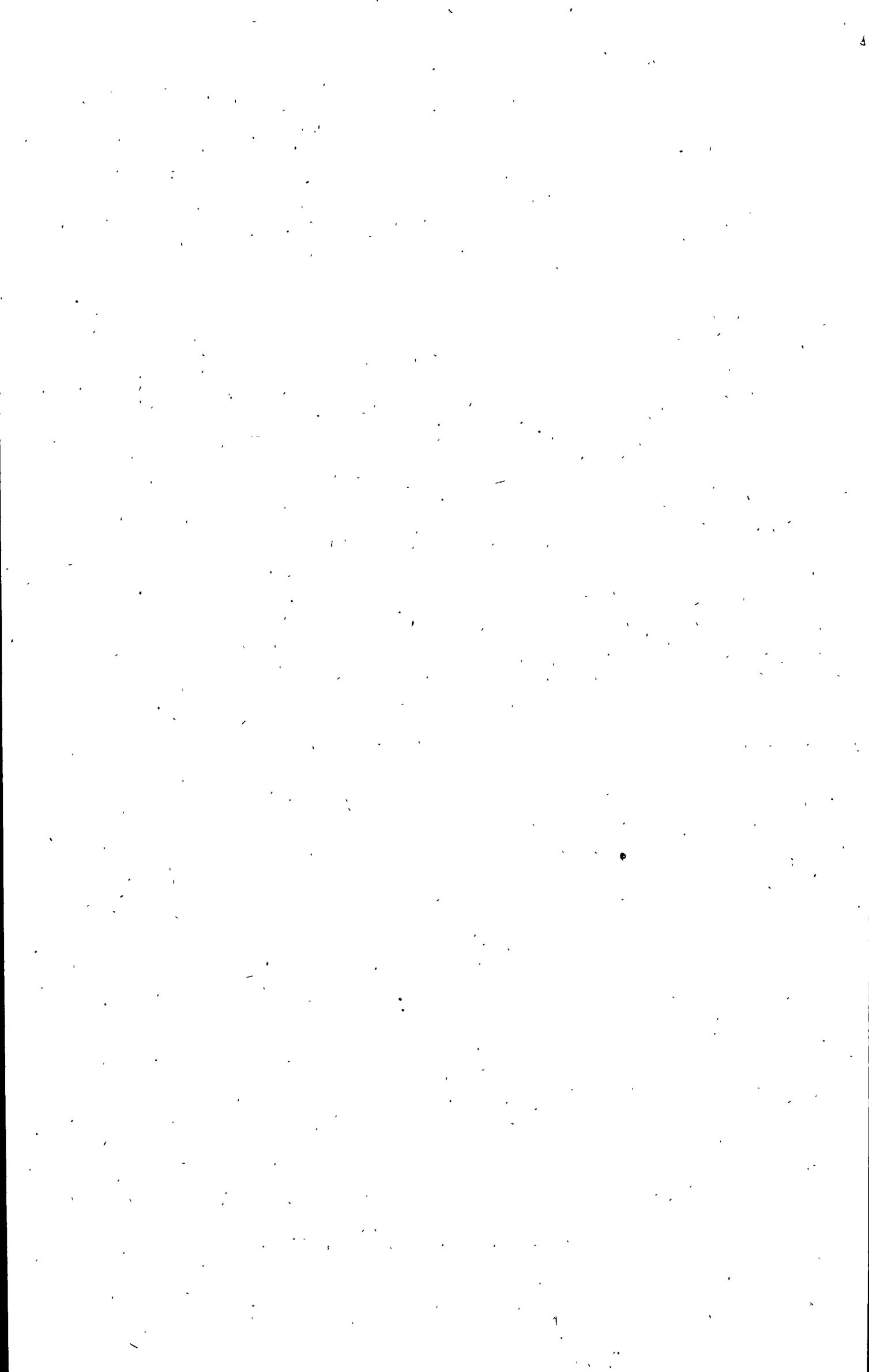
Tuesday, 20th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER ISSUED 15TH AUGUST, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 35.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 36.

WEDNESDAY, 21st AUGUST, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if, when he has the Report of the Cemetery Board printed, he will forward copies to the various metropolitan and suburban municipalities.
2. **MR. CRAVEN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to inform the House what was the amount of cash received at Tallangatta and Yackandandah Railway Stations during the financial year ending 30th June, 1895.
3. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will inform the House whether a returning officer at a municipal election, or his deputy, is permitted to sign the nomination paper of, or to canvass for, any candidate at the said election.
4. **MR. SALMON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is he aware of the exceedingly dirty condition of the railway carriages of both classes running between Ballarat and Castlemaine.
 2. If so, could not directions be given to employ some of the men said to be in excess of those required in the Department to do the very necessary work of keeping these carriages clean.
 3. Will he take steps to have at least one compartment in each second class carriage reserved for non-smokers.
5. **MR. SANGSTER** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Has he, or any officer in his Department, authority to grant permission for Sunday morning work to intercolonial steam-ship owners, for the purpose of loading or unloading their vessels, when no danger exists either to life or property, and with the sole object of enabling the owners to get the steam-ships to sea on Sunday.
 2. If such power exists, is there any rule or Order in Council for guiding the exercise of it; or does the administrator's judgment alone guide him in granting permission for such Sunday work.
 3. If no such power exists, will the Minister order a prosecution against any shipping firm or firms who do this work in future.
6. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will allow civil servants who are on the municipal roll leave of absence to-morrow, for an hour or so, in order that they may record their votes at the elections.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. MCLEOD** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money expended in providing protection and berthage of, and safe navigation for, intercolonial and ocean-going vessels in each of the undermentioned ports of the colony :—Hobson's Bay and River Yarra, Corio Bay, Gippsland Lakes, Warrnambool, Port Fairy, and Portland, from 1884 to 1894 inclusive; such return to include amounts expended on dredging, channel cutting, providing breakwaters and wharf accommodation, but excluding dock works. Works undertaken by the Melbourne Harbor Trust to be shown separately in the said return.

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Government Business. (Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
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25. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
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Private Bill Business. (After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE: To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LONGMORE: To move, That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured, by some of such persons, by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
2. MR. KIRTON: To move, That in the opinion of this House the present method of constituting Ministries is unsatisfactory, and should be superseded by one based upon the principle of election.
3. MR. KIRTON: To move, That, in view of the deplorable revelations recently made as to the treatment of the aged poor, a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practicability of making provision for them by means of State-aided pensions or insurance.
4. MR. COOK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish Compulsory Vaccination in Victoria.
5. MR. IRVINE: To move, That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.
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7. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
8. MR. MOULE: To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the papers and correspondence relating to the retirement of Mr. Travers Adamson from the office of Crown Prosecutor.

9. MR. GRATTAN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when, for the purpose of expediting public business, a limit should be placed on the length of Honorable Members' speeches, and that the following resolution be brought into effect:—That no speech, either in the House or Committee, shall exceed thirty-five minutes' duration, excepting speeches by Ministers of the Crown.
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13. MR. STERRY: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend Part X. of the Thirteenth Schedule to the *Local Government Act* 1890.
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17. MR. GRAY: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the temporary hands at present employed in the Civil Service, stating—
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 2. The number and description of mail services discontinued.
 3. The number and description of mail services in which reductions have been made, the amount of the reduction, the present cost of the service, and the distance travelled each journey.
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 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
 3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.
21. MR. STERRY: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the monetary transactions of the late Walter Mashiter with Mr. David Henry, money lender, and generally to inquire into and report upon similar usurious transactions, such Committee to consist of Mr. Langdon, Mr. Lazarus, Mr. McColl, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Styles, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

22. **MR. PRENDERGAST**: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all persons in the Public Service (exclusive of Railways and junior and telegraph messengers) receiving 6s. per day and under, specifying—
1. Name.
 2. Age.
 3. Rate of pay.
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 7. What are the new regulations and rates of pay for labourers entering the service.
23. **MR. MURRAY**: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to suppress street betting, and every other kind of betting.
24. **MR. WILKINS**: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all grants (with the exception of the Municipal Endowment) made to each municipality up to 30th June, 1895.

TUESDAY, 27TH AUGUST.

Question.

1. **MR. WINTER**: To ask the Honorable the Premier (for the Honorable the Minister of Defence)—
1. Is it a fact that Permanent Adjutant Chalmers receives, with allowances, £550 per annum.
 2. What are his duties.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
2. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. HIGGINS**: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to establish, in connexion with the Department of Trade and Customs, an advising Board, whose functions shall be to watch the operation of the Duties of Customs and Excise and the effect thereof on industries; to collect information; to consider proposals for alterations, exemptions, and new duties, and to suggest improvements; and to make reports to Parliament.
2. **MR. MALONEY**: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £200 for William Moran, permanently injured in the Railway Department in the execution of his duty.
3. **MR. OUTTRIM**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the system under which the manufacture of tobacco is a State monopoly in France and other European countries, such Committee to consist of Mr. Graham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Higgins, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Scott, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; three to be the quorum.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 21st August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 27th August.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

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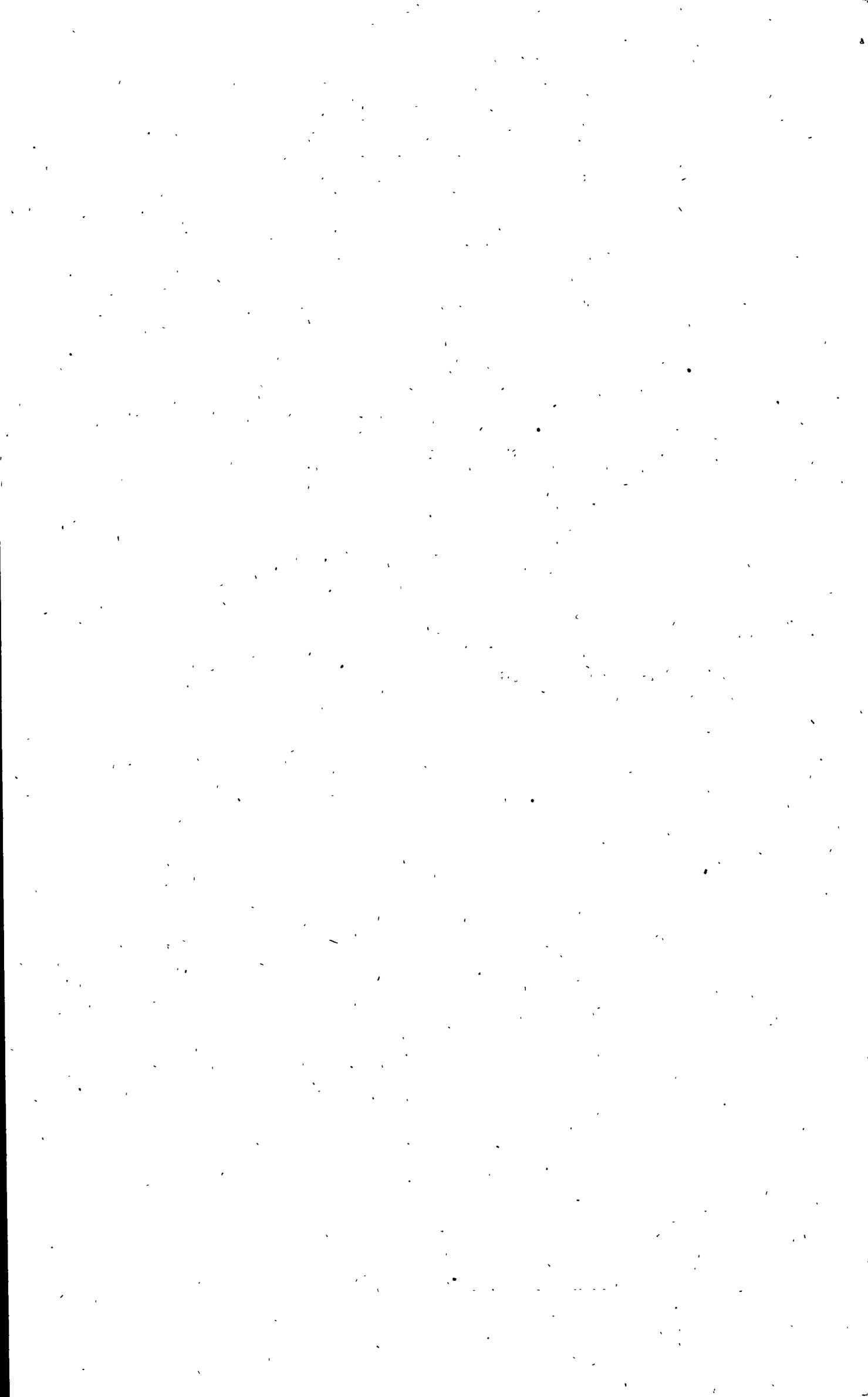
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TUESDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1895.

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 1. Is it a fact that Permanent Adjutant Chalmers receives, with allowances, £550 per annum.
 2. What are his duties.
2. MR. STYLES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will see that the percentage reductions made in the pay of some of the Newport Workshops employés who received less than £100 for the last financial year are refunded to the men.
3. MR. G. J. TURNER: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey what is the intention of the Government in relation to making the Moe Swamp lands available for settlement, in view of the very numerous inquiries by persons anxious to settle on the same.
4. MR. STYLES: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will lay upon the Library table a copy of the conditions of contract containing provision for the payment by contractors of a minimum rate of wage to their employés.
5. MR. RUSSELL: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will take steps at once to provide the increased accommodation required at State School No. 722, Illabarook, in compliance with the petition from the inhabitants of the district.
6. MR. MURPHY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will give instructions immediately to have the regrading of the railway line carried out between Ballarat East and Warrenheip, and also other necessary railway works done in the vicinity of Ballarat, so as to give employment to a large number of men who are out of work.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. TURNER: To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past one o'clock.
2. MR. G. TURNER: To move, That the Sessional Order relating to General Business be suspended for to-morrow evening, so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.
3. MR. G. TURNER: To move, That the House, at its rising to-morrow, adjourn until Tuesday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MILDURA WATER SUPPLY BILL—Second reading.
3. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
4. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
7. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
8. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—Second reading.
10. METROPOLITAN GENERAL CEMETERY BILL—Second reading.
11. MINES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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27. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
28. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
29. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all papers and correspondence in connexion with the transfer of Constable Bandinette from Warrnambool to Hamilton, and his subsequent transfer to Melbourne.
2. MR. AUSTIN : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to reduce the wood-cutters' licences for cutting sheoak from £10 per annum to £4.
3. MR. LANGDON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)**—Second reading.
3. **NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL**—Second reading.
4. **BOORT LAND BILL**—Second reading.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)**—Second reading.
6. **AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
7. **TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL**—Second reading.
8. **OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. ROGERS** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £397 15s. for Mr. A. E. Gomm, late of the Customs Department.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
2. **BETTING SUPPRESSION BILL**—Second reading.
3. **SELECTORS' ARREARS OF RENT**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH, OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

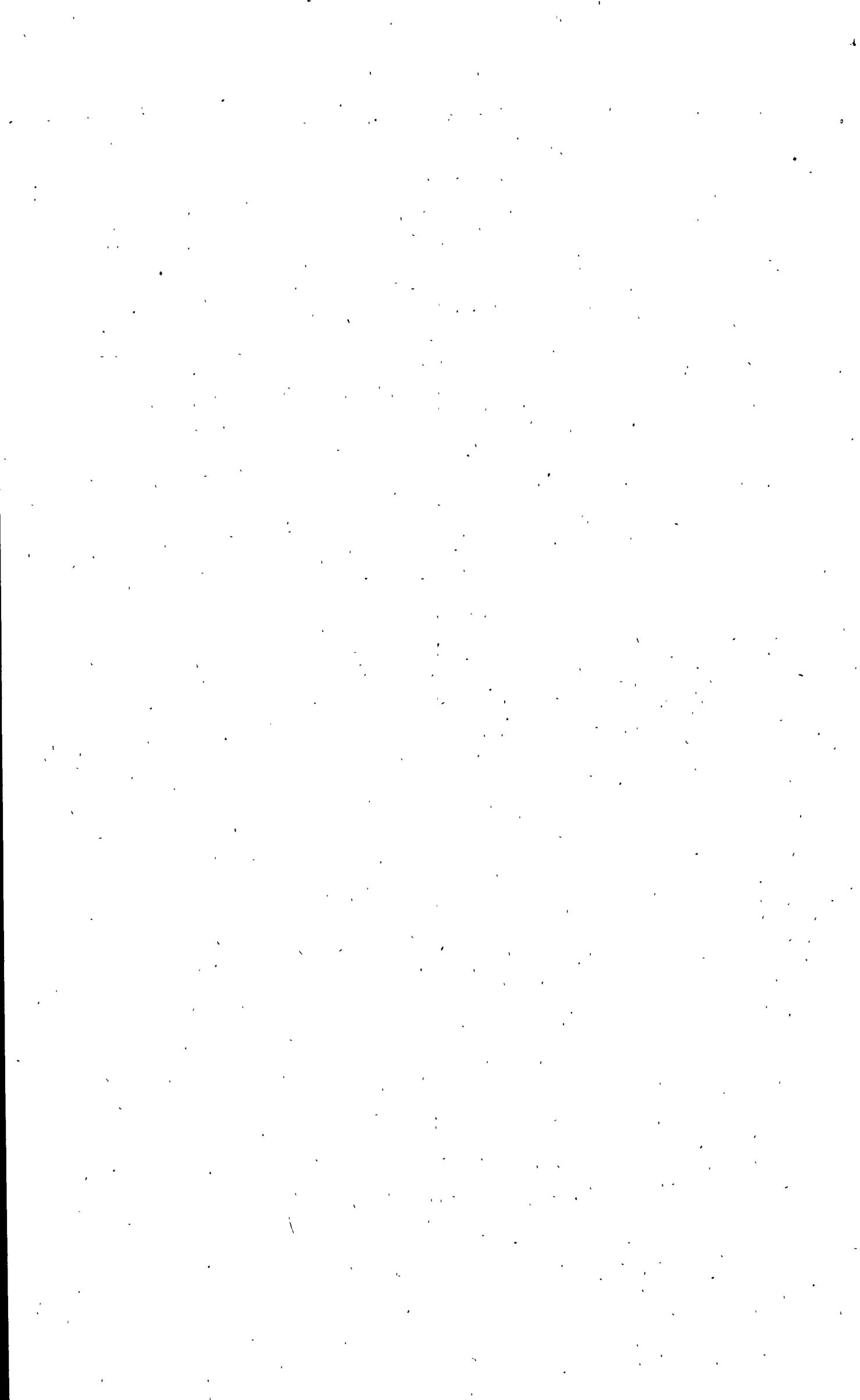
Tuesday, 27th August.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 21ST AUGUST, 1895.

Municipal Elections Bill—[72]. (To Members of Council only.)
Municipal Elections Bill.—New Clause proposed by the Hon. J. Bell, as agreed to by the Committee.
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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 37.
Width of Tires Bill—[9]. (To Members only.)
Trusts Amendment Bill—[57]. (To Members only.)
Boort Land Bill—[59].
Married Women's Property Bill—[61]. (To Members only.)
Non-compulsory Vaccination Bill—[69].
Employers' Liability Bill—[80].



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 38.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. DUGGAN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will cause the rapid surveys of Moliagul, Dunolly, and Tarnagulla to be completed at as early a date as possible.
2. **MR. STYLES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when the present working time of only five days per week at the Newport shops will be increased.
3. **MR. McLEOD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Whether any alterations, deviations, or concessions whatsoever to consignees or consignors have been or are about to be made from the published list of rates adopted by the Railways Commissioners, and appearing in the *Government Gazette* of 2nd August, in the carriage of the coming season's wool from Casterton, Merino, Branxholme, Condah, Hamilton, Coleraine, or Dunkeld Railway Stations, and destined for Geelong, Williamstown, Kensington, North Melbourne, and Spencer-street Stations.
 2. And, if so, would the Minister of Railways inform the House of the particulars and extent thereof, and if for the benefit of one or more consignees or consignors of wool.
4. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will give the House the following information :—
 1. The number and names of those officers of the Public Service who received long-service increments during the financial year 1891-2.
 2. The number who have been refused since then.
 3. Is it a fact that long-service increments have been stopped when other increments have gone on ; and, if so, under what section of the Public Service Act is power given to stop them.
5. **MR. HAMILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. If it is true that engineering and electric work has been given out by his Department to the firm of Wagner and Co., when the Department has all the appliances and skilled labour requisite to do the work.
 2. Is the work done under contract or private arrangement.
 3. Has inquiry been made as to whether this firm employs any men or pays a minimum rate of wage in accordance with a resolution of this House.
6. **MR. HANCOCK** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Whether he has approved of a bridge over the railway lines at the southern end of the island platform at Spencer-street, to gain access to the goods sheds, upon the recommendation of the Victorian Railways Commissioners in opposition to a request for a bridge at the northern end of the same platform in a line with Bourke-street, and towards the construction of which an offer to contribute the sum of £1,000 has been made.
 2. Will the Department accept this offer as being best for the revenue of the railways, and erect the bridge at the northern end of the platform.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
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General Business.

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1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
2. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

Private Bill Business.

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 5. Department in which employed.
 6. How employed.
 7. What are the new regulations and rates of pay for labourers entering the service.

17. MR. WILKINS: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all grants (with the exception of the Municipal Endowment) made to each municipality up to 30th June, 1895.
18. MR. MURRAY: To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all papers and correspondence in connexion with the transfer of Constable Bandinette from Warrnambool to Hamilton, and his subsequent transfer to Melbourne.
19. MR. AUSTIN: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to reduce the wood-cutters' licences for cutting sheoak from £10 per annum to £4.
20. MR. LANGDON: To move, That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.
6. AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL—Second reading.
8. OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled:

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROGERS: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £397 15s. for Mr. A. E. Gomm, late of the Customs Department.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. BETTING SUPPRESSION BILL—Second reading.
3. SELECTORS' ARREARS OF RENT—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 3rd September.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

Wednesday, 4th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 21ST AUGUST, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 13.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 14.

Companies Act Amendment Bill—[82].

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by the Hon. S. W. Cooke. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 36 and 37.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 38.

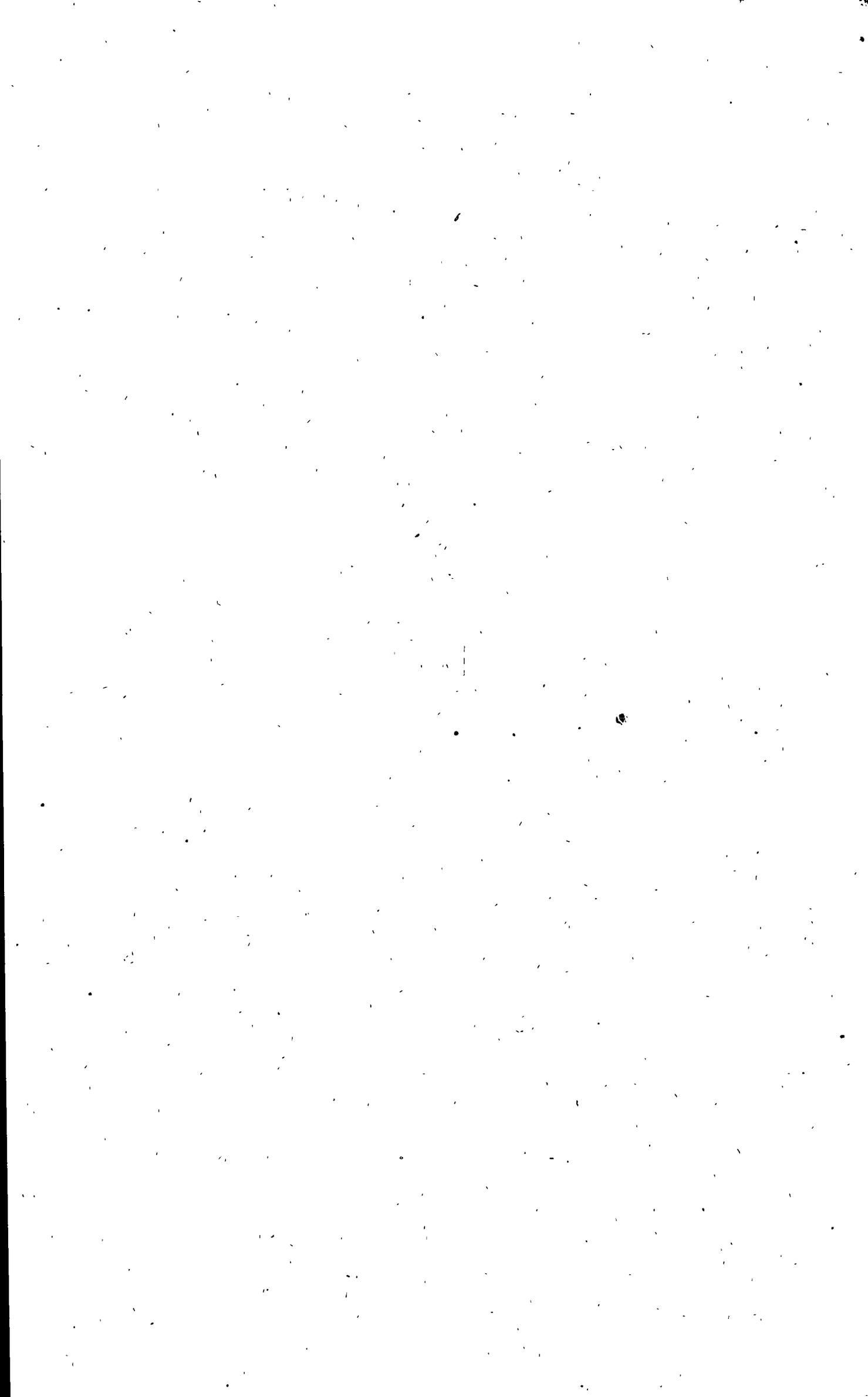
Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 11.

Friendly Societies Actuary's Bill—[3]. (To Members only.)

Local Government Act 1890 further Amendment (Classification of Shires) Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Reid. (To Members only.)

Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1894. No. 64.

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th June, 1895. No. 65.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 39.

TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. RUSSELL: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Will the proposed new rates for the carriage of wool at per ton, instead of per bale, be an increase or a decrease in the rate of freight.
 2. If the rate of freight is thereby increased, will it not cause a larger portion of wool to be forwarded by road instead of by rail.
2. MR. MURPHY: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will take the necessary steps to have a County Court Judge appointed for Ballarat who shall reside there.
3. MR. KIRTON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that there is a difference in the wages paid to men in the Maintenance branch of the Railways Department—some receiving 6s. and others 5s. per day; and, if so, will he see that the promise to pay all employés in that branch 6s. per day is carried out.
4. MR. GROSE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply if he will have the Report of the Waterworks Inquiry Board laid on the Table of the House.
5. MR. KIRTON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Has the increased loading of goods trains been followed by a strengthening of the couplings of the same.
 2. How many employés of the Department have been killed or injured during the last three years while working between trucks and carriages.
 3. Did not the Department lately have two trucks fitted with a new patent coupling, stronger than the ones in use at present, and which rendered it unnecessary for the employés to go between the vehicles; and was the trial satisfactory.
 4. Has there been a great increase in the number of "breaksaway"; and, if so, is it not desirable to obtain improved couplings without delay.

Government Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.
6. AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

7. TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL—Second reading.

8. OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—

1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
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3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
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General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
2. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

1. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. BETTING SUPPRESSION BILL—Second reading.
3. SELECTORS' ARREARS OF RENT—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 3rd September.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

Wednesday, 4th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 28TH AUGUST, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 39.

Supplementary Report of the Royal Commission on Charitable Institutions. No. 48.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 40.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. REID: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways the reason the last train to Melbourne was delayed at Armadale on Thursday week for half-an-hour, and what compensation is to be given to those persons who had to remain in town all night.
2. MR. LONGMORE: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether it is allowable for magistrates to ask the Press to not notice remarks made by their brother magistrates on the Bench.
3. MR. A. ANDERSON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will consult with the Railways Commissioners with the view of preventing any of the proposed farmers' excursion trains on days that will clash with the local agricultural shows.
4. MR. LANGDON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will inform the House—
 1. How many tons of new and second-hand serviceable rails, suitable for making light lines of railway, has his Department lying along various lines, as well as otherwise in stock.
 2. How many miles of railway would such rails make.
5. MR. MURPHY: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Upon whose recommendation were the sittings of County Courts in Ballarat and Bendigo reduced from six to four.
 2. Were their Honours the Judges consulted in the matter.
6. MR. BARRETT: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will inform the House—
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 2. How many of these applications have been granted, and the reasons submitted by the successful applicants.
 3. The date and term of each extension of patent.
7. MR. GRAY: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he has received a reply from the municipalities with reference to the Yarra Floods Works.
8. MR. JOHN A. ISAACS: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. Is it a fact that the officers of the Education and Treasury Departments who worked overtime during the months of January and February last will be allowed full time off in lieu of the overtime worked by them.
 2. If so, will he take steps to see that the officers of the Money Order and Savings Bank Branch of the Postal Department are treated in as liberal a manner in this respect as the officers of the Education and Treasury Departments.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT—To be considered in Committee.
3. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading.
4. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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27. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
28. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTUARY'S BILL—Second reading.
29. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
30. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE: To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HIGGINS: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to establish, in connexion with the Department of Trade and Customs, an advising Board, whose functions shall be to watch the operation of the Duties of Customs and Excise and the effect thereof on industries; to collect information; to consider proposals for alterations, exemptions, and new duties, and to suggest improvements; and to make reports to Parliament.
2. MR. MALONEY: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £200 for William Moran, permanently injured in the Railway Department in the execution of his duty.
3. MR. OUTTRIM: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the system under which the manufacture of tobacco is a State monopoly in France and other European countries, such Committee to consist of Mr. Graham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Higgins, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Scott, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; three to be the quorum.
4. MR. KIRTON: To move, That in the opinion of this House the present method of constituting Ministries is unsatisfactory, and should be superseded by one based upon the principle of election.
5. MR. KIRTON: To move, That, in view of the deplorable revelations recently made as to the treatment of the aged poor, a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practicability of making provision for them by means of State-aided pensions or insurance.
6. MR. GRAVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any; the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
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7. MR. GRATTAN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when, for the purpose of expediting public business, a limit should be placed on the length of Honorable Members' speeches, and that the following resolution be brought into effect:—That no speech, either in the House or Committee, shall exceed thirty-five minutes' duration, excepting speeches by Ministers of the Crown.
8. MR. LONGMORE: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of George Cooper, who was severely injured while in the employ of the Victorian Railways, with the view of giving him some relief in addition to that granted by the Department, such Committee to consist of _____, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; _____ to be the quorum.

9. **MR. GRAVES** : To move, That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory; and that a revision thereof is necessary; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members; and that the number of Members be reduced to 64.
10. **MR. MURPHY** : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Honorable the Premier should communicate with the Premiers of the Australian colonies with a view to having intercolonial free-trade established between the colonies.
11. **MR. OUTTRIM** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts alleged in the petition of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Maryborough, in regard to the distribution of the municipal endowment, presented to this House on the 3rd July, 1895, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wheeler, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; three to be the quorum.
12. **MR. GRAY** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the temporary hands at present employed in the Civil Service, stating—
1. Name.
 2. Rate of pay (including allowances).
 3. How long employed.
 4. Department employed in.
 5. Where and how employed.
13. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The various post-offices which have been closed or in which reductions in the cost of working expenses have been made during the year 1894-5, and the electoral districts in which they are situated; the amount of reduction in each case; the present annual cost of working each of these offices; and the remuneration paid (if any) to postmasters or persons in charge of such offices.
 2. The number and description of mail services discontinued.
 3. The number and description of mail services in which reductions have been made, the amount of the reduction, the present cost of the service, and the distance travelled each journey.
14. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That this House is of opinion—
1. That a substantial reduction should be made in certain port charges now levied upon shipping, with the view of inducing cheaper freights, and thereby assisting the producing and exporting interests of Victoria in the carriage of produce to British, Australasian, and foreign markets.
 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
 3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.
15. **MR. STERRY** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the monetary transactions of the late Walter Mashiter with Mr. David Henry, money lender, and generally to inquire into and report upon similar usurious transactions, such Committee to consist of Mr. Langdon, Mr. Lazarus, Mr. McColl, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Styles, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
16. **MR. PRENDERGAST** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all persons in the Public Service (exclusive of Railways and junior and telegraph messengers) receiving 6s. per day and under, specifying—
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 2. Age.
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General Business.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 4th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 10th September.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 28TH AUGUST, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 14.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 15.

Printers and Newspapers Bill—[81].

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 38 and 39.

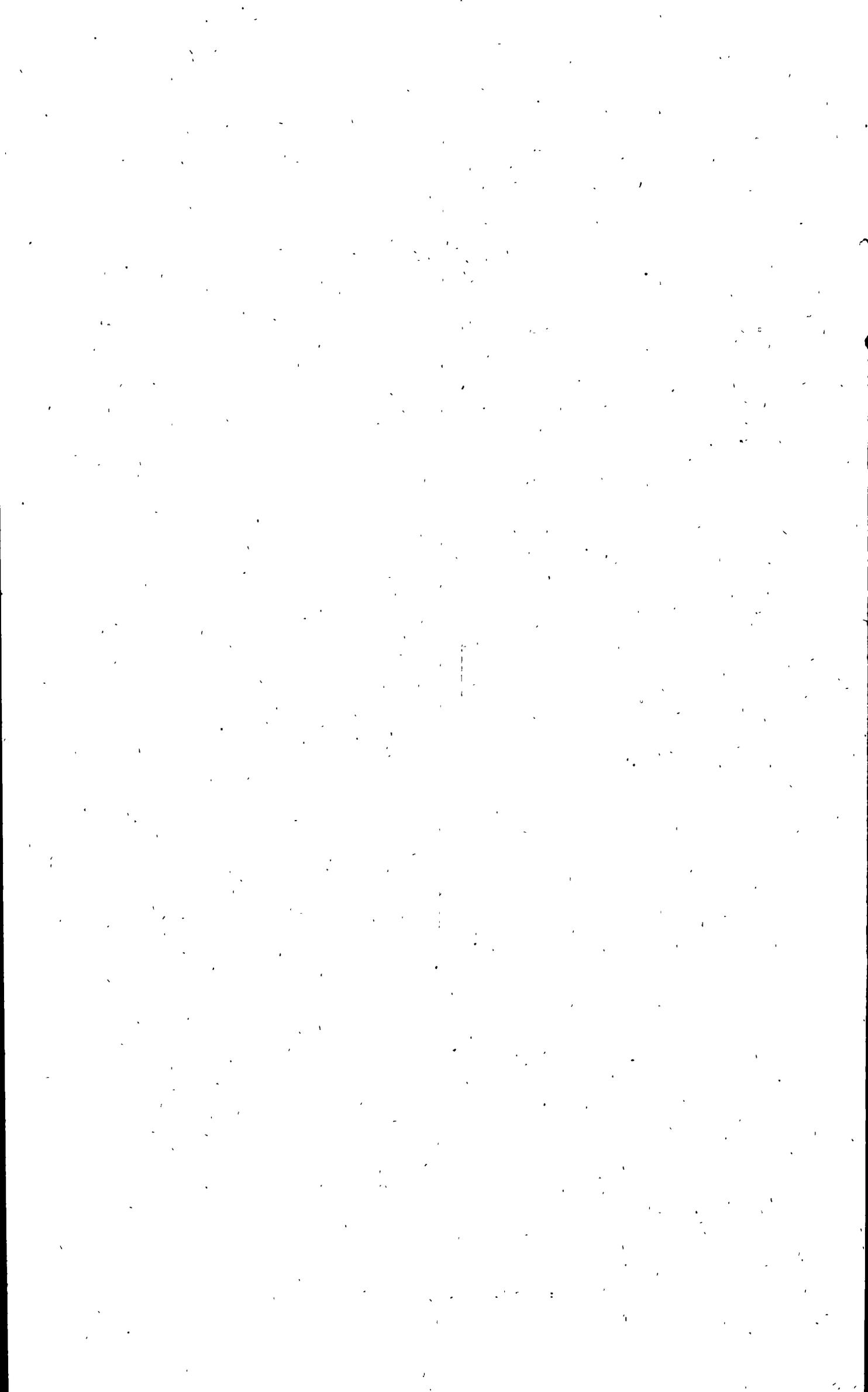
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 40.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 12.

Goldsbrough Mort and Company Limited Arrangement Bill—[79].

Municipalities' Advances Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. G. Turner. (To Members only.)

Customs and Excise Duties.—Proposed Alterations of Existing Duties and Proposals for New Duties.
(To Members only.)



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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 41.

THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
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26. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTUARY'S BILL—Second reading.
27. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
28. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. GOLDSBROUGH MORT AND COMPANY LIMITED ARRANGEMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. MURPHY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Upon whose recommendation were the sittings of County Courts in Ballarat and Bendigo reduced from six to four.
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 3. The date and term of each extension of patent.

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3. **MR. GRAY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he has received a reply from the municipalities with reference to the Yarra Floods Works.
4. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if his attention has been called to that part of the Sixteenth Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies relating to the registration, in 1894, as a Friendly Society of the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia, a company granting assurances and endowments on human lives ; and, if so, will he state—
1. Whether the Government Statist, the officer in charge of the practical administration of the *Friendly Societies Act* 1890, in its statistical, financial, and actuarial provisions, has refused to recognise such company as a Friendly Society, mainly on the grounds—
 - (a) That its objects constitute it a life assurance society as defined in the *Companies Act* 1890, Part III., Life Assurance Companies ; and
 - (b) That societies transacting assurance business were of set purpose excluded from registration under the *Friendly Societies Act* 1877 on the express recommendation of the Royal Commission on Friendly Societies of 1876.
 2. Whether the Government Statist submitted to the Minister, in February last, a report on the legal status of the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia, with a request that the matter might be brought under the notice of the Honorable the Attorney-General.
 3. If he proposes to take any action to set at rest the doubt at present existing among Friendly Societies as to the legality and propriety of the action of the Registrar in registering such a society.
 4. Has he any objection to lay any report on the subject received from the Government Statist on the Table of the House.
5. **MR. ROGERS** : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
1. Are the Government aware that cholera is raging in Japan and China, and will they take measures to quarantine all vessels from the infected ports.
 2. Will the Government endeavour to induce the other colonies of Australasia to do the same.
 3. Are the Government aware that the Japanese are now colonizing Australia, and that the war party in Japan intends to take possession of this continent on the first opportunity.
 4. In view of these facts and probabilities, will the Government take steps to secure immediate federation, as the only secure defence of Australian nationality.
6. **MR. HANCOCK** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways, whether it is the intention of the Railway Department to place an improved service of second class carriages upon the Williamstown line in substitution of the dilapidated and dirty carriages now in use upon that line.
7. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Premier, if it is the intention of the Government to have the Public Library, National Gallery, and Museums opened on Sundays.
8. **MR. LEVIEN** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether he will give full notice before again making available for selection land at Koo-wee-rup.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—Resolutions to be reported.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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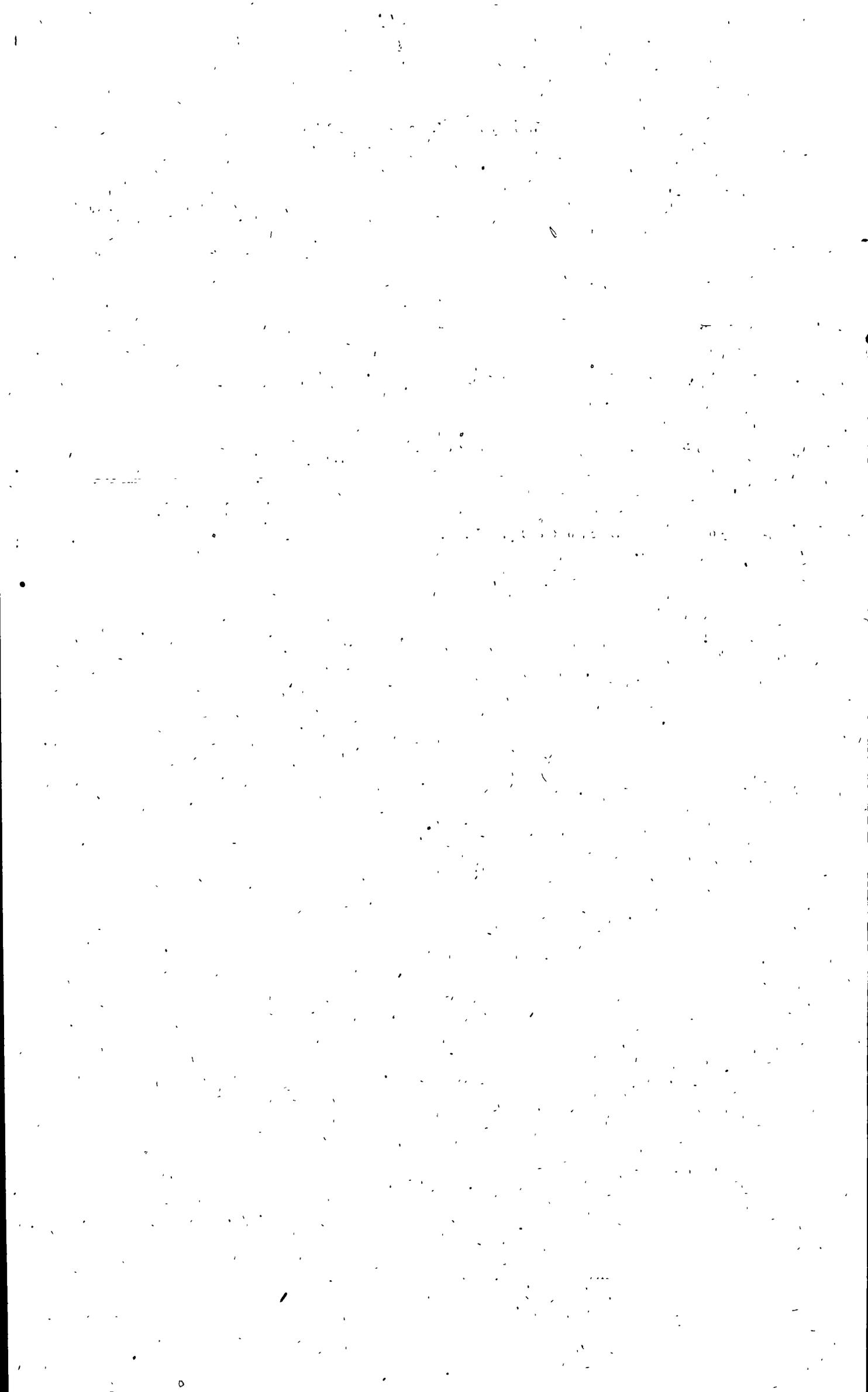
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. MURPHY** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Upon whose recommendation were the sittings of County Courts in Ballarat and Bendigo reduced from six to four.
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 1. How many applications have been made to the Victorian Patent Office for an extension beyond the term of fourteen years.
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 2. Whether the Government Statist submitted to the Minister, in February last, a report on the legal status of the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia, with a request that the matter might be brought under the notice of the Honorable the Attorney-General.
 3. If he proposes to take any action to set at rest the doubt at present existing among Friendly Societies as to the legality and propriety of the action of the Registrar in registering such a society.
 4. Has he any objection to lay any report on the subject received from the Government Statist on the Table of the House.
5. **MR. ROGERS** : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. Are the Government aware that cholera is raging in Japan and China, and will they take measures to quarantine all vessels from the infected ports.
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 4. In view of these facts and probabilities, will the Government take steps to secure immediate federation, as the only secure defence of Australian nationality.
6. **MR. HANCOCK** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether it is the intention of the Railway Department to place an improved service of second class carriages upon the Williamstown line in substitution of the dilapidated and dirty carriages now in use upon that line.
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1. Under what circumstances Mr. A. A. Brown has been transferred from the Parcels Post branch of the Postal Department to the Department of Agriculture.
 2. What duties is it proposed that he should undertake.
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 4. Has he had any practical experience in the diseases of stock or of agricultural products.
10. MR. STYLES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will take steps to increase the speed and otherwise improve the present train service on the Williamstown line.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPALITIES' ADVANCES BILL—Third reading.
2. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—Resolutions to be reported.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
6. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
7. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—Second reading.
9. METROPOLITAN GENERAL CEMETERY BILL—Second reading.
10. MINES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. INSOLVENCY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
14. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. EXPLOSIVES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. POWDER MAGAZINES BILL—Second reading.
17. TREASURY DEPOSITS INTEREST BILL—Second reading.
18. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
19. SALE OF GOODS BILL—Second reading.
20. THEATRES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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23. MOOLAP LAND LEASING BILL—Second reading.
24. TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
25. WIDTH OF TIRES BILL—Second reading.
26. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
27. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTUARY'S BILL—Second reading.
28. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
29. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

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1. GOLDSBROUGH MORT AND COMPANY LIMITED ARRANGEMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
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1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 10th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

LIBRARY (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Thursday, 12th September.

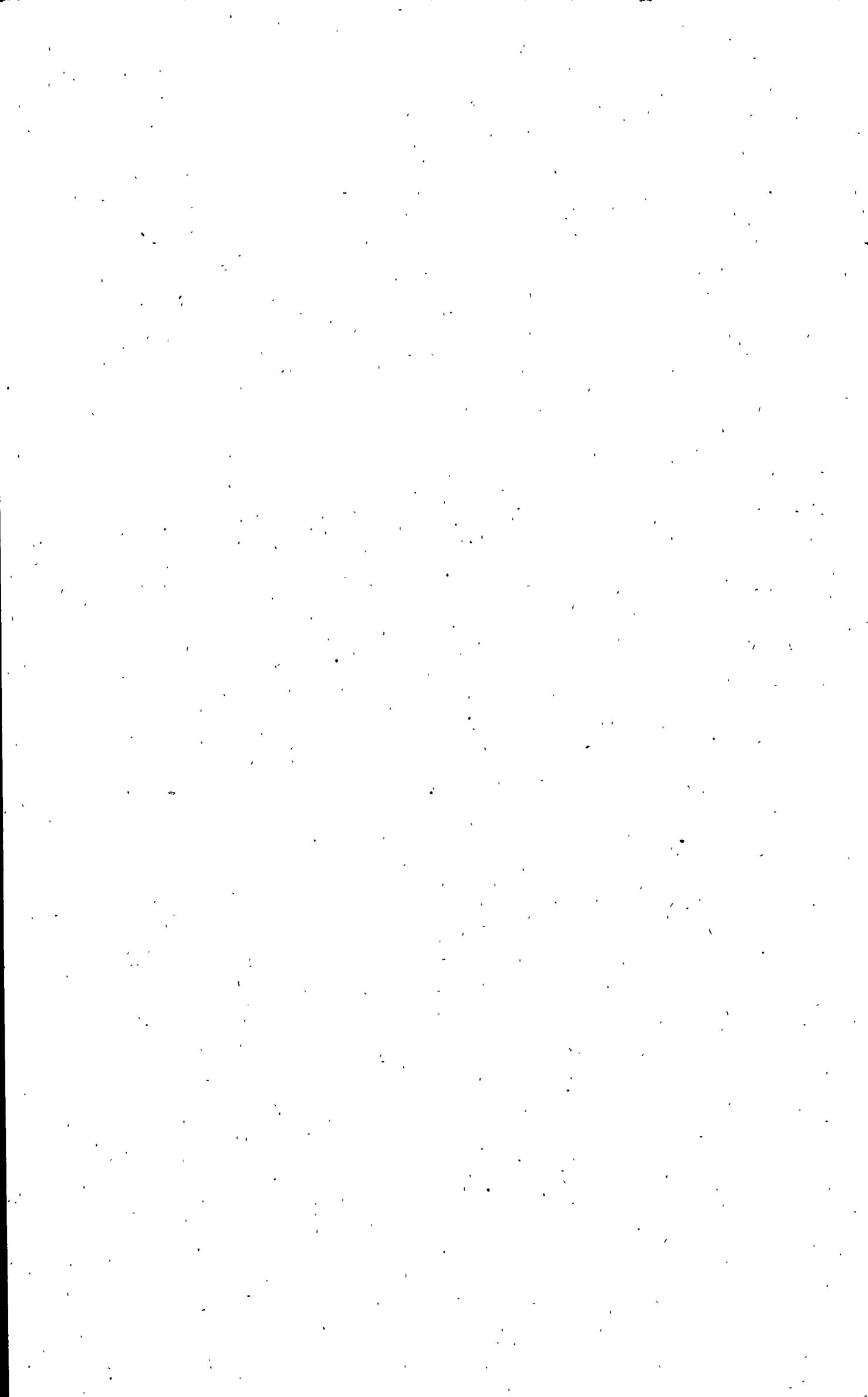
STATE MONOPOLY FOR MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 42.

Customs and Excise Duties.—Resolutions reported from the Committee of the whole House. (To Members only.)

Duties of Customs and Excise.—Amendments to be proposed by the Commissioner of Trade and Customs on Consideration of Report. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 43.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether he will give full notice before again making available for selection land at Koo-wee-rup.
2. MR. G. J. TURNER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will recommend that a sufficient sum be placed upon the Additional Estimates to provide for the completion of the drainage of the Moe Swamp lands.
3. MR. GRAY : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to introduce, this Session, the "Lapsed Bills Continuance Bill" passed by this House last Session.
4. MR. HANCOCK : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General is it a fact that Assistant Line Repairer F. Bignell was sent to Omeo over the heads of twenty-four of his senior officers ; and, if so, what special qualifications does he possess to justify this course.
5. MR. SALMON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he can make arrangements whereby the excursionists from Avoca and intervening stations on the 19th September instant may arrive in Melbourne at an earlier hour than that specified, viz., forty minutes past ten o'clock.
6. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture—
 1. Does the Government intend to subsidize the growth of sugar beet ; and, if so, in what way.
 2. Is it intended to erect any machinery for the treatment of sugar beet ; if so, when and where.
7. MR. SALMON : To ask the Honorable the Premier (for the Honorable the Minister of Defence)—
 1. Is he aware of the dissatisfaction in the Defence Force regarding the inadequacy of the amount specified for horse allowance.
 2. Has he received any formal protest.
 3. If any exists, is he willing to place the correspondence on the Table of the House.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—Further consideration of Report.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
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27. PRINTERS AND NEWSPAPERS BILL—Second reading.
28. COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
29. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
30. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.
6. AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL—Second reading.
8. OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
9. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. ZOZ : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if his attention has been called to that part of the Sixteenth Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies relating to the registration, in 1894, as a Friendly Society of the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia, a company granting assurances and endowments on human lives ; and, if so, will he state—
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 3. If he proposes to take any action to set at rest the doubt at present existing among Friendly Societies as to the legality and propriety of the action of the Registrar in registering such a society.
 4. Has he any objection to lay any report on the subject received from the Government Statist on the Table of the House.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GOLDSBROUGH MORT AND COMPANY LIMITED ARRANGEMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE : To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

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11. **MR. GRAY** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the temporary hands at present employed in the Civil Service, stating—
1. Name.
 2. Rate of pay (including allowances).
 3. How long employed.
 4. Department employed in.
 5. Where and how employed.
12. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The various post-offices which have been closed or in which reductions in the cost of working expenses have been made during the year 1894-5, and the electoral districts in which they are situated; the amount of reduction in each case; the present annual cost of working each of these offices; and the remuneration paid (if any) to postmasters or persons in charge of such offices.
 2. The number and description of mail services discontinued.
 3. The number and description of mail services in which reductions have been made, the amount of the reduction, the present cost of the service, and the distance travelled each journey.
13. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That this House is of opinion—
1. That a substantial reduction should be made in certain port charges now levied upon shipping, with the view of inducing cheaper freights, and thereby assisting the producing and exporting interests of Victoria in the carriage of produce to British, Australasian, and foreign markets.
 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
 3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.

14. **MR. STERRY**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the monetary transactions of the late Walter Mashiter with Mr. David Henry, money lender, and generally to inquire into and report upon similar usurious transactions, such Committee to consist of Mr. Langdon, Mr. Lazarus, Mr. McColl, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Styles, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
15. **MR. PRENDERGAST**: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all persons in the Public Service (exclusive of Railways and junior and telegraph messengers) receiving 6s. per day and under, specifying—
1. Name.
 2. Age.
 3. Rate of pay.
 4. Length of time in service.
 5. Department in which employed.
 6. How employed.
 7. What are the new regulations and rates of pay for labourers entering the service.
16. **MR. AUSTIN**: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to reduce the wood-cutters licences for cutting sheoak from £10 per annum to £4.
17. **MR. LANGDON**: To move, That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
2. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

1. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. BETTING SUPPRESSION BILL—Second reading.
3. SELECTORS' ARREARS OF RENT—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.
4. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
5. GEORGE COOPER—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of George Cooper, who was severely injured while in the employ of the Victorian Railways, with the view of giving him some relief in addition to that granted by the Department, such Committee to consist of Mr. Levien, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th. March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 11th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 12th September.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 17th September.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 16.

Street Betting Suppression Bill—[86].

Licensing Act 1890-Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. T. D. Wanliss (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 40, 41, and 42.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 43.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 13.

Printers and Newspapers Bill—[81]. (To Members only.)

Companies Act Amendment Bill—[82]. (To Members only.)

Municipalities' Advances Bill.—Amendments to be proposed after Third Reading. (To Members only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 44.

THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. McCOLL: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The names of the various post-offices which have been closed or for which loose bags have been substituted, showing allowances formerly paid to postmasters in charge of such offices.
 2. The allowances to country postmasters (not on the staff of the Department) for the year 1895-6, showing the reductions in each case compared with the allowances for 1894-5.
 3. The number and description of mail services discontinued.
 4. The number and description of mail services in which reductions have been made, the amount of the reduction, the present cost of the service, and the distance travelled each journey.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY: To move, That in the opinion of this House the charges made against Mr. Albert Harris, a Member of this House, in the issue of the *Argus* of the 11th instant are wanton and profligate untruths.

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Questions.

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 2. What area has been allotted, and the number of settlers to whom it has been granted.
 3. Is it proposed to make further lands at Koo-wee-rup available for settlers.
 4. What principle governs the Honorable the Minister in granting land to rival applicants.

General Business.**ORDER OF THE DAY :—**

1. **GOLDSBROUGH MORT AND COMPANY LIMITED ARRANGEMENT BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. **MR. STYLES :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will lay upon the Library table the Minutes of Evidence taken by the Departmental Board, and all other documents relating to the accident which occurred near Dowling Forest some weeks ago, and for which accident the driver of the mixed train was recently fined £5 by the Railways Commissioners.

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5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

1. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. BETTING SUPPRESSION BILL—Second reading.
3. SELECTORS' ARREARS OF RENT—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.
4. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
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6. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
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 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
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WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TUCKER: To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that a Board of Trade should be appointed, in conformity with the recommendation of the Tariff Inquiry Board, in the Report presented to Parliament, such Board to have for its function and object the fostering of trade, commerce, and manufactures, and the general productions of the colony; to report periodically to Parliament with regard to the incidence, operation, and effect of the Customs and Excise Duties upon production; to advise the removal of fiscal anomalies, the alteration of Customs Duties where found advisable; and to assist in the establishment of new industries calculated to extend the field of profitable employment for labour and capital.
2. MR. HANCOCK: To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the agreement made, on the 3rd day of September, 1892, in London, with J. J. Ed. Degen and the Agent-General for Victoria, acting for the Trustees of the National Museum, engaging him as Osteologist (classed as Taxidermist) for that institution; also, a copy of all the correspondence connected with the engagement that passed between the Agent-General and the employé.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

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

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Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 12th September.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 17th September.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

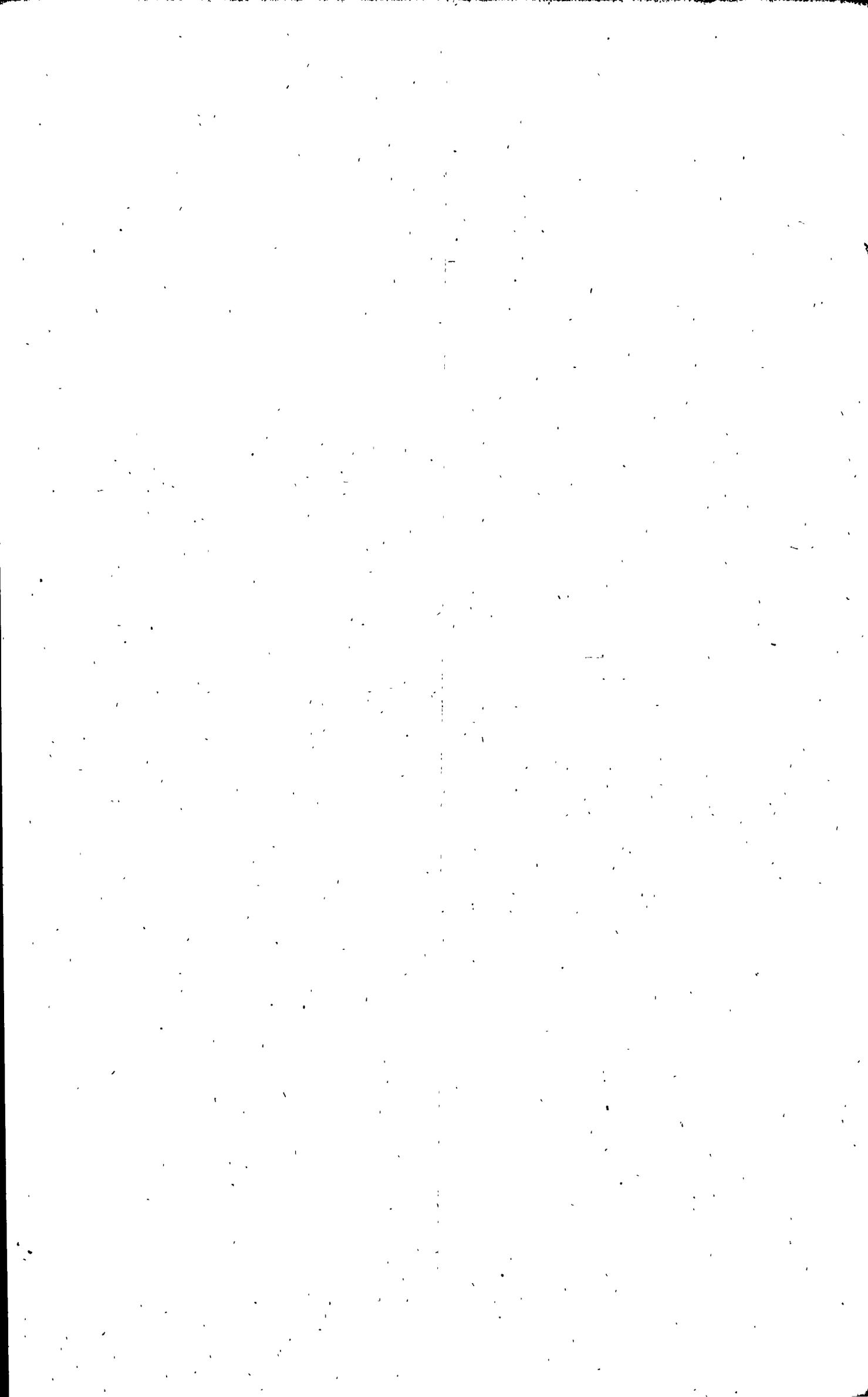
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 45.

TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOx : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if his attention has been called to that part of the Sixteenth Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies relating to the registration, in 1894, as a Friendly Society of the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia, a company granting assurances and endowments on human lives ; and, if so, will he state—
 1. Whether the Government Statist, the officer in charge of the practical administration of the *Friendly Societies Act 1890*, in its statistical, financial, and actuarial provisions, has refused to recognise such company as a Friendly Society, mainly on the grounds—
 - (a) That its objects constitute it a life assurance society as defined in the *Companies Act 1890, Part III., Life Assurance Companies* ; and
 - (b) That societies transacting assurance business were of set purpose excluded from registration under the *Friendly Societies Act 1877* on the express recommendation of the Royal Commission on Friendly Societies of 1876.
 2. Whether the Government Statist submitted to the Minister, in February last, a report on the legal status of the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia, with a request that the matter might be brought under the notice of the Honorable the Attorney-General.
 3. If he proposes to take any action to set at rest the doubt at present existing among Friendly Societies as to the legality and propriety of the action of the Registrar in registering such a society.
 4. Has he any objection to lay any report on the subject received from the Government Statist on the Table of the House.
2. MR. LEVIEN: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will inform the House—
 1. What area of land at Koo-wee-rup has been made available for village settlers.
 2. What area has been allotted, and the number of settlers to whom it has been granted.
 3. Is it proposed to make further lands at Koo-wee-rup available for settlers.
 4. What principle governs the Honorable the Minister in granting land to rival applicants.
3. MR. KIRTON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works is it a fact that contractors in Ballarat are put to considerable inconvenience by the closing of the local Public Works Office, and the plans being left in charge of the Police Department, and, if so, will he see that the necessary practical supervision is provided.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. TURNER : To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past one o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—Further consideration of Report.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
5. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
6. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—Second reading.
8. METROPOLITAN GENERAL CEMETERY BILL—Second reading.
9. MINES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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10. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. INSOLVENCY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
13. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. EXPLOSIVES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. POWDER MAGAZINES BILL—Second reading.
16. TREASURY DEPOSITS INTEREST BILL—Second reading.
17. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. SALE OF GOODS BILL—Second reading.
19. THEATRES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
20. VOLUNTARY CONVEYANCES BILL—Second reading.
21. GAOLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
22. MOOLAP LAND LEASING BILL—Second reading.
23. TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
24. WIDTH OF TIRES BILL—Second reading.
25. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
26. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTUARY'S BILL—Second reading.
27. PRINTERS AND NEWSPAPERS BILL—Second reading.
28. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
29. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
30. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. GOLDSBROUGH MORT AND COMPANY LIMITED ARRANGEMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. STYLES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will lay upon the Library table the Minutes of Evidence taken by the Departmental Board, and all other documents relating to the accident which occurred near Dowling Forest some weeks ago, and for which accident the driver of the mixed train was recently fined £5 by the Railways Commissioners.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE: To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

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1. MR. ROGERS: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £397 15s. for Mr. A. E. Gomm, late of the Customs Department.
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3. MR. DUGGAN: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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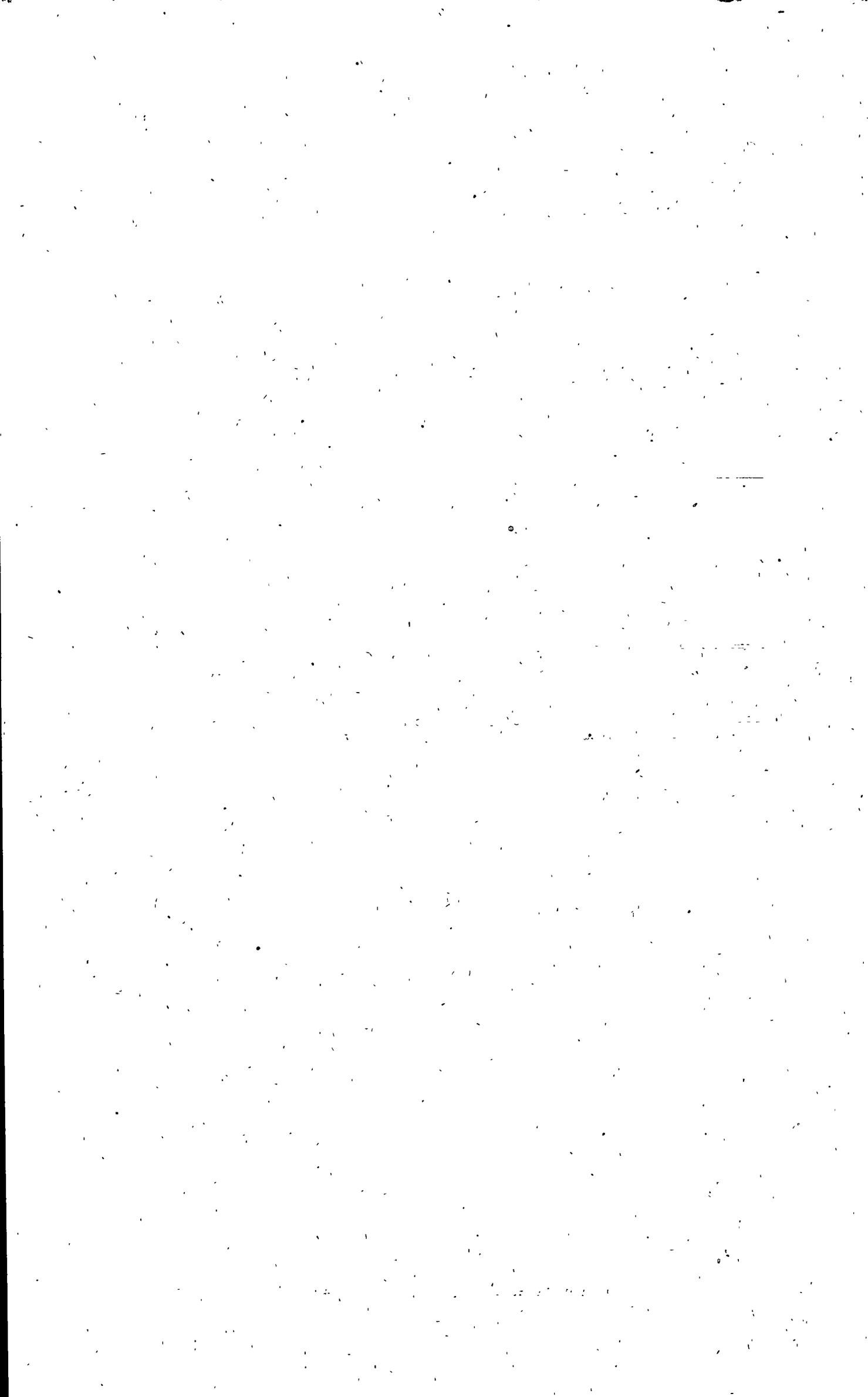
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Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1895. No. 69.



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3. **MR. MCCOLL** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
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 2. Is it a fact that cattle trucks are very unsuitable, as shown by the fact that on reaching their destination from 2 to 7 per cent. of the stock are injured or dead.
 3. Is an intending consignor of sheep or lambs responsible for the payment if he declines to use a cattle truck when one is sent instead of a sheep truck as ordered.
 4. Are there sufficient sheep trucks to provide for the sheep and lamb traffic; and, if so, will he see that they are provided in future.
4. **MR. BENNETT** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will state what is blocking the carrying out of the Yarra improvement scheme.
5. **MR. McLEOD** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if the return ordered by the House on the 21st August last, relative to expenditure in respect to harbor improvement and accommodation for shipping at various Victorian ports, is yet prepared; if not, when will it be
6. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Premier (for the Honorable the Minister of Defence)—
 1. Have any complaints been made by military officers permanently employed with reference to the regrading of their pay and allowances; and, if so, will the Honorable the Premier lay the correspondence on the Table of the House.
 2. Have the salaries of the secretary and others in the Civil Branch of the Defence Department been also regraded.
7. **MR. LONGMORE** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works what provision, if any, he has made, or intends to make, for the cremation of dead bodies away from the resorts of the people during holiday times.
8. **MR. McLEOD** : To ask the Honorable the Premier (for the Honorable the Minister of Defence)—
 1. Is it a practice in the Defence Department to allow Imperial sergeants-major and non-commissioned officers free medicines, whilst the same privilege is denied those holding the same rank under colonial appointment.
 2. If so, will the Honorable the Premier cause steps to be taken to place colonial men on the same footing.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. PRENDERGAST** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all persons permanently employed in the Public Service (exclusive of Railways and junior and telegraph messengers) receiving 6s. per day and under, specifying—
 1. Name.
 2. Age.
 3. Rate of pay.
 4. Length of time in service.
 5. Department in which employed.
 6. How employed.
 7. What are the new regulations and rates of pay for labourers entering the service.

Private Bill Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **SIR JOHN McINTYRE** : To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. ROGERS :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £397 15s. for Mr. A. E. Gomm, late of the Customs Department.
2. **MR. HAMILTON :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of the late James Sharp, an employé of the Railway Department (who was killed at Ballarat some eighteen months ago), with a view of giving some relief to his widow, who is now in very indigent circumstances, such Committee to consist of Mr. Kirton, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Rogers, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Styles, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
3. **MR. DUGGAN :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of sleepers 9 inches by 4½ inches by 9 feet and 10 inches by 5 inches by 9 feet, and the average prices paid for such sleepers by the Railway Department during the years 1890 to 1895, at the following stations :—Kurting, Inglewood, Arnold's Bridge, Tarnagulla, Laurie, Dunolly, Goldsborough, Bealiba, Emu, and Carapooee.
 2. The average prices to be paid in respect of which tenders have been accepted during the present year at any of the above stations.
4. **MR. MALONEY :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £200 for William Moran, permanently injured in the Railway Department in the execution of his duty.
5. **MR. KIRTON :** To move, That in the opinion of this House the present method of constituting Ministries is unsatisfactory, and should be superseded by one based upon the principle of election.
6. **MR. KIRTON :** To move, That, in view of the deplorable revelations recently made as to the treatment of the aged poor, a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practicability of making provision for them by means of State-aided pensions or insurance.
7. **MR. GRATTAN :** To move, That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when, for the purpose of expediting public business, a limit should be placed on the length of Honorable Members' speeches, and that the following resolution be brought into effect :—That no speech, either in the House or Committee, shall exceed thirty-five minutes' duration, excepting speeches by Ministers of the Crown.
8. **MR. GRAVES :** To move, That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64.
9. **MR. MURPHY :** To move, That in the opinion of this House the Honorable the Premier should communicate with the Premiers of the Australian colonies with a view to having intercolonial free-trade established between the colonies.
10. **MR. OUTTRIM :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts alleged in the petition of the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Maryborough, in regard to the distribution of the municipal endowment, presented to this House on the 3rd July, 1895, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Webb, Mr. Wheeler, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; three to be the quorum.
11. **MR. GRAY :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the temporary hands at present employed in the Civil Service, stating—
 1. Name.
 2. Rate of pay (including allowances).
 3. How long employed.
 4. Department employed in.
 5. Where and how employed.
12. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That this House is of opinion—
 1. That a substantial reduction should be made in certain port charges now levied upon shipping, with the view of inducing cheaper freights, and thereby assisting the producing and exporting interests of Victoria in the carriage of produce to British, Australasian, and foreign markets.
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 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.

13. MR. STERRY : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the monetary transactions of the late Walter Mashiter with Mr. David Henry, money lender, and generally to inquire into and report upon similar usurious transactions, such Committee to consist of Mr. Langdon, Mr. Lazarus, Mr. McColl, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Styles, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
14. MR. AUSTIN : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable to reduce the wood-cutters licences for cutting sheoak from £10 per annum to £4.
15. MR. LANGDON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FOSTER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for Mining on the Marong Public Recreation Reserve by holders of Miners' Rights.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—Further consideration of Report.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
6. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. VEGETATION DISEASES' BILL—Second reading.
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21. GAOLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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24. WIDTH OF TIRES BILL—Second reading.
25. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
26. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTUARY'S BILL—Second reading.
27. PRINTERS AND NEWSPAPERS BILL—Second reading.
28. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
29. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
30. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
2. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

1. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. BETTING SUPPRESSION BILL—Second reading.
3. SELECTORS' ARREARS OF RENT—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.

4. **CAPTAIN KENNEY**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
- Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
5. **GEORGE COOPER**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of George Cooper, who was severely injured while in the employ of the Victorian Railways, with the view of giving him some relief in addition to that granted by the Department, such Committee to consist of Mr. Levien, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; three to be the quorum.
6. **NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL**—Second reading.
7. **BOORT LAND BILL**—Second reading.
8. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)**—Second reading.
9. **AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
10. **TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL**—Second reading.
11. **OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
12. **RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. TUCKER** : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that a Board of Trade should be appointed, in conformity with the recommendation of the Tariff Inquiry Board in the Report presented to Parliament, such Board to have for its function and object the fostering of trade, commerce, and manufactures, and the general productions of the colony; to report periodically to Parliament with regard to the incidence, operation, and effect of the Customs and Excise Duties upon production; to advise the removal of fiscal anomalies, the alteration of Customs Duties where found advisable; and to assist in the establishment of new industries calculated to extend the field of profitable employment for labour and capital.
2. **MR. HANCOCK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the agreement made, on the 3rd day of September, 1892, in London, with J. J. Ed. Degen and the Agent-General for Victoria, acting for the Trustees of the National Museum, engaging him as Osteologist (classed as Taxidermist) for that institution; also, a copy of all the correspondence connected with the engagement that passed between the Agent-General and the employé.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **MR. W. R. MERRY**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

W. V. ROBINSON,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 19th September.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 24th September.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 16.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 17.

Municipalities' Advances Bill—[22]. (To Members of Council only.)

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. D. Melville. (To Members of Council only.)

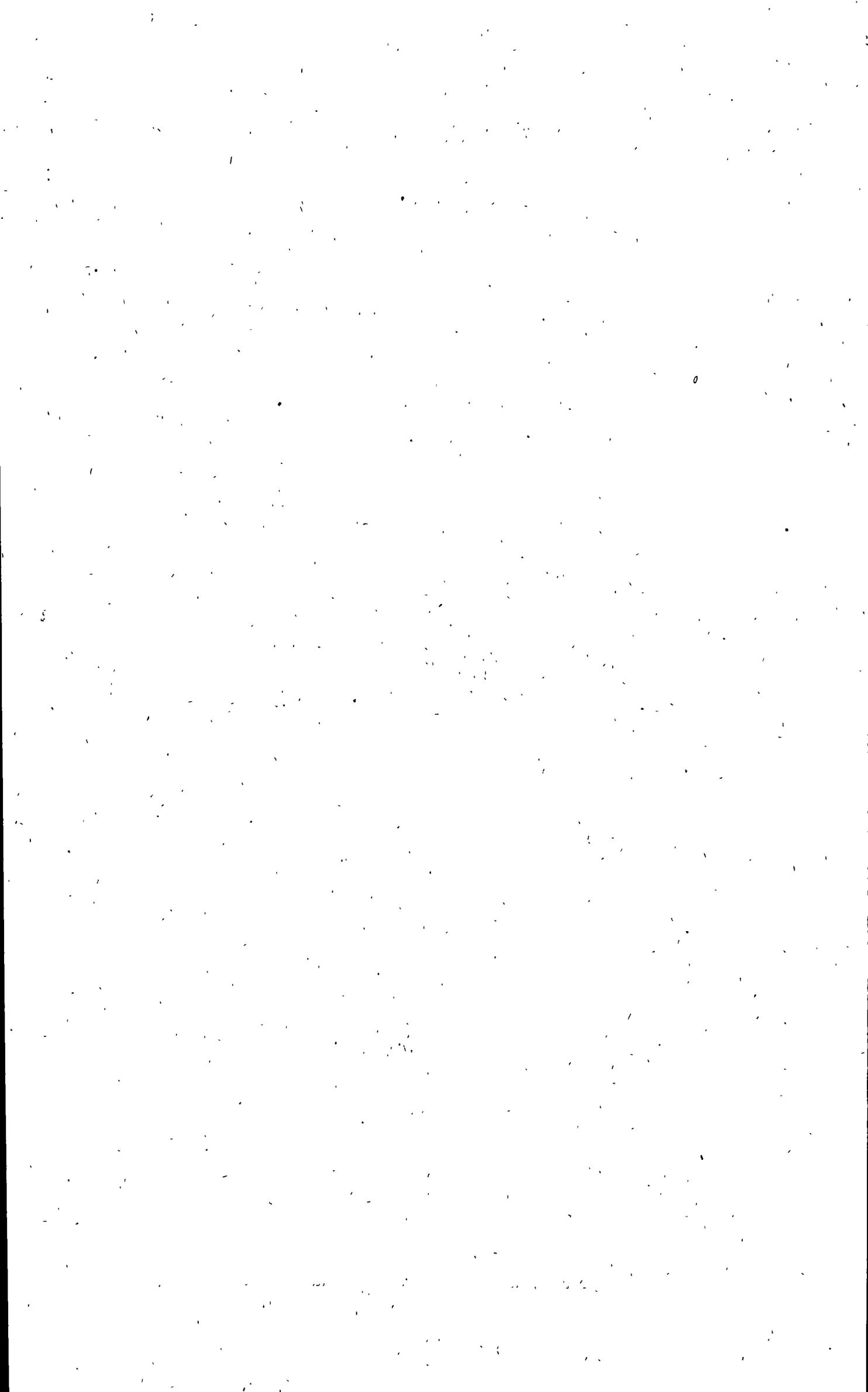
Street Betting Suppression Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. A. Wynne. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 43, 44, and 45.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 46.

Customs and Excise Duties.—Amendments to be proposed on Consideration of Report. (To Members only.)

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year ending 30th June, 1895. No. 68.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 47.

THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TAVERNER: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to indemnify the Councillors of various Municipalities for borrowing moneys by overdrafts on bankers for the purposes of their Municipalities contrary to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1890* and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—Further consideration of Report.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
6. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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27. PRINTERS AND NEWSPAPERS BILL—Second reading.
28. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
29. MARONG RESERVE MINING BILL—Second reading.
30. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
31. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HARRIS: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the retirement of members of the Police Force.

TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he intends to take proceedings against the witnesses in the Synnott divorce case who testified to Mrs. Synnott having resided at Carlton during the time she was actually residing in England.

2. MR. GURR : To ask the Honorable the Premier—

1. Is he aware that certain persons in the country districts are in the habit of advertising as agents for the negotiation of loans with the Savings Banks.
2. Does this practice meet with the Minister's approval.

3. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. Is it a fact that many of the deputy returning officers, poll clerks, and deputy poll clerks employed at the late South Yarra Province election were taken from their ordinary employment to act.
2. Why were local men not appointed in their own particular districts.
3. Will the Honorable the Minister issue to the Electoral Office instructions that in future these positions be filled by capable *bonâ fide* unemployed ratepayers.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
2. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **MR. W. R. MERRY**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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2. MR. GRATTAN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when, for the purpose of expediting public business, a limit should be placed on the length of Honorable Members' speeches, and that the following resolution be brought into effect:—That no speech, either in the House or Committee, shall exceed thirty-five minutes' duration, excepting speeches by Ministers of the Crown.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 19th September.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 24th September.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 25th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Goldsbrough Mort and Company Limited Arrangement Bill—[79]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 47.

Customs and Excise Duties.—Amendments to be proposed on Consideration of Report. (To Members only.)

Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria for 1894, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1893-4. No. 54.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 48.

TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he intends to take proceedings against the witnesses in the Synnott divorce case who testified to Mrs. Synnott having resided at Carlton during the time she was actually residing in England.
2. MR. GURR: To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. Is he aware that certain persons in the country districts are in the habit of advertising as agents for the negotiation of loans with the Savings Banks.
 2. Does this practice meet with the Minister's approval.
3. MR. T. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is it a fact that many of the deputy returning officers, poll clerks, and deputy poll clerks employed at the late South Yarra Province election were taken from their ordinary employment to act.
 2. Why were local men not appointed in their own particular districts.
 3. Will the Honorable the Minister issue to the Electoral Office instructions that in future these positions be filled by capable *bonâ fide* unemployed ratepayers.
4. SIR JAMES PATTERSON: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will make a statement to the House prior to the resumption of the Budget Debate, announcing what action the Government intend to take upon the Report of the Railway Inquiry Board.
5. MR. PRENDERGAST: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will inform the House what has been the total cost of the Railway Inquiry Board, whose Report has just been presented to Parliament, specifying the fees received by each member of the Board, and all other expenses.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. G. TURNER: To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past one o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES—Further consideration of Report.
2. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
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- 30. MARONG RESERVE MINING BILL—Second reading.
- 31. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL—Second reading.
- 32. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

- 1. MR. HARRIS : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the retirement of members of the Police Force.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

- 1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—Second reading.
- 2. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 4. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
- 5. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
- 6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
- 7. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 8. LAND ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

- 1. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 2. BETTING SUPPRESSION BILL—Second reading.
- 3. SELECTORS' ARREARS OF RENT—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House further stringent pressure on the selectors of Crown lands for payment of arrears of rent at the present time will be against the best interests of the State, unless such a general modification be made in the terms of their tenure as will enable them to possess their holdings in greater security.
- 4. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 - 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
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 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
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- 6. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
- 7. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
- 8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.
- 9. AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
- 10. TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL—Second reading.
- 11. OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
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1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE : To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

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WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question—* That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MALONEY: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £200 for William Moran, permanently injured in the Railway Department in the execution of his duty.
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General Business.

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Wednesday, 25th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 26th September.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 48.

Railway Inquiry Board.—Report of the Board appointed by the Governor in Council to Inquire into the Working and Management of the Victorian Railways. No. 71.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 49.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he intends to take proceedings against the witnesses in the Synnott divorce case who testified to Mrs. Synnott having resided at Carlton during the time she was actually residing in England.
2. MR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will direct that the wattles growing within the railway fences on the line between Melbourne and Warrnambool be removed.
3. MR. GRAHAM : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if he will consider the advisability of removing the primage duty on cornsacks on and after the 1st October next instead of on 1st January, so as to allow farmers to participate in the reduction when purchasing cornsacks for the coming harvest.
4. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. Did Mr. Justice a'Beckett last week sentence an undefended pauper prisoner named Edward Bechtold to be imprisoned for three months, and to be flogged on Monday next, 30th September, with 20 strokes of the birch, for committing a disgusting unnatural act of bestiality.
 2. Did the jury, after investigating the circumstances of the act, communicate to the Judge their doubt as to the sanity of the prisoner.
 3. Did the Government Medical Officer inform the Judge that the prisoner's body was paralyzed, that he was a cripple, and that mentally he was silly and weakminded.
 4. Assuming the prisoner be held sane in accordance with the scientifically discredited present legal definition of insanity, will the Government postpone his flogging, and make further inquiries about the condition of the prisoner from competent authorities, and report the result of the inquiries to this House.
5. MR. BROMLEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will state why the grading of the warders in the Penal Department, which was provided for in the Estimates last year, has not been carried out.

General Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

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NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. ZOX**: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of sixpenny telegrams transmitted in Victoria during the four months ending 14th May, 1895, and the number of ninepenny telegrams transmitted from that time to the present date, and the amount of income received under each rate.

Government Business.

(After General Business.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **SUPPLY**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. **MALLEE LANDS BILL**—Second reading.
4. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
5. **PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL**—Second reading.
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30. **MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL**—Second reading.
31. **WAYS AND MEANS**—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER.

Question.

1. **MR. STERRY :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Whether the plans and estimates for the construction of the water supply race to the Ellesmere gold-fields have been completed.
 2. If so, will he call for tenders (optional on the part of the Department to accept any tender) unless it is found that the work can be carried out much below the departmental estimate.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. GRAVES :** To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all departmental documents connected with the alleged retaining in the Railway service of the State of certain railway engine-drivers who were drunk while in charge of trains, as sworn to by Mr. Bales in his evidence before the Railway Inquiry Board; the names, services, and particulars of the misconduct of these engine-drivers whom Mr. Bales swore that, when Member of Parliament for Sandhurst, he had assisted in retaining in the public service; and also a return showing whether these men are still in the service of the Government.

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. POLICE RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

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1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 25th September.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 26th September.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 1st October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

Street Betting Suppression Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. F. S. Grimwade. (To Members of Council only.)

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. T. D. Wanliss. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 46, 47, and 48.

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

Factories and Shops Bill—[1].

Post Office Act 1890 Amendment Bill—[39].

Marong Reserve Mining Bill—[71].

Municipal Overdrafts (Indemnity) Bill—[88].

Licensing of Surveyors Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Craven. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 50.

THURSDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. GRAY: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the hours for closing shops according to the by-laws of the metropolitan municipalities, together with the fines which can be imposed for any breaches of such by-laws.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. MAILLE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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General Business.

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2. **MR. HANCOCK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the agreement made, on the 3rd day of September, 1892, in London; with J. J. Ed. Degen and the Agent-General for Victoria, acting for the Trustees of the National Museum, engaging him as Osteologist (classed as Taxidermist) for that institution; also, a copy of all the correspondence connected with the engagement that passed between the Agent-General and the employé.
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3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria ; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
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WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. POLICE RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1869, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
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WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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General Business.

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1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

W. V. ROBINSON,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 26th September.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 1st October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

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

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1894.—Part IV.—Accumulation. No. 60.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 51.

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8. MR. GURR: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the returns for 1894 furnished to the Chief Inspector of Factories in connexion with the woollen mills of the colony have been dealt with and tabulated; and, if so, what are the average wages paid to the woollen mill employes.

Government Business.

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1. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Police Regulation Act* 1890.

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WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 1st October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Thursday, 3rd October.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. C. J. Ham. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 51.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 52.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what precautions have been taken for the safety of trains on the railway from Melbourne to Colac, where no wattles are growing to serve as breakwinds.
2. MR. MURRAY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will take care in the future that the work of regrading, &c., on the railways is proportionately distributed among the unemployed in the various centres of population.
3. MR. LEVIEN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is proposed to make any appointments in the police force ; and, if so, will he consider the claims of members of the Victorian Artillery who have served not less than five years for appointment should they apply therefor.
4. MR. BAKER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 1. Whether he is aware that many shire councils are threatened with actions at law by persons who object to the councils making the necessary offset drains in the construction of public roads and other municipal works.
 2. Whether, in view of the urgent necessity for an alteration of the law on this subject, and the necessity for many other important amendments in the Local Government Acts, he will bring in his promised amending Bill this Session.
5. MR. CARTER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will state the number of diagrams prepared on Crown grants and leases (section 20) from 1st July to 30th September, 1895 ; also the cost per diagram.
6. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General what is Mr. A. P. Akehurst's name in full.
7. MR. KIRTON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey how much overtime the officers in his Department worked during the last twelve months ; and if he will compensate them for it by granting an extension of their annual leave.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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19. THEATRES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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23. TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
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25. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
26. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTUARY'S BILL—Second reading.
27. PRINTERS AND NEWSPAPERS BILL—Second reading.
28. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
29. MARONG RESERVE MINING BILL—Second reading.
30. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL—Second reading.
31. POLICE REGULATION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
32. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE : To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TUCKER : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that a Board of Trade should be appointed, in conformity with the recommendation of the Tariff Inquiry Board in the Report presented to Parliament, such Board to have for its function and object the fostering of trade, commerce, and manufactures, and the general productions of the colony; to report periodically to Parliament with regard to the incidence, operation, and effect of the Customs and Excise Duties upon production; to advise the removal of fiscal anomalies, the alteration of Customs Duties where found advisable; and to assist in the establishment of new industries calculated to extend the field of profitable employment for labour and capital.
2. MR. HANCOCK : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the agreement made, on the 3rd day of September, 1892, in London, with J. J. Ed. Degen and the Agent-General for Victoria, acting for the Trustees of the National Museum, engaging him as Osteologist (classed as Taxidermist) for that institution; also, a copy of all the correspondence connected with the engagement that passed between the Agent-General and the employé.
3. MR. KIRTON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the present method of constituting Ministries is unsatisfactory, and should be superseded by one based upon the principle of election.
4. MR. KIRTON : To move, That, in view of the deplorable revelations recently made as to the treatment of the aged poor, a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practicability of making provision for them by means of State-aided pensions or insurance.
5. MR. GRAVES : To move, That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64.
6. MR. MURPHY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Honorable the Premier should communicate with the Premiers of the Australian colonies with a view to having intercolonial free-trade established between the colonies.
7. MR. TUCKER : To move, That this House is of opinion—
 1. That a substantial reduction should be made in certain port charges now levied upon shipping, with the view of inducing cheaper freights, and thereby assisting the producing and exporting interests of Victoria in the carriage of produce to British, Australasian, and foreign markets.
 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
 3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.
8. MR. LANGDON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.

9. **MR. GRAVES** : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all departmental documents connected with the alleged retaining in the Railway service of the State of certain railway engine-drivers who were drunk while in charge of trains, as sworn to by Mr. Bailes in his evidence before the Railway Inquiry Board ; the names, services, and particulars of the misconduct of these engine-drivers whom Mr. Bailes swore that, when Member of Parliament for Sandhurst, he had assisted in retaining in the public service ; and also a return showing whether these men are still in the service of the Government.
10. **MR. ZOx** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of sixpenny telegrams transmitted in Victoria during the four months ending 14th May, 1895, and the number of ninepenny telegrams transmitted from that time to the present date, and the amount of income received under each rate.

TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES BILL**—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. ZOx** : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report of the Assistant Government Statist upon the matter of the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **MR. W. R. MERRY**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
2. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)**—Second reading.
3. **POLICE RETIREMENT BILL**—Second reading.
4. **INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
5. **VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
6. **CAPTAIN KENNEY**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
7. **GEORGE COOPER**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of George Cooper, who was severely injured while in the employ of the Victorian Railways, with the view of giving him some relief in addition to that granted by the Department, such Committee to consist of Mr. Levien, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; three to be the quorum.
8. **NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL**—Second reading.
9. **BOORT LAND BILL**—Second reading.
10. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)**—Second reading.
11. **AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
12. **TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL**—Second reading.
13. **OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
14. **RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MALONEY: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £200 for William Moran, permanently injured in the Railway Department in the execution of his duty.
2. MR. GRATTAN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when, for the purpose of expediting public business, a limit should be placed on the length of Honorable Members' speeches, and that the following resolution be brought into effect:—That no speech, either in the House or Committee, shall exceed thirty-five minutes' duration, excepting speeches by Ministers of the Crown.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 3rd October.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 8th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 17 and 18.

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

Land Surveyors Bill—[46]. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 49, 50, and 51.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 52.

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1894.—Part III.—Population. No. 59.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 53.

THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1895.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. ZOX : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of sixpenny telegrams transmitted in Victoria during the four months ending 14th May, 1895, and the number of ninepenny telegrams transmitted from that time to the present date, and the amount of income received under each rate.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. PRENDERGAST** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. If his attention has been directed to the following paragraph in the Chief Inspector of Factories' Report for 1894 :—" 51. The other case (sweating) occurred after the condition had been put in the contracts. A woman was found working outside the factory of the contractor for railway caps at a rate of pay considerably below the value of the work, which was contracted for at 7d. per cap, and the woman received only 4d. The case was forwarded to the Railway Department, but I have not been favoured with a reply as to the action taken. The contractor was liable to a fine of £50."
 2. Has the Railway Department dealt with the matter.
 3. What punishment, if any, was recorded.
 4. What was the contractor's name and address.
2. **MR. MCLEOD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether any reductions have been made in the published list of rates adopted by the Railways Commissioners, and appearing in the *Government Gazette* of 2nd August last, for the carriage of the coming season's wool from Hamilton to Geelong and Melbourne; and, if so, have corresponding reductions been made in rates from Hamilton to the western ports.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES BILL—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report of the Assistant Government Statist upon the matter of the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia.

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7. MR. PRENDERGAST: To move, That in the opinion of this House all material used in making uniforms for the police and other Government servants should, where practicable, be made in the colony.
8. MR. MALONEY: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government requesting that, in view of the expense Mrs. Synnott has been put to owing to the false swearing of three constables and others (the said constables having in consequence been dismissed from the police force), and of her inability to obtain the amount of such expenditure from the insolvent estate of her husband, he will be pleased, as an act of justice, to place on the Additional Estimates the amount of her taxed costs, viz., £497 18s. 10d.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE MALLEE—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HAMILTON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements contained in the petition from Mr. J. Affleck Robertson, presented to this House on the 7th August last, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Graves, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Murray, Mr. T. Smith, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 3rd October.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 8th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 2ND OCTOBER, 1895.

Dairies Supervision Bill—[67].

Street Betting Suppression Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by the Hon. F. S. Grimwade. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 53.

Local Government Act 1890 Further Amendment Bill (No. 3).—New Clause to be proposed by Mr. T. Smith. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 54.

TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. PRENDERGAST :** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. If his attention has been directed to the following paragraph in the Chief Inspector of Factories' Report for 1894 :—" 51. The other case (sweating) occurred after the condition had been put in the contracts. A woman was found working outside the factory of the contractor for railway caps at a rate of pay considerably below the value of the work, which was contracted for at 7d. per cap, and the woman received only 4d. The case was forwarded to the Railway Department, but I have not been favoured with a reply as to the action taken. The contractor was liable to a fine of £50."
 2. Has the Railway Department dealt with the matter.
 3. What punishment, if any, was recorded.
 4. What was the contractor's name and address.
2. **MR. MCLEOD :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether any reductions have been made in the published list of rates adopted by the Railways Commissioners, and appearing in the *Government Gazette* of 2nd August last, for the carriage of the coming season's wool from Hamilton to Geelong and Melbourne; and, if so, have corresponding reductions been made in rates from Hamilton to the western ports.
3. **MR. MALONEY :** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he has yet approved of the application of the officers of the Post Office Savings Bank to be allowed full time off in lieu of the overtime worked in January and February of this year.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES BILL—Second reading.
2. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
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33. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. COOK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if there is any immediate probability of the Yarra improvement scheme being started.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
3. POLICE RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
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7. GEORGE COOPER—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of George Cooper, who was severely injured while in the employ of the Victorian Railways, with the view of giving him some relief in addition to that granted by the Department, such Committee to consist of Mr. Levien, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records ; three to be the quorum.
8. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
9. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.
11. AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL—Second reading.
13. OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
14. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE : To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MALONEY :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £200 for William Moran, permanently injured in the Railway Department in the execution of his duty.
2. **MR. GRATTAN :** To move, That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when, for the purpose of expediting public business, a limit should be placed on the length of Honorable Members' speeches, and that the following resolution be brought into effect :—That no speech, either in the House or Committee, shall exceed thirty-five minutes' duration, excepting speeches by Ministers of the Crown.
3. **MR. KIRTON :** To move, That in the opinion of this House the present method of constituting Ministries is unsatisfactory, and should be superseded by one based upon the principle of election.
4. **MR. KIRTON :** To move, That, in view of the deplorable revelations recently made as to the treatment of the aged poor, a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practicability of making provision for them by means of State-aided pensions or insurance.
5. **MR. GRAVES :** To move, That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary ; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64.
6. **MR. MURPHY :** To move, That in the opinion of this House the Honorable the Premier should communicate with the Premiers of the Australian colonies with a view to having intercolonial free-trade established between the colonies.
7. **MR. PRENDERGAST :** To move, That in the opinion of this House all material used in making uniforms for the police and other Government servants should, where practicable, be made in the colony.
8. **MR. MALONEY :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government requesting that, in view of the expense Mrs. Synnott has been put to owing to the false swearing of three constables and others (the said constables having, in consequence been dismissed from the police force), and of her inability to obtain the amount of such expenditure from the insolvent estate of her husband, he will be pleased, as an act of justice, to place on the Additional Estimates the amount of her taxed costs, viz., £497 18s. 10d.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING OF UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE MALLEE—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. HAMILTON :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements contained in the petition from Mr. J. Affleck Robertson, presented to this House on the 7th August last, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Graves, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Murray, Mr. T. Smith, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
2. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That this House is of opinion—
 1. That a substantial reduction should be made in certain port charges now levied upon shipping, with the view of inducing cheaper freights, and thereby assisting the producing and exporting interests of Victoria in the carriage of produce to British, Australasian, and foreign markets.
 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
 3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria ; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
 4. That the present pilotage distention should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 8th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 9th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at a quarter past ten o'clock.

Thursday, 10th October.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 3RD OCTOBER, 1895.

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

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

Customs and Excise Duties Bill—[50].

Police Retirement Bill—[91].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 55.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he has yet approved of the application of the officers of the Post Office Savings Bank to be allowed full time off in lieu of the overtime worked in January and February of this year.
2. MR. COOK: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if there is any immediate probability of the Yarra improvement scheme being started.
3. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the distribution last year of the following votes, viz. :—
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On Supplementary Estimates 1,500
 2. For Fencing and Improving Public Parks and Gardens under the control of Borough Councils, Trustees, and Committees of Management 2,500
 3. Grants to Agricultural Societies 10,000

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES BILL—Consideration of Report.
2. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*W. V. ROBINSON,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 9th October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at a quarter past ten o'clock.

Thursday, 10th October.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 15th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PRINTING—at a quarter to four o'clock.

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

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 52, 53, and 54.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 55.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 14.

Constitution Amendment Bill—[42].

Mallee Lands Bill—[62].

Police Regulation Bill—[90].

Companies Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs. (To Members only.)

Public Service Board Report. No. 66.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 56.

THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1895.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the distribution for the financial year 1894-5 of the following votes, viz. :—
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On Supplementary Estimates 1,500
 2. For Fencing and Improving Public Parks and Gardens under the control of Borough Councils, Trustees, and Committees of Management 2,500
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES BILL—Further consideration of Report.
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3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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1. **MR. MALONEY:** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he has yet approved of the application of the officers of the Post Office Savings Bank to be allowed full time off in lieu of the overtime worked in January and February of this year.
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WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **SIR JOHN MCINTYRE:** To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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9. **MR. GRAVES:** To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all departmental documents connected with the alleged retaining in the Railway service of the State of certain railway engine-drivers who were drunk while in charge of trains, as sworn to by Mr. Bailes in his evidence before the Railway Inquiry Board; the names, services, and particulars of the misconduct of these engine-drivers whom Mr. Bailes swore that, when Member of Parliament for Sandhurst, he had assisted in retaining in the public service; and also a return showing whether these men are still in the service of the Government.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE MALLEE—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
6. POLICE RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.
10. AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL—Second reading.
12. OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
13. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HAMILTON: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements contained in the petition from Mr. J. Affleck Robertson, presented to this House on the 7th August last, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Graves, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Murray, Mr. T. Smith, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
 3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.*General Business.* (After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 10th October.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 15th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PRINTING—at a quarter to four o'clock.

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Land Surveyors Bill—[46]. (To Members of Council only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 57.

TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. MALONEY:** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he has yet approved of the application of the officers of the Post Office Savings Bank to be allowed full time off in lieu of the overtime worked in January and February of this year.
2. **MR. BENNETT:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will inform the House how many salaried station-masters, officers, and daily-paid station-masters are receiving house rent allowance in his Department.
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 1. The number of acres of vines planted at the site of the proposed wine cellar at Rutherglen.
 2. Cost of planting same.
 3. Cost of working the vineyard to June, 1895.
 4. Total amount received by the Department from the produce received up to same date.
4. **MR. MALONEY:** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether it is a fact that certain Victorian firms, by getting their printing executed in England and posted therefrom, are thereby depriving our revenue of a halfpenny on each circular.
5. **MR. MCCOLL:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply if he will lay on the table of the Library all the papers connected with a complaint made by Mr. Starr, C.E., as to the condition of certain works in the Kow Swamp and Macorna Channel, and the Report of the Board appointed to inquire into such complaint, together with the evidence taken.
6. **MR. MALONEY:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether it is a fact that special rates are charged to farmers who send their supply of milk to Prince's Bridge or Spencer-street stations, which are not charged at suburban stations; and, if this is the practice, what is the reason therefor.
7. **MR. KIRTON:** To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. Whether his attention has been called to a recent telegram to the effect that Mr. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has announced his intention to appoint a Committee of Experts to advise as to the best means of developing the resources of the various colonies and increasing the commerce between them and the mother country.
 2. In view of the vast importance of such a benefit, will he give it his consideration and endeavour to facilitate its consummation.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES BILL—Third reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. A. W. H. WHITE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if it is the intention of the Government to obtain the services of Dr. Perkin to introduce his process for the preservation of fresh fruits by sterilized air in time for the coming fruit season.

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WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
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WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 15th October.

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REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.
PRINTING—at a quarter to four o'clock.

Thursday, 17th October.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 58.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. MALONEY:** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he has yet approved of the application of the officers of the Post Office Savings Bank to be allowed full time off in lieu of the overtime worked in January and February of this year.
2. **MR. A. W. H. WHITE:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if it is the intention of the Government to obtain the services of Dr. Perkin to introduce his process for the preservation of fresh fruits by sterilized air in time for the coming fruit season.
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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

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 2. Cost of planting same.
 3. Cost of working the vineyard to June, 1895.
 4. Total amount received by the Department from the produce received up to same date.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
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(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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1. **SIR JOHN MCINTYRE**: To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

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1. **MR. MALONEY**: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that he will be pleased to place on the Additional Estimates for 1895-6 the sum of £200 for William Moran, permanently injured in the Railway Department in the execution of his duty.
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TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER.

Question.

1. **MR. ZOX**: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. Whether his attention has been directed to the number of persons whom the magistrates have been forced to send to gaol in consequence of the want of accommodation in our charitable institutions to adequately deal with disease and poverty.
 2. Whether he will, prior to the recess, take action with the view of seeing that these unfortunate persons are more humanely dealt with in their dire necessities.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **FIRE PREVENTION BILL**—Second reading.
3. **LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
4. **RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE MALLEE**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
6. POLICE RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
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12. OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
13. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HAMILTON: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements contained in the petition from Mr. J. Affleck Robertson, presented to this House on the 7th August last, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Graves, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Murray, Mr. T. Smith, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
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 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
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Thursday, 17th October.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

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Wednesday, 23rd October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 10TH OCTOBER, 1895.

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

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. J. Balfour. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 55, 56, and 57.

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

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 15.

Education.—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1894-5. No. 50.

Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1895. No. 70.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 59.

THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1895.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. PRENDERGAST : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names and addresses of firms fined at the City Police Court last Thursday, 10th inst., for breaches of the Factories and Shops Act, with the fine recorded in each case, the nature of the offence, and any other particulars.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
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30. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the exchange of certain land in the parish of Nunawading between the Board of Land and Works, the Nunawading Shire Council, and the Education Department, and for other purposes.

TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER.

Questions.

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WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. **CAPTAIN KENNEY**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 16TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill—[63]. (To Members of Council only.)
Street Betting Suppression Bill—[86]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 59.

Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in
Committee by Mr. Wilkins. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 60.

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4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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14. NUNAWADING LAND EXCHANGE BILL—Second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. **CAPTAIN KENNEY**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
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WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL**—Second reading.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 22nd October.

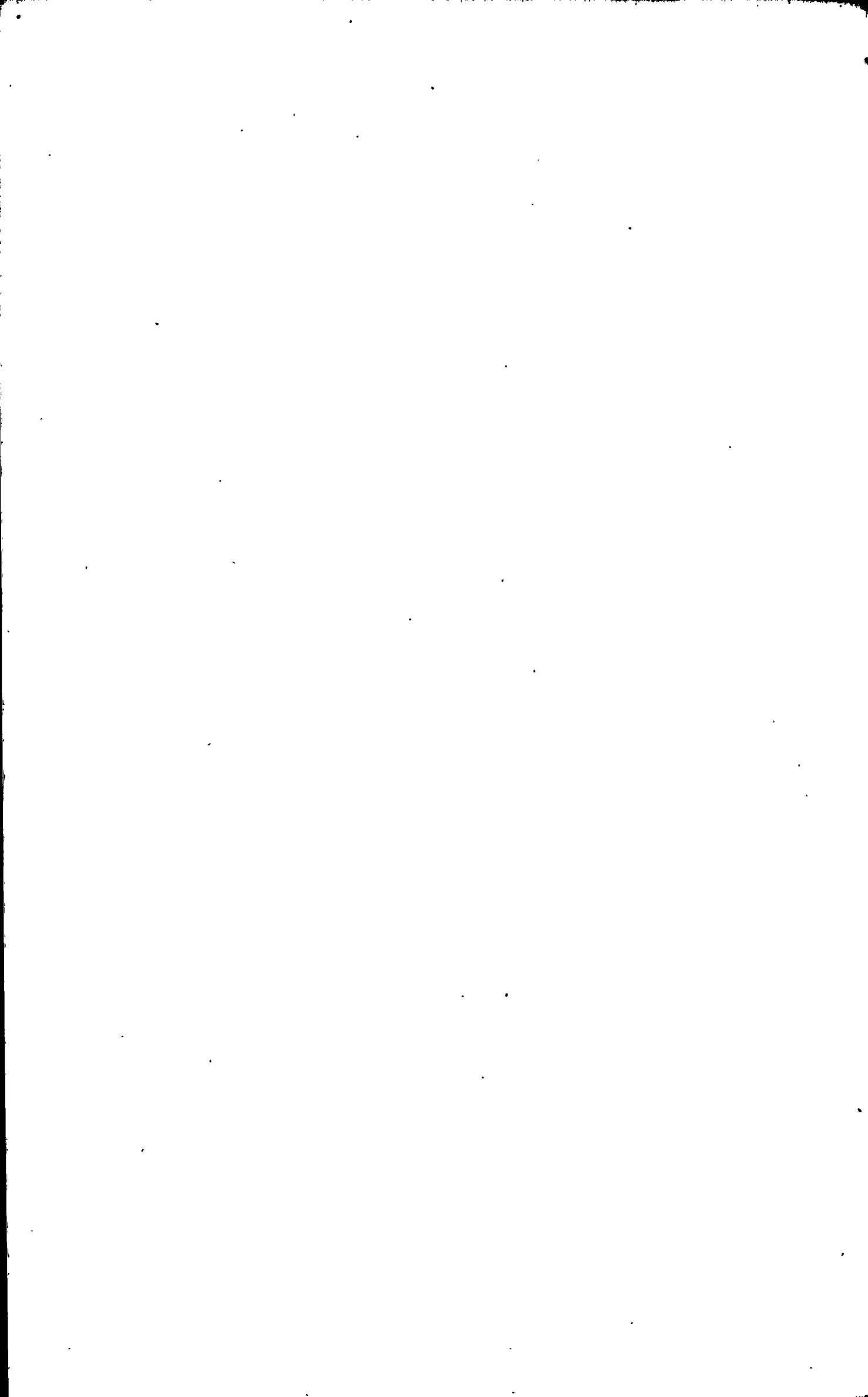
COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.
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Wednesday, 23rd October.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION—at eleven o'clock.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 60.
Police Offences Bill—[98].



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 61.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. GURR : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he has any objection to furnish to the House a return showing—
 1. The transfers which have taken place in all mallee allotments granted under the Land Board system since 1888 ; and
 2. A similar return showing transfers from lessees taking land from block lessees.
2. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if the medical experts absolutely stated that the unfortunate woman, Mrs. Emma Williams, was not pregnant.
3. MR. LONGMORE : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General when the Government will deal with the charges made by Mr. Lormer, J.P., against certain honorary magistrates, as reported in the *Age* of yesterday's date.
4. MR. KIRTON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he has any objection to state what was the amount of overtime worked by each individual officer of the twelve who worked the highest amount of overtime during the last financial year.
5. MR. HANCOCK : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he intends to frame new regulations to prevent Victorian firms from having their circulars printed and posted in Great Britain, as such practice causes a heavy loss to the postal revenue and the local printing trade.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
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28. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
29. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

(220 copies.)

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE MALLEE—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
6. POLICE RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.
10. AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL—Second reading.
12. OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
13. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.
14. NUNAWADING LAND EXCHANGE BILL—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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 1. The number of mortgages registered in the mallee.
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TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. ZOx: To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in view of the danger to public health through the absence of a federal system of quarantine for vessels arriving in Australia, he will communicate with the Governments of the other colonies, and press upon them the urgent necessity of adopting such a system.

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 4. The total cost incurred for experts' and officers' visits, reports, and supervision in connexion with the outbreak.
 5. The total amount paid to date for all charges.
 6. The total amount due and unpaid to date for all charges.
 7. The total estimated cost of the outbreak to the State, whether paid or to be paid.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.

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Wednesday, 23rd October.

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 MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 29th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.
 REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 17TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 21.

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

Customs and Excise Duties Bill—[50]. (To Members of Council only.)

Book Debts Bill—[93].

Street Betting Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Agar Wynne. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 58, 59, and 60.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 61.

Leasing Unused Government Roads Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. O'Neill. (To Members only.)

Hours for Closing Shops.—Return to an Order of the House. C.—No. 3.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 62.

THURSDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1895.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. HAMILTON: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number and acreage of mining leases in the municipalities of Bendigo and Eaglehawk.
 2. The amount of rents collected for the last ten years.
 3. The number and acreage of residence areas in the same municipalities.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LICENSING OF SURVEYORS BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
(220 copies.)

TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOx** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in view of the danger to public health through the absence of a federal system of quarantine for vessels arriving in Australia, he will communicate with the Governments of the other colonies, and press upon them the urgent necessity of adopting such a system.
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 1. If he will cause a thorough inquiry to be made into the matter and manner of the registration of the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia ; and
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 1. If it is a fact that on the 5th December, 1894, he made a statement, in reply to a deputation, to the effect that he would not tie the hands of his Department to take coal from any one mine lest a strike or accident to machinery should interfere with the Department.
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WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. **CAPTAIN KENNEY**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
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 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
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 16. NUNAWADING LAND EXCHANGE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 24th October.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 29th October.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.
 REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 30th October.

MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION—at ten o'clock.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 22.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 23.
 Treasury Deposits Interest Bill—[27]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Marong Reserve Mining Bill—[71]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Municipal Overdrafts (Indemnity) Bill—[88]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 62.

Moolap Salt Works Bill—[58].
 Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill—[63]. (To Members only.)
 Mallee Lands Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Duggan. (To Members only.)
 Licensing of Surveyors Bill.—Amendments of Legislative Council. (To Members only.)
 Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., cap. 55, during the year 1894-5. No. 72.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 63.

TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOZ** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in view of the danger to public health through the absence of a federal system of quarantine for vessels arriving in Australia, he will communicate with the Governments of the other colonies, and press upon them the urgent necessity of adopting such a system.
2. **MR. DOWNWARD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. If it is a fact that on the 5th December, 1894, he made a statement, in reply to a deputation, to the effect that he would not tie the hands of his Department to take coal from any one mine lest a strike or accident to machinery should interfere with the Department.
 2. If so, how does he reconcile that statement with his present action in taking the whole supply for two years from one mine.
3. **MR. T. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General what is the reason for the withholding of the increments from the female operators in the Post and Telegraph Department, seeing that increments are allowed to male operators.
4. **MR. GROSE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will cause an alteration to be made in the running of the 7.10 p.m. train from Ballarat to Melbourne, by arranging for it to connect with the Port Fairy train at North Geelong instead of at Geelong as at present, and thus shorten the time occupied in the journey from Ballarat to Melbourne by about half-an-hour.
5. **MR. T. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether a Mr. Fraser has had permission to make certain experiments upon our railways in the matter of an alleged invention for the prevention of accidents caused by the opening and closing of railway carriage doors; and, if so, how long have these experiments been going on.
6. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether circulars, of which the following is a copy, have been issued by his Department with his consent and approval; if so, does he propose to carry out the intention expressed therein:—

“FINAL NOTICE.

“Sir,

“I again beg to direct your attention to the arrears of rent due on your leasehold for land in the parish of _____, and to inform you that if such arrears be not paid within 21 days from date hereof action will be taken to revoke the lease without further notice.

“I have, &c..

“T. F. MORKHAM,

“Secretary for Lands.”

7. **MR. WEBB** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he has any objection to place upon the Table of the House the Report on the Forests of the Colony by the Inspector-General of Forests, India (Mr. B. Ribbentrop).
8. **MR. ZOZ** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if, in order to expedite the procedure of public business, he will state what Bills he proposes to proceed with this Session, so that Members may give their particular attention to such Bills.
9. **MR. SANGSTER** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Are any restrictions placed on the orders given by police officials for stores.
 2. What quantity of firewood and coal has been supplied to inspectors, sub-inspectors, &c., in the Melbourne district during the last six months.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of sheep trucks in the possession of the Railway Department.
 2. The number in working order and fit to run.
 3. The number detained for repairs.
 4. The average number of cattle and other trucks sent out in lieu of sheep trucks weekly during the past three months.
 5. The average number weekly of sheep and lambs conveyed in trucks other than sheep trucks that have been found dead during transit or on reaching the destination of the train during the last three months.
 6. The average number weekly of sheep and lambs injured in trucks other than sheep trucks during the past three months.

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MALLEE LANDS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
5. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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27. POLICE REGULATION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
28. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
29. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MCCOLL: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the cost to date, and further estimated cost, in connexion with the outbreak of phylloxera in the Bendigo district, specifying the following particulars:—
 1. The names of all persons who have received compensation, or to whom compensation has been allowed but is still unpaid.
 2. The area for which compensation was allowed in each case.
 3. The separate amounts allowed in each case for (a) uprooting and trenching, (b) rootpicking, (c) supervision by overseer, (d) compensation for vines destroyed.
 4. The total cost incurred for experts' and officers' visits, reports, and supervision in connexion with the outbreak.
 5. The total amount paid to date for all charges.
 6. The total amount due and unpaid to date for all charges.
 7. The total estimated cost of the outbreak to the State, whether paid or to be paid.
2. MR. PRENDERGAST: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of mortgages registered in the mallee.
 2. The aggregate amount of mortgages.
 3. The average amount of each mortgage.
 4. The names of all mortgagees registered for over 300 acres, specifying whether in occupation or not.
3. MR. STYLES: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. What amount of money was paid during the last financial year for the use of a portion of the Flinders-street Market in connexion with the export of perishable products.
 2. What was the average additional cost per ton for extra handling, carriage by road, and other charges (if any) of forwarding produce through the premises referred to, over and above what the cost would have been if the goods had been delivered by rail direct into stores erected on one of the Bay piers, and transferred thence into the vessel's hold.
 3. How many tons of produce were exported through the premises referred to during the last financial year.
 4. On what date does the present arrangement between the Government and the Melbourne Corporation terminate.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE: To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. HAMILTON :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements contained in the petition from Mr. J. Affleck Robertson, presented to this House on the 7th August last, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Graves, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Murray, Mr. T. Smith, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That this House is of opinion—
 1. That a substantial reduction should be made in certain port charges now levied upon shipping, with the view of inducing cheaper freights, and thereby assisting the producing and exporting interests of Victoria in the carriage of produce to British, Australasian, and foreign markets.
 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
 3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.
3. **MR. KIRTON :** To move, That in the opinion of this House the present method of constituting Ministries is unsatisfactory, and should be superseded by one based upon the principle of election.
4. **MR. KIRTON :** To move, That, in view of the deplorable revelations recently made as to the treatment of the aged poor, a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practicability of making provision for them by means of State-aided pensions or insurance.
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WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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16. NUNAWADING LAND EXCHANGE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. NON-COMPLSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 29th October.

- COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.
- REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 30th October.

- MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION—at ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 24TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 23.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 24.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 63.

Nunawading Lands Exchange Bill—[100].

Companies Act 1890 further Amendment Bill.—Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Cook. (To Members only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 64.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. KENNEDY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if the usual percentage reductions are made from the wages of railway employés whose earnings (owing to lost time through illness) do not amount to £100 per annum.
2. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if his attention has been called to the recent discoveries of Mr. Vecht for the process of meat preservation, its great success, and advantage to Victoria ; and if he will take some steps that the process may be made available for general Victorian use.
3. **MR. HAMILTON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that engine-cleaners whose rate of pay brings them within the percentage reductions (although they do not receive £100 a year) have not had this percentage refunded to them, where they have applied for the same, in accordance with the past practice of the Department.
4. **MR. SALMON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. If he is willing to take into consideration the advisability of amending the 65th section of the *Land Act* 1890, so as to provide for the ultimate purchase by lessees of their small leaseholds.
 2. If so, will he allow the rents paid to go off the purchase money.
 3. Will he cause inquiry to be made as to the value of the holdings, so as to adjust the rents to something corresponding to such values.
5. **MR. HANCOCK** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Will the Government state if any inquiry has been made into the condition of the woman Emma Williams as regards menstruation at the date of the crime of which she was convicted.
 2. Will the Government permit independent medical men not connected with the Crown to make further inquiry.
6. **MR. MALONEY** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. In the case of the woman Emma Williams, has there been any arrest of menstruation either at the date of the crime of which she was convicted or since.
 2. Was any evidence produced before the court during the trial.
 3. Is the Government aware that it has been established, as pointed out in the *Gazette de Gynecologie* for 1st June last, that most serious disturbances of homicidal mania frequently occur with women during the menstrual period, and that the symptoms are of a congestive character, often involving the entire nervous system.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the cost to date, and further estimated cost, in connexion with the outbreak of phylloxera in the Bendigo district, specifying the following particulars :—
 1. The names of all persons who have received compensation, or to whom compensation has been allowed but is still unpaid.
 2. The area for which compensation was allowed in each case.
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2. MR. STYLES: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

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2. What was the average additional cost per ton for extra handling, carriage by road, and other charges (if any) of forwarding produce through the premises referred to, over and above what the cost would have been if the goods had been delivered by rail direct into stores erected on one of the Bay piers, and transferred thence into the vessel's hold.
3. How many tons of produce were exported through the premises referred to during the last financial year.
4. On what date does the present arrangement between the Government and the Melbourne Corporation terminate.

3. MR. MALONEY: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of convictions against residents of Victoria for breaches of the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act from 1st January, 1885, to 30th September, 1895, specifying the sex and penalty in each case; the case to be indicated by number, not by name.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MALLEE LANDS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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27. POLICE REGULATION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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29. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
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 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
 3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.

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WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
2. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
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WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. NON-COMPLSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 30th October.

MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION—at ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 31st October.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 12th November.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 24TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 24.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 25.

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 61, 62, and 63.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 64.

Division in Committee of the Whole. No. 16.

Street Betting Suppression Bill—[86]. (To Members only.)

Audit Act 1890 Amendment Bill—[101].

Mallee Lands Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the Question of Narrow-gauge Railways; together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.—Report No. 2. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 65.

THURSDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 1895.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. MCCOLL** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the cost to date, and further estimated cost, in connexion with the outbreak of phylloxera in the Bendigo district, specifying the following particulars :—
 1. The names of all persons who have received compensation, or to whom compensation has been allowed but is still unpaid.
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3. **MR. MALONEY** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of convictions against residents of Victoria for breaches of the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages Act from 1st January, 1885, to 30th September, 1895, specifying the sex and penalty in each case ; the case to be indicated by number, not by name.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **MALLEE LANDS BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL**—Second reading.
5. **PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
6. **VEGETATION DISEASES BILL**—Second reading.
7. **METROPOLITAN GENERAL CEMETERY BILL**—Second reading.
8. **MINES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
9. **WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL**—Second reading.
10. **INSOLVENCY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
11. **MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL**—Second reading.
12. **MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
13. **EXPLOSIVES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
14. **POWDER MAGAZINES BILL**—Second reading.
15. **POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
16. **SALE OF GOODS BILL**—Second reading.
17. **THEATRES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
18. **VOLUNTARY CONVEYANCES BILL**—Second reading.

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19. GAOLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
20. MOOLAP LAND LEASING BILL—Second reading.
21. TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
22. WIDTH OF TIRES BILL—Second reading.
23. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
24. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTUARY'S BILL—Second reading.
25. PRINTERS AND NEWSPAPERS BILL—Second reading.
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TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

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 2. Will he allow these officers leave of absence on the same conditions as officers in the Post and Telegraph and Education Departments.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

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2. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if his attention has been called to the recent discoveries of Mr. Vecht for the process of meat preservation, its great success, and advantage to Victoria; and if he will take some steps that the process may be made available for general Victorian use.
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4. MR. SALMON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
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5. MR. HANCOCK : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Will the Government state if any inquiry has been made into the condition of the woman Emma Williams as regards menstruation at the date of the crime of which she was convicted.
 2. Will the Government permit independent medical men not connected with the Crown to make further inquiry.
6. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
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 2. Was any evidence produced before the court during the trial.
 3. Is the Government aware that it has been established, as pointed out in the *Gazette de Gynecologie* for 1st June last, that most serious disturbances of homicidal mania frequently occur with women during the menstrual period, and that the symptoms are of a congestive character, often involving the entire nervous system.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business:

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 31st October.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 12th November.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH OCTOBER, 1895.

Electric Light and Power Bill—[41]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 65.

Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the Question of Narrow-gauge Railways; together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.—Report No. 2. (Issue completed.)

Report of Proceedings taken under the provisions of the Land Acts and the Wattles Act 1890 during the year ending 31st December, 1894. No. 45.

Land Act 1890—Part I.—Addition to Regulations. No. 74.

Settlement on Lands Act 1893.—Alteration of Regulations. No. 75.

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 4. On what date the present arrangement between the Government and the Melbourne Corporation terminate.
3. **MR. MALONEY** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of convictions against residents of Victoria for breaches of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act from 1st January, 1885, to 30th September, 1895, specifying the sex and penalty in each case ; the case to be indicated by number, not by name.

Government Business. (Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MALLEE LANDS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
5. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—Second reading.
7. METROPOLITAN GENERAL CEMETERY BILL—Second reading.
8. MINES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. INSOLVENCY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
12. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. EXPLOSIVES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. POWDER MAGAZINES BILL—Second reading.
15. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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19. GAOLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
20. MOOLAP LAND LEASING BILL—Second reading.
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25. PRINTERS AND NEWSPAPERS BILL—Second reading.
26. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
27. POLICE REGULATION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
28. STREET BETTING SUPPRESSION BILL—Second reading.
29. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
30. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
3. ELECTORAL LAW REVISION—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64.
4. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE MALLEE—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.
7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
8. POLICE RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.
12. AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL—Second reading.
14. OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.

15. **RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.
16. **NUNAWADING LAND EXCHANGE BILL**—Second reading.
17. **MR. W. R. MERRY**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. HAMILTON**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements contained in the petition from Mr. J. Affleck Robertson, presented to this House on the 7th August last, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Graves, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Murray, Mr. T. Smith, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
2. **MR. TUCKER**: To move, That this House is of opinion—
1. That a substantial reduction should be made in certain port charges now levied upon shipping, with the view of inducing cheaper freights, and thereby assisting the producing and exporting interests of Victoria in the carriage of produce to British, Australasian, and foreign markets.
 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
 3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.
3. **MR. KIRTON**: To move, That in the opinion of this House the present method of constituting Ministries is unsatisfactory, and should be superseded by one based upon the principle of election.
4. **MR. KIRTON**: To move, That, in view of the deplorable revelations recently made as to the treatment of the aged poor, a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practicability of making provision for them by means of State-aided pensions or insurance.
5. **MR. MURPHY**: To move, That in the opinion of this House the Honorable the Premier should communicate with the Premiers of the Australian colonies with a view to having intercolonial free-trade established between the colonies.
6. **MR. MALONEY**: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government requesting that, in view of the expense Mrs. Synnott has been put to owing to the false swearing of three constables and others (the said constables having in consequence been dismissed from the police force), and of her inability to obtain the amount of such expenditure from the insolvent estate of her husband, he will be pleased, as an act of justice, to place on the Additional Estimates the amount of her taxed costs, viz., £497 18s. 10d.
7. **MR. GRAVES**: To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all departmental documents connected with the alleged retaining in the Railway service of the State of certain railway engine-drivers who were drunk while in charge of trains, as sworn to by Mr. Bailes in his evidence before the Railway Inquiry Board; the names, services, and particulars of the misconduct of these engine-drivers whom Mr. Bailes swore that, when Member of Parliament for Sandhurst, he had assisted in retaining in the public service; and also a return showing whether these men are still in the service of the Government.
8. **MR. PRENDERGAST**: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The number of mortgages registered in the mallee.
 2. The aggregate amount of mortgages.
 3. The average amount of each mortgage.
 4. The names of all mortgagees registered for over 300 acres, specifying whether in occupation or not.
9. **MR. McLELLAN**: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the sale of certain land set apart as a site for a Mechanics' Institute at Ararat.
10. **MR. GRAVES**: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend certain sections of the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*.
11. **MR. MALONEY**: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to Restrict security to the Mortgaged Property.

Private Bill Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **SIR JOHN McINTYRE**: To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.*General Business.*

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

GRAHAM BERRY,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 7th November.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 12th November.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 31ST OCTOBER, 1895.

Book Debts Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. G. Godfrey. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 66.

Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr. McColl. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 67.

THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the letter to the Railway Department from Mr. Thompson, saw-miller, of Toombullup, Benalla, late of Violet Town, dated 2nd November, 1895, with regard to appliances for delivering sawn timber to the Railway Department for freightage.
2. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of selectors who have been removed from their selections, and the names of those to whom such selections have been transferred, either through mortgage or otherwise, in the northern plains in a line north of Bendigo, St. Arnaud, and Horsham.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. TURNER : To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past one o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MALLEE LANDS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL—Second reading.
5. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—Second reading.
7. METROPOLITAN GENERAL CEMETERY BILL—Second reading.
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11. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
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16. SALE OF GOODS BILL—Second reading.
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23. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
24. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTUARY'S BILL—Second reading.
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26. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
27. POLICE REGULATION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
28. STREET BETTING SUPPRESSION BILL—Second reading.
29. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
30. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890*.

FRIDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. LONGMORE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether the Government will this Session bring in a Bill to deal with the growth and manufacture of sugar beet.
2. MR. W. ANDERSON : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the Mines Acts Amendment Bill and the Width of Tires Bill during the present Session.
3. MR. LONGMORE : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General when he will appoint the Board to inquire into charges made by Mr. Lormer, J.P., as to the conduct of certain magistrates in and around Melbourne, in their judicial capacity.
4. MR. W. ANDERSON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer upon what system the allocation of the £50,000 loan to municipalities was made.
5. MR. BROMLEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if he will insert a clause in the new Metropolitan General Cemetery Bill providing for a minimum wage rate for the employés in such new metropolitan cemetery.
6. MR. GRAY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will cause inquiries to be made into a case at the Court of Petty Sessions at Cobden, on 25th October last, reported in the *Age* newspaper of 1st November, as follows :—"The only justices on the Bench were relatives of the plaintiff, and gave a verdict in his favour, notwithstanding their attention having been called to the impropriety of doing so."
7. MR. MCGREGOR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when he intends bringing in a Mines Bill, to deal with the hard and unjust conditions under which many of our tributors are working.

TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. SALMON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a return showing the distribution of all fines and penalties inflicted under the Customs Act during the past two years, such return to give the rank, names, and salaries of the officers concerned.
2. MR. DOWNWARD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will have the £200 compensation to Mrs. Kerr paid in a lump sum, as the lady requests, instead of 10s. per week as now proposed.
3. MR. SALMON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is a fact—
 1. That many teachers are acting as post-office officials.
 2. That the Postal Department has reduced by as much as 75 per cent. the sums allowed for this extra work.
 3. That teachers have had their resignations under these altered circumstances refused by the Postal Department unless they also resign their positions in the Education Department.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE : To move, That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Bendigo Gas Company' and for other purposes*" be now read a second time.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAMILTON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements contained in the petition from Mr. J. Affleck Robertson, presented to this House on the 7th August last, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Graves, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Murray, Mr. T. Smith, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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 2. That in accordance with the foregoing resolution all Victorian ports should be proclaimed free absolutely so far as tonnage dues are concerned.
 3. That with regard to the charges for pilotage, the system which obtains in New South Wales of allowing all masters of vessels having exemption certificates to act as their own pilots, thereby saving a large expenditure, should be adopted in Victoria; thus extending a similar privilege, now confined here to coastal traders and foreign trading vessels owned in this colony, to all classes of shipping without distinction.
 4. That the present pilotage charges should be reduced by one-third, and in the case of vessels in ballast, known as "seeking ships," entering any Victorian port in quest of cargo, a concession should be granted of one-half the inward charges.

3. MR. KIRTON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the present method of constituting Ministries is unsatisfactory, and should be superseded by one based upon the principle of election.
4. MR. KIRTON : To move, That, in view of the deplorable revelations recently made as to the treatment of the aged poor, a Select Committee should be appointed to inquire into and report upon the practicability of making provision for them by means of State-aided pensions or insurance.
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WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
3. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
4. ELECTORAL LAW REVISION—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary ; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64 ; and on the following amendment:—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—"it is desirable that some scheme be brought forward by the Government for the reduction of the number of Members, so far as practicable."
5. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE MALLEE—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
9. POLICE RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.
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1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
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18. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 7th November.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.
PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 12th November.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 31ST OCTOBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 25.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 26.
Cremation Bill—[10].

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 64, 65, and 66.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 67.
Division in Committee of the Whole. No. 17.
Mallee Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 68.

FRIDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. LONGMORE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether the Government will this Session bring in a Bill to deal with the growth and manufacture of sugar beet.
2. **MR. W. ANDERSON** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the Mines Acts Amendment Bill and the Width of Tires Bill during the present Session.
3. **MR. LONGMORE** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General when he will appoint the Board to inquire into charges made by Mr. Lormer, J.P., as to the conduct of certain magistrates in and around Melbourne, in their judicial capacity.
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7. **MR. MCGREGOR** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when he intends bringing in a Mines Bill, to deal with the hard and unjust conditions under which many of our tributors are working.
8. **MR. MCCOLL** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs what is the size, weight, and general description of a gun that can be legally used for shooting game.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **MALLEE LANDS BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL**—Second reading.
5. **PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
6. **VEGETATION DISEASES BILL**—Second reading.
7. **METROPOLITAN GENERAL CEMETERY BILL**—Second reading.
8. **MINES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
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Private Bill Business.

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13. MR. GRAY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890*.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
3. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. ELECTORAL LAW REVISION—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64; and on the following amendment:—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—"it is desirable that some scheme be brought forward by the Government for the reduction of the number of Members; so far as practicable."
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 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
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WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 12th November.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.
 REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 13th November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 14th November.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 7TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Intestates' Estates Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. G. Godfrey. (To Members of Council only.)
 Book Debts Bill.—Clause 2 as amended on recommittal 6th November, 1895. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 68.

Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—New Clauses and Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Peacock. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 69.

TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

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4. **MR. FINK :** To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. If his attention has been called to the statements in the daily papers concerning the dispute between the Military Commandant and Colonel Templeton as to the command of the forces during the absence of the former from the colony; and if, in view of the grave question of policy involved, the Government will take steps to have the difficulty settled in such a manner as will fully recognise the position and claims of the Militia Force and conserve the position and prestige of its officers.
 2. If he will give the House an opportunity of discussing the question before the matter is finally dealt with.
5. **MR. GROSE :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he has any objection to cause the notes and suggestions on forest conservancy in Victoria by Mr. Vincent, Conservator of Forests in India, to be laid on the Table of the House.
6. **MR. BAKER :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether, in the event of Parliament not authorizing a loan this Session for the purchase of wire netting for rabbit-infested districts, the Government will take any steps to protect the selectors whose holdings adjoin Crown lands from loss occasioned by rabbits that harbour on Crown lands, either by supplying the selectors with wire netting, or take some other effective measures to stop the evil.

Government Business.

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Government Business.

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1. MALLEE LANDS BILL—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 8TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the Electric Light and Power Bill; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence. D. 1.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 69.

Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee (To Members of Assembly only.)

Factories Act Inquiry Board—

First Progress Report. No. 47. (To Members only.)

Second Progress Report. No. 12. (To Members only.)

Minutes of Evidence and Appendices. No. 44.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 70.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. MCCOLL: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will place a sum on the Additional Estimates for the purchase of seed wheat to assist those on the land whose crops have been a total failure and who are unable to procure seed for the coming season.
2. MR. SALMON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. What officer of his Department has the power of recommending seizures or otherwise.
 2. Does this officer, under any circumstances, receive any portion of the fines.
 3. If so, how much, has he received during the last two years.
 4. What is his salary.
3. MR. LONGMORE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health whether the funds of the metropolitan cemeteries at present in the banks are to be considered as a trust deposit, or are they a locked-up deposit.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

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THURSDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **MALLEE LANDS BILL**—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
3. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 13th November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 14th November.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 8TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 26.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 27.

Evidence Bill—[106].

Book Debts Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 67, 68, and 69.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 70.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 18.

Mallee Lands Bill—[62]. (To Members only.)

Companies Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—

Bill including and showing Amendments to be proposed by the Attorney-General. (To Members only.)

Additional Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs. (To Members only.)

Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Fink. (To Members only.)

Factories and Shops Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by Mr. Gray. (To Members only.)

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Outtrim. (To Members only.)

Mallee Lands Bill.—Amendments to be proposed on Consideration of Report or after Third Reading. (To Members only.)

Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia.—Part of Return to an Order of the House. C.—No. 4.

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THURSDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MALLEE LANDS BILL—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—To be considered in Committee.
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WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 14th November.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 19th November.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 13TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 72.

TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. LONGMORE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health whether the funds of the metropolitan cemeteries at present in the banks are to be considered as a trust deposit, or are they a locked-up deposit.
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3. MR. T. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether, seeing Mr. Fraser has been granted a trial of his invention for preventing railway carriage-door accidents, he will grant a similar favour to Mr. R. A. Montgomery for the invention claimed by that gentleman.
4. MR. STERRY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he has any objection to furnish to this House the following information:—
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 2. For what particular capacities has he been employed by the Department, and how long in each position; was he on the staff as a permanent officer of the Department at the time of his appointment as Inspector; if so, for how long, and what age was he when he so entered the service.
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7. MR. LANGDON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether all the vines affected by the phylloxera in the Bendigo district have been dug up and destroyed; and, if not, what has been the cause of delay in eradicating such vines.

Government Business.

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THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER.

Private Bill Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 19th November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS,—at eleven o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Thursday, 21st November.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 14TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Book Debts Bill.—Clause 2, sub-clause (a), as amended on recomittal—Amendment on same to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 72.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 73.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. DUGGAN** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if, in view of the nature of the evidence being given before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed in reference to the monetary transactions of Mr. David Henry and other usurious money lenders, he will take steps to have removed from all railway hoardings all advertisements by the said David Henry.
2. **MR. MCCOLL** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. If it is necessary for a president of a shire, holding the position of a justice of the peace by virtue of his official position, to be sworn in as a justice in open court, or can he take the oath privately before a justice.
 2. Can he act as a justice throughout the bailiwick, or only in his own shire.
3. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if Members of this Chamber will have an opportunity to peruse the reply of the Acting Victorian Railways Commissioners to the Report of the Railway Inquiry Board.
4. **MR. LAZARUS** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Whether his attention has been called to the arrangements made for the sittings of the courts at Bendigo in the month of December, viz. :—

(a) 4th December	...	Court of General Sessions.
(b) 5th December	...	County Court, Court of Insolvency, and Licensing Court.
(c) 6th December	...	Supreme Court.
 2. Whether better and more economical arrangements cannot be made so as to avoid the inconvenience to the judges, jurymen, and officials, as well as the professional gentlemen having business in the courts, through the sittings of the courts being held so near each other.
 3. Whether he will take action to secure the postponement of one or other of the said courts, and to prevent such inconvenient arrangements being made in the future, this being the second occasion during the present year that the same clashing has occurred.
5. **MR. SCOTT** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Honorable the Chief Secretary to go to England with the intention of floating a mining company whilst retaining the position of one of Her Majesty's Responsible Advisers for Victoria.
6. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if, in view of the great importance to the public health, he will, during the present Session, take steps to provide a proper system of inspection of the meat supplied for public consumption.
7. **MR. T. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether, seeing Mr. Fraser has been granted a trial of his invention for preventing railway carriage-door accidents, he will grant a similar favour to Mr. R. A. Montgomery for the invention claimed by that gentleman.
8. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will urge the various local bodies to collect the agricultural statistics for this season with all despatch possible, and at the same time request them to ascertain, wherever possible, the quantity of grain held from previous seasons by farmers ; and if he will cause all such returns to be furnished and published without delay.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **SIR JOHN MCINTYRE** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing how and to whom the amount of £10,000, voted for bonuses for dairy produce, fruits, honey, and the development of the wine industry, &c., was distributed for the financial year ending 30th June, 1895.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—To be considered in Committee.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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22. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
23. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
24. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
25. PURIFICATION OF ROLLS ACT 1891 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
26. METROPOLITAN GENERAL CEMETERY BILL—Second reading.
27. MINES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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29. POWDER MAGAZINES BILL—Second reading.

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THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Consideration of Report.

TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. **MR. LONGMORE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health whether the funds of the metropolitan cemeteries at present in the banks are to be considered as a trust deposit, or are they a locked-up deposit.

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 21st November.

- PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past ten o'clock.
STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 14TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 28.

Mallee Lands Bill—[62]. (To Members of Council only.)

Book Debts Bill—[93]. (To Members of Council only.)

Evidence Bill—[106]. (To Members of Council only.)

Electric Light and Power Bill—

Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. J. M. Pratt. (To Members of Council only.)

Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. C. J. Ham. (To Members of Council only.)

Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 70, 71, and 72.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 73.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 19.

Factories and Shops Bill—[1]. (To Members only.)

Companies Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—

Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)

Additional Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Fink. (To Members only.)

Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Maloney. (To Members only.)

Instruments Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs. (To Members only.)

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)

Charitable Institutions.—Report of Inspector for the year ended 30th June, 1895. No. 73.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 74.

THURSDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1895.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Consideration of Report.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUGAR BEET BILL—Second reading.
2. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER.

Private Bill Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
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 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 21st November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past ten o'clock.
STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 26th November.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 20TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 29.

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Ararat Mechanics' Institute Land Bill—[99].

Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed on Consideration of Report or after Third Reading. (To Members only.)

Companies Act 1890 further Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Beazley. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 75.

TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

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4. **MR. PRENDERGAST :** To ask the Honorable the Premier—
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 2. Will he take steps towards creating such effective supervision as will prevent the possibility of diseased or unwholesome meat going into consumption.
5. **MR. BAKER :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Whether he is aware that in the farming districts there is a rumour current that, in consequence of the unfavorable harvest, it is the intention of the Government to take steps to suspend the operation of the grain duties.
 2. And whether, in order to remove all doubt on the subject, and thereby give confidence to the farmers in disposing of their grain, he will clearly inform the House as to the intentions of the Government.

Government Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 26th November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Thursday, 28th November.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at ten o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 21ST NOVEMBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 27 and 28.
Commissioners' Savings Banks and Loans to Farmers.—Statement. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 75.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 76.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Question.

1. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey when he intends to appoint a Land Board to deal with the numerous applications lodged for land made available for selection in the parish of Wooroonooke, near Charlton, on the Avoca River.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Shelbourne to Cousens' Corner be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
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WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 28th November.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at ten o'clock.

Tuesday, 3rd December.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at a quarter to four o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 21st NOVEMBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 29.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 30.

Factories and Shops Bill—[1]. (To Members of Council only.)

Instruments Bill—[51]. (To Members of Council only.)

Mallee Lands Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 73, 74, and 75.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 76.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 20.

Evidence Bill—[106]. (To Members only.)

Plural Voting Abolition and Women's Suffrage Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Kirton. (To Members only.)

First Report of the Printing Committee. D.—No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 77.

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. MURPHY** : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all papers in the Lands Department (No. 31/13294, Melbourne) regarding the alienation from the Crown of 40 acres, being allotments 21B and 21C of section 21D, parish of Macedon, and subsequent re-sale to the Crown ; also of allotment 13A of section 2, parish of Gunbower, about 20 acres (No. 5/42796), sold 31st May, 1893.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. G. TURNER** : To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past one o'clock.
2. **MR. H. R. WILLIAMS** : To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Shelbourne to Cousens' Corner be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER.

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Tuesday, 3rd December.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 27TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 30.

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

Electric Light and Power Bill—

Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Sir Arthur Snowden. (To Members of Council only.)

Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Standing Orders Committee.—Report on Official Precedence. D 2.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 77.

Book Debts Bill—[93]. (To Members only.)

Jumbunna and Outtrim Railway Construction Act 1895 Amendment Bill—[109].

Lapsed Bills Restoration Bill—[110].

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Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Burton. (To Members only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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General Business.

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Tuesday, 3rd December.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at a quarter to four o'clock.

Wednesday, 4th December.

MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 28TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 32.

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Beet Sugar Works Bill—[44].

Mildura Irrigation Trusts Bill—[49].



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 79.

TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he will be prepared to inform the House of his decision in regard to the stoppage of increments of the female operators in the Telegraph Department.
2. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will bring down a motion to refer to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways the question of a railway to connect Whittlesea, Preston, and contiguous towns, with Prince's Bridge by direct route.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. G. TURNER : To move, That during the remainder of the Session the House shall meet every Friday in addition to the present days of sitting, that ten o'clock a.m. be the hour of meeting on that day, and that Government Business have precedence during the whole of the sitting.
2. MR. G. TURNER : To move, That the Sessional Order giving precedence to General Business on Wednesday in each week from half-past eight o'clock be suspended for the remainder of the Session, and that Government Business have precedence during the whole of the sitting.

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General Business.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

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COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.
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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at a quarter to four o'clock.

Wednesday, 4th December.

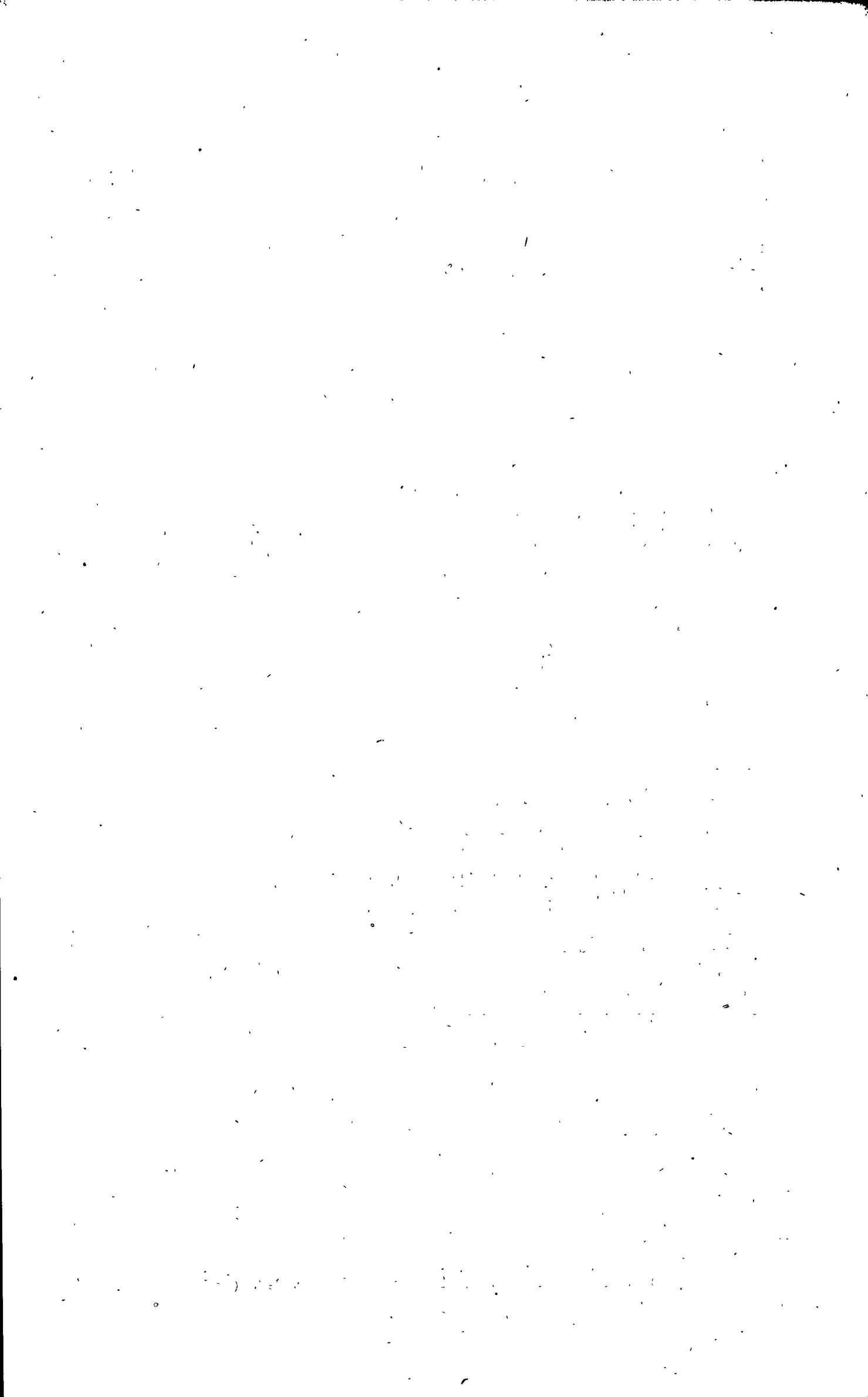
MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Electric Light and Power Bill—[41]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day: No. 79.

Explosives Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—New clauses to be proposed by Mr. Best. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 80.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. AUSTIN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is a fact that the Railways Commissioners have paid any cab fares through the trains being late to take passengers from Spencer-street to any of the suburbs; and, if so, how much has been so spent up to date.
2. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will take steps to amend the *Stamps Act 1890* so as to fix a maximum charge of £10 on bills of exchange.
3. MR. ROGERS: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will give more police protection to South Yarra.
4. MR. SCOTT: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will proceed with the *Width of Tires Bill* at an early date.
5. MR. BOWSER: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if it is true, as recently stated in the metropolitan Press, "that two small vigneron at Rutherglen were found to be mixing a raw and abominable spirit with their wines."
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7. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey the total number of village settlers placed on Crown lands under the *Settlement on Lands Act 1893* to date, and the total monetary aid granted to them.
8. MR. ZOX: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. If it is a fact that forms of bill bonds, and the duty stamps required to be affixed thereto, cannot be obtained at any of the police courts.
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Government Business.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 4th December.

MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION—at half-past two o'clock.

Friday, 6th December.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at ten minutes to five o'clock, at Spencer-street.

Tuesday, 10th December.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 29TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 31 and 32.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 33.

Vegetation Diseases Bill—[7]. (To Members of Council only.)

Constitution Amendment Bill—[42]. (To Members of Council only.)

Moolap Salt Works Bill—[58]. (To Members of Council only.)

Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Amendments proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

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Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Jas. Bell. (To Members of Council only.)

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Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. J. Buchanan. (To Members of Council only.)

New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. W. Pitt. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 76, 77, 78, and 79.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 80.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 21.

Railways Bill—[103].

Horticultural Improvement Society Land Bill—[108].

Explosives Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Amendments and New Clauses to be proposed by Mr. Best. (To Members only.)

Railway Inquiry Board.—Memorandum of the Acting Commissioners. Return to an Order of the House. C.—No. 5.

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st January, 1894, to 30th June, 1894. No. 76.

Fisheries Act 1890.—Netting in the vicinity of the Mouth of the Yarra River. No. 83.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 81.

THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUGAR BEET BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. LAPSED BILLS RESTORATION BILL—Second reading.
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23. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
24. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WHEELER: To move, That all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills be dispensed with, with the view of introducing a Bill to amend and continue an Act (No. 980) to authorize the construction of the Cape Patterson and Kileunda Junction Railway and for other purposes, and that all Fees be remitted with regard to such Bill.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ARARAT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE SALE BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER.

Question.

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Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER.

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WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 6th December.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at ten minutes to five o'clock, at Spencer-street.

Tuesday, 10th December.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 4TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 33.

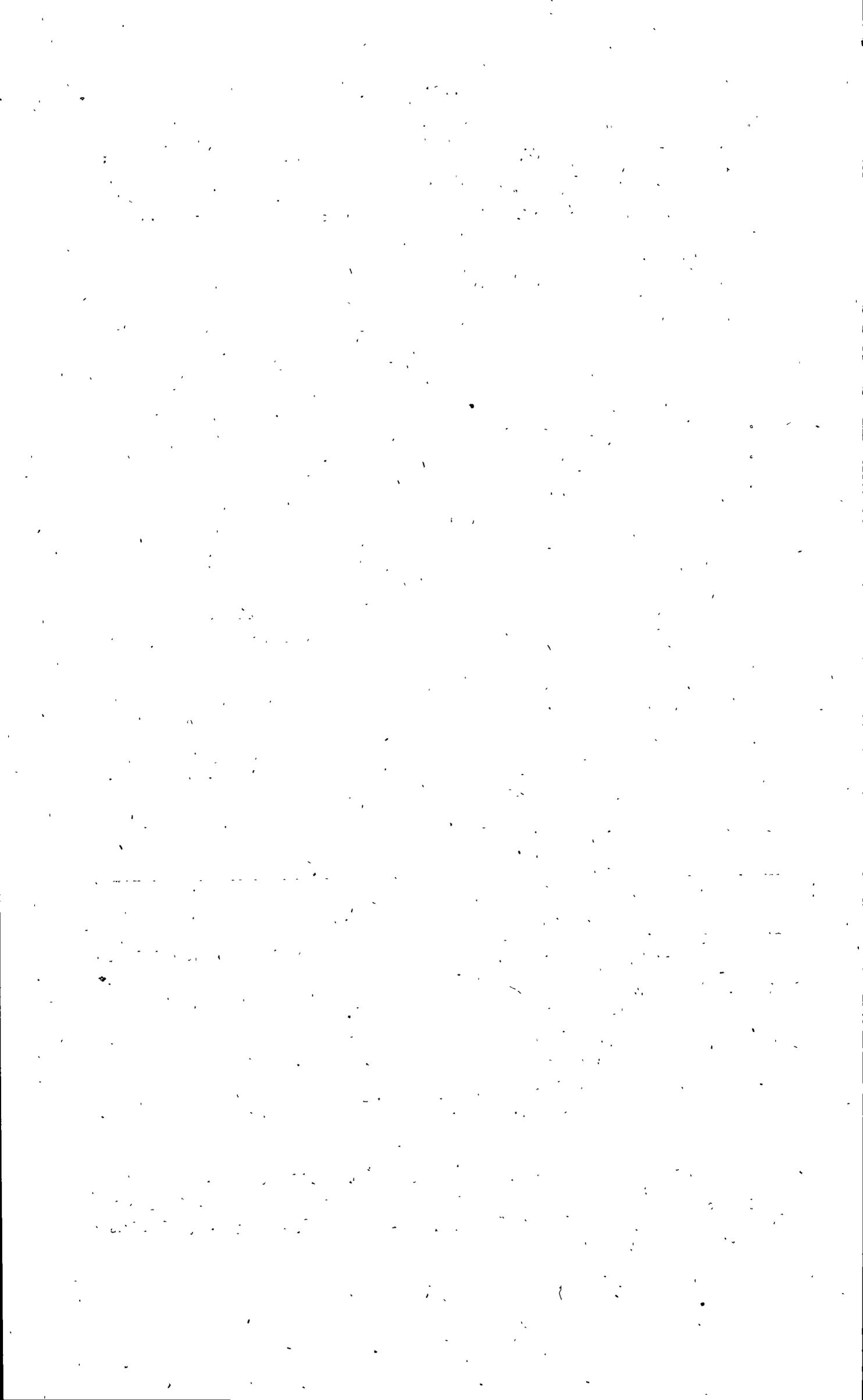
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 34.

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Beet Sugar Works Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee. (To Members only.)

Explosives Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Additional New Clause to be proposed by Mr. Best. (To Members only.)

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SITTING OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER WILL TAKE THE CHAIR ON—

FRIDAY

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At half-past ten o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 82.

FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUGAR BEET BILL—Consideration of Report.
2. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LAPSED BILLS RESTORATION BILL—Second reading.
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General Business.

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TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER.

Question.

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Notifications to which an asterisk () is prefixed appear for the first time.*

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REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 35.

Mallee Lands Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. J. C. Campbell. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 82.

Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890—

Minor Articles used in Manufacture. No. 79.

Duty on Indiarubber Tires. No. 80.

Fisheries Act 1890—

Certain varieties of Fish added to the Second Schedule to the Fisheries Act 1890. No. 81.

Oyster Dredging in Western Port Bay. No. 82.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 83.

TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. If it is a fact that forms of bail bonds, and the duty stamps required to be affixed thereto, cannot be obtained at any of the police courts.
 2. If such is the fact, will the Minister, for public convenience, direct that a stock of such forms and stamps be kept at all police courts.
2. **MR. BARRETT** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill early next Session to establish a Court of Conciliation and Compulsory Arbitration for the settlement of industrial disputes.
3. **MR. GRAY** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. Is it a fact that a number of female telephone operators have been employed at £4 10s. per month since 1891 without receiving any increment.
 2. Will arrangements be made to give increments to those low-paid operators.
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5. **MR. GRAHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he has any objection to state how many acting clerks of courts there are in the colony, exclusive of police constables or other officers of the Public Service ; also, what salaries these acting clerks receive in each case.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. LAPSED BILLS RESTORATION BILL—Second reading.
3. POLICE REGULATION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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24. INTSTATES' ESTATES BILL—Second reading.
25. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
26. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. ZOX** : To move, That leave of absence for the remainder of the Session be granted to the Honorable Member for Bourke East (Mr. Harper) who is detained in quarantine in consequence of small-pox on the M.M. steamer *Australien*.

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WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER.

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7. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all departmental documents connected with the alleged retaining in the Railway service of the State of certain railway engine-drivers who were drunk while in charge of trains, as sworn to by Mr. Bailes in his evidence before the Railway Inquiry Board; the names, services, and particulars of the misconduct of these engine-drivers whom Mr. Bailes swore that, when Member of Parliament for Sandhurst, he had assisted in retaining in the public service; and also a return showing whether these men are still in the service of the Government.
8. MR. PRENDERGAST : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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 2. The aggregate amount of mortgages.
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10. MR. MALONEY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to Restrict security to the Mortgaged Property.
11. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of selectors who have been removed from their selections, and the names of those to whom such selections have been transferred, either through mortgage or otherwise, in the northern plains in a line north of Bendigo, St. Arnaud, and Horsham.
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WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.
 Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
4. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
5. FREE GARDENERS OF AUSTRALASIA LAND BILL—Second reading.
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7. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. ELECTORAL LAW REVISION—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64; and on the following amendment:—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—"it is desirable that some scheme be brought forward by the Government for the reduction of the number of Members, so far as practicable."
9. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE MALLEE—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.
12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
13. POLICE RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.
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18. TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL—Second reading.
19. OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
20. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 10th December.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Thursday, 12th December.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 6TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Mildura Irrigation Trusts Bill—[49]. (To Members of Council only.)

Mallee Lands Bill—[62]. (To Members of Council only.)

Marat Mechanics' Institute Land Bill—[99]. (To Members of Council only.)

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Electric Light and Power Bill—[41]. (To Members only.)

Intestates' Estates Bill—[65]. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 84.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. BAKER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—

1. Is it a fact that during the hot weather of the last few weeks large quantities of potatoes were placed on the ground in the Spencer-street yard while there was room in the shed usually set apart for that class of produce.
2. Is it a fact that producers suffer considerable loss by this practice, and that some consignments which arrived in good condition were so deteriorated in quality by exposure to the sun and rain that they were unsaleable for human consumption and had to be sold as cow feed.
3. Is it a fact that the shed accommodation for this class of produce is far from sufficient, and that potatoes are frequently put down on the ground in the open yard to make room for chaff, and have the Commissioners any intention of increasing the shed accommodation for these two kinds of produce.
4. Is it a fact that the attention given to this kind of produce at Spencer-street, where there is a terminal charge of Sixpence per ton for discharging the trucks, contrasts so badly with that given by the owners of steam-ships at the wharfs, where there is no terminal charge, that it is driving business from the railways to the steamers.
5. Is it a fact that a number of Government sheds at Spencer-street have been let to the Australian Wool-pressing and Storage Company ; if so, at what rent, what is the total floor space of those sheds, and what is the term of the lease.

2. MR. LONGMORE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—

1. Is it a fact that the rules and regulations which govern promotions in the Police Force in regard to seniority and merit were ignored in the case of the promotion of Sergeant Sainsbury.
2. Is it a fact that, though he is comparatively a junior member of the detective branch of the Service, he was, in 1886, promoted from the position of constable to that of second-class sergeant over the heads of men in the general police force with nearly twice his service.
3. Is it a fact that in Sainsbury's case there was a violation of the rules and regulations on which the amalgamation of the detective force with the general police took place, the basis of which is set forth in the *Police Gazette*, 13th June, 1883.
4. Will the Honorable the Chief Secretary, in consequence of the promotion of Sergeant Sainsbury and two other sergeants in the detective force, take the necessary steps to have these junior men in the detective branch placed in their proper positions in regard to seniority in promotion.

3. MR. BROMLEY : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will bring in a Bill to amend *The Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883*, to shorten the hours now worked by the employés of the company, and to provide for a minimum rate of wages for the same.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 12th December.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at ten o'clock.
STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 17th December.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 6TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 34 and 35.

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

Beet Sugar Works Bill—[44]. (To Members of Council only.)

Companies Bill—[114]. (To Members of Council only.)

Instruments Act 1890 further Amendment Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Factories and Shops Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 80, 81, 82, and 83.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 84.

Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 22

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 85.

THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1895.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. GRAHAM : To move, That there be laid before this House, a return showing the number and names of acting clerks of courts in the colony, exclusive of police constables or other officers of the Public Service ; also, the salaries paid in each case.

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23. TESTATES' ESTATES BILL—Second reading.
24. MALEE LANDS BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

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2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
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PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at ten o'clock.
STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

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REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 11TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 37.
Lapsed Bills Restoration Bill—[110]. (To Members of Council only.)
Companies Bill—[114]. (Issue completed.)
Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. Dr. W. H. Embling. (To Members of Council only.)
Mildura Irrigation Trusts Bill.—Petition. E 1.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 85.
Mallee Lands Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

SITTING OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER WILL TAKE THE CHAIR ON—

FRIDAY

At half-past ten o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

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3. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
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5. EXPLOSIVES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. WIDTH OF TIRES BILL—Second reading.
- *7. FEDERATION OF AUSTRALASIA ENABLING BILL—Second reading.
8. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. GAOLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. PRINTERS AND NEWSPAPERS BILL—Second reading.
11. VOLUNTARY CONVEYANCES BILL—Second reading.
12. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
13. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTUARY'S BILL—Second reading.

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14. STREET BETTING SUPPRESSION BILL—Second reading.
15. SALE OF GOODS BILL—Second reading.
16. TRUSTS BILL—Second reading.
17. THEATRES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. EVIDENCE BILL—Second reading.
19. JUMBUNNA AND OUTTRIM RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1895 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
20. BOOK DEBTS BILL—Second reading.
21. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
22. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
23. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER BILL—Second reading.
24. INTESTATES' ESTATES BILL—Second reading.
25. MALLEE LANDS BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
26. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
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Tuesday, 17th December.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 18th December.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 36 and 37.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 38.

Echuca Show Grounds Bill—[113].

Plural Voting Abolition and Women's Suffrage Bill.—New Clauses to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood, Hon. Agar Wynne, and Hon. S. W. Cooke. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 86.

Australasian Federation Enabling Bill—[111].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

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 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 17th December.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—at half-past two o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 18th December.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at ten o'clock.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 38.
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Companies Bill—[114]. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 88.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. E. D. WILLIAMS : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health—
 1. If the Order in Council of 4th November, 1895, referring to the depth of graves in cemeteries is intended to apply to graves sunk prior to that date.
 2. If so, will cemetery trustees be under any liability to the owners of such graves in consequence of their not being able to use them again.
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 1. If his attention has been called to a handbill issued by the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia with the view to induce the public to insure with that institution.
 2. Has the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia complied with the provisions of sections 338 and 339 of the *Companies Act 1890*, Part III., relating to companies commencing new life assurance business within Victoria.
 3. If not, will he take steps to enforce the penalties provided under the 361st section for every day a company makes default in complying with the requirements of the Act.
 4. Has he any objection to state a special case for the opinion of the Full Court on the question whether in registering the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia as a friendly society the Registrar of Friendly Societies has not exceeded his powers under the existing law as contended by the Assistant Government Statist in his report on the society recently presented to Parliament by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
3. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey what action is being taken to carry out the promise of the Honorable the Premier that persons who are unable to procure seed for the next harvest will be assisted to obtain it.
4. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether his attention has been directed to the action of various licensing benches in refusing to grant licences to vigneron and others to sell colonial wine ; if so, does he consider, in view of the policy adopted to encourage the growth of the vine and manufacture of wine, such procedure is judicious, and will he cause inquiries to be made as to the cause of such refusals.
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23. **COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. FEDERATION OF AUSTRALASIA ENABLING BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. O'NEILL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will allow gangers or line repairers to purchase on deferred payments gatehouses for which rent is now being charged by the Department.

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Mildura Irrigation Trusts Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Agar Wynne. (To Members of Council only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 89.

THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PEACOCK: To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the carrying on of the business of licensed persons in certain circumstances, and to provide for the transfer and renewal of certain licences.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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27. GIPPSLAND WEST AND MORNINGTON (RECTIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES) BILL—Second reading.
28. ECHUCA AGRICULTURAL SHOW GROUNDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
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3. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether his attention has been directed to the action of various licensing benches in refusing to grant licences to vigneron and others to sell colonial wine ; if so, does he consider, in view of the policy adopted to encourage the growth of the vine and manufacture of wine, such procedure is judicious, and will he cause inquiries to be made as to the cause of such refusals.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH JANUARY, 1896.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **FIRE PREVENTION BILL**—Second reading.
3. **CAPTAIN KENNEY**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
4. **HOMES PROTECTION BILL**—Second reading.
5. **FREE GARDENERS OF AUSTRALASIA LAND BILL**—Second reading.
6. **NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. **EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. **ELECTORAL LAW REVISION**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary ; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64 ; and on the following amendment :—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the following words :—"it is desirable that some scheme be brought forward by the Government for the reduction of the number of Members, so far as practicable."
9. **LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
10. **LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
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15. **BOORT LAND BILL**—Second reading.
16. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)**—Second reading.
17. **AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
18. **TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL**—Second reading.
19. **OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.

20. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.
21. NUNAWADING LAND EXCHANGE BILL—Second reading.
22. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
23. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAHAM : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the question as to whether the Irish National Scripture Lesson Books ought to be used in the State schools should be referred for settlement to a plebiscite of the electors of the colony.
2. MR. HAMILTON : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements contained in the petition from Mr. J. Affleck Robertson, presented to this House on the 7th August last, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Graves, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Murray, Mr. T. Smith, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
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6. MR. MALONEY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government requesting that, in view of the expense Mrs. Synnott has been put to owing to the false swearing of three constables and others (the said constables having in consequence been dismissed from the police force), and of her inability to obtain the amount of such expenditure from the insolvent estate of her husband, he will be pleased, as an act of justice, to place on the Additional Estimates the amount of her taxed costs, viz., £497 18s. 10d.
7. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all departmental documents connected with the alleged retaining in the Railway service of the State of certain railway engine-drivers who were drunk while in charge of trains, as sworn to by Mr. Bailes in his evidence before the Railway Inquiry Board; the names, services, and particulars of the misconduct of these engine-drivers whom Mr. Bailes swore that, when Member of Parliament for Sandhurst, he had assisted in retaining in the public service; and also a return showing whether these men are still in the service of the Government.
8. MR. PRENDERGAST : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of mortgages registered in the mallee.
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14. MR. PRENDERGAST : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. All the mining leases throughout the colony upon which the labour conditions are not being fulfilled.
 2. All the mining leases throughout the colony upon which the Department has allowed suspension of labour conditions, with reasons therefor.
 3. Number of lease, name of lessee and district to be given in each instance.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 40.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 41.

Income Tax Rate Bill—[94].

Moolap Land Leasing Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood.
(To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 89.

Electoral Districts Boundaries Amendment Bill—[117].

Instruments Act 1890 further Amendment Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

Mildura Irrigation Trusts Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

SITTING OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER TAKES THE CHAIR ON—

FRIDAY

At half-past ten o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 90.

FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1895.

Questions.

1. MR. O'NEILL: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will allow gangers or line repairers to purchase on deferred payments gatehouses for which rent is now being charged by the Department.
2. MR. ZOZ: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. If his attention has been called to a handbill issued by the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia with the view to induce the public to insure with that institution.
 2. Has the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia complied with the provisions of sections 338 and 339 of the *Companies Act 1890*, Part III., relating to companies commencing new life assurance business within Victoria.
 3. If not, will he take steps to enforce the penalties provided under the 361st section for every day a company makes default in complying with the requirements of the Act.
 4. Has he any objection to state a special case for the opinion of the Full Court on the question whether in registering the Mutual Benefit Society of Australasia as a friendly society the Registrar of Friendly Societies has not exceeded his powers under the existing law as contended by the Assistant Government Statist in his report on the society recently presented to Parliament by the Honorable the Chief Secretary.
3. MR. LANGDON: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether his attention has been directed to the action of various licensing benches in refusing to grant licences to vigneron and others to sell colonial wine; if so, does he consider, in view of the policy adopted to encourage the growth of the vine and manufacture of wine, such procedure is judicious, and will he cause inquiries to be made as to the cause of such refusals.
- *4. MR. GRAY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if, in the event of vacancies occurring in the permanent-way branch, the claims of casual hands who have been employed for years in the branch will be first considered, seeing that these men are thoroughly trained for the work.
- *5. MR. A. W. H. WHITE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if, in view of the divergent estimates of the wheat yield issued by the leading journals, he will cause the official estimate to be issued early in January, so that grain growers throughout the colony may have some reliable data to guide them.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
- *3. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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28. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROGERS: To move, That the Government no longer possesses the confidence of this House.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH JANUARY, 1896.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
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4. HOMES' PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
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9. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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23. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY.

General Business.

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

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 42.

Moolap Land Leasing Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood.
(To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 90.

Echuca Show Grounds Bill—[113]. (To Members only.)

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill—[119].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 91.

TUESDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1896.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER BILL—Second reading.
2. JUMBUNNA AND OUTTRIM RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1895 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
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22. INTERSTATES' ESTATES BILL—Second reading. . . .
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General Business.

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23. **COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**—Second reading.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 92.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1896.

Questions.

1. **MR. McLEOD** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if steps are being taken to prevent the netting of fish in the River Glenelg at and near its mouth ; and, if not, will he cause stringent measures for that purpose to be put in force as soon as possible.
2. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether the Government intends to grant any subsidy towards the establishment of small wineries in country districts ; if so, upon what basis is it intended to do so.
3. **MR. BRAKE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
 1. If it is a fact that great hardships are experienced and that great dissatisfaction exists amongst ratepayers in the Wimmera and other Water Trust districts with regard to the provisions of the *Water Act* 1890.
 2. Considering the extreme urgency of the matter, will the Honorable the Minister introduce a Bill to amend the *Water Act* 1890 before the close of the Session, so as to remedy some of the evils complained of.
4. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if the Government intends to supply seed wheat to farmers for the coming season ; if so, upon what basis is it intended to distribute the same.
5. **MR. GRAY** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will, this Session, introduce a Bill to provide for the improvement of the River Yarra, so that work may be provided before the next winter.
6. **MR. HANCOCK** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. What are the necessary qualifications for a newspaper to possess to entitle it to a share of the Government advertisements.
 2. Has the *Melbourne Evening News* had the necessary qualifications, or has an exception been made in the case of that newspaper.
 3. Is the proprietor of a newspaper possessing the privilege of securing a portion of the Government advertisements in the same position as other Government contractors, viz., compelled to pay the minimum rate of wage to his employes.
7. **MR. KENNEDY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he will, early next Session, introduce a Bill making the registration of brands and ear-marks on stock compulsory.
8. **MR. PRENDERGAST** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health—
 1. If he will take steps to cause periodical analyses to be made of food, so as to protect consumers against vendors of adulterated substances.
 2. If he will take steps to have frequent analyses made of beer, wines, and spirits, in order to protect the users of these beverages.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. ISAAC A. ISAACS** : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Companies Act* 1890.
2. **MR. H. R. WILLIAMS** : To move, That the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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TUESDAY, 21st JANUARY.

Question.

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WEDNESDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
4. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
5. FREE GARDENERS OF AUSTRALASIA LAND BILL—Second reading.
6. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
7. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
8. ELECTORAL LAW REVISION—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary ; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64 ; and on the following amendment:—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—"it is desirable that some scheme be brought forward by the Government for the reduction of the number of Members, so far as practicable."
9. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE MALLEE—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.
12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
13. POLICE RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.
17. AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL—Second reading.

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MEEINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 21st January.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 22nd January.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 41 and 42.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 43.
 Australasian Federation Enabling Bill—[111]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Report of the Select Committee on Usurious Money Lenders; together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices. D 3.

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 Appropriation Bill.—Amendment to be proposed in Committee of Supply by Mr. Levien. (To Members only.)
 Victorian Railways Trust Bill—
 Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Gray. (To Members only.)
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 Finance, 1894-5.—The Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1895, &c. A.—No. 1.
 Dairy Produce and other Bonuses.—Return to an Order of the House. C.—No. 6.
 Report from the Select Committee upon Municipal Endowment Distribution; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence. D.—No. 2.
 Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the proposed Railway from Glenrowen to Edi; together with the Appendices and Minutes of Evidence. Report No. 3.
 Thirty-first Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines. No. 78.
 Marine Act 1890.—Regulations for the Examination of Masters and Mates for Certificates of Competency. No. 85.
 Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1895. No. 89.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 93.

THURSDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1896.

Government Business:

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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FRIDAY, 17TH JANUARY.

Questions.

1. **SIR JOHN MCINTYRE** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
1. If it is a fact that the village settlers in the Bairnsdale district are receiving monetary aid up to £40, whilst those in the immediate vicinity of Sale are only allowed £15.
 2. On what principle is the Honorable the Minister differentiating monetary aid to the village settlers generally.
2. **MR. McLEOD** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
1. If it is a fact that the village settlers on the Condah Village Settlement, and also the local unemployed, are refused work on the Condah drainage works, whilst Melbourne unemployed hands are being sent up to the works.
 2. If so, will the Honorable the Minister make arrangements whereby village settlers shall be given work on the drainage, and after them the local unemployed have a preference over labour from other districts of the colony.
3. **MR. DUGGAN** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if a witness subpoenaed to a police or county court can be compelled to give his evidence unless his expenses be paid first on demand.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS, ISSUED 15TH JANUARY, 1896.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 43.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 44.

Jumbunna and Outtrim Railway Construction Act 1895 Amendment Bill—[109]. (To Members of Council only.)

Licensing Act Amendment Bill—[119]. (To Members of Council only.)

Australasian Federation Enabling Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. C. Sargeant. (To Members of Council only.)

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Companies Bill—[115].

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1894—

Part V.—Finance, &c. No. 61.

Part VI.—Vital Statistics, &c. No. 62.

Accounts of the Melbourne Harbor Trust for the six months ended 30th June, 1895. No. 86.

Report of the Council of Judges under section 33 of the Supreme Court Act 1890. No. 93.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 94.

TUESDAY, 21st JANUARY, 1896.

Questions.

1. **SIR JOHN McINTYRE** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. If it is a fact that the village settlers in the Bairnsdale district are receiving monetary aid up to £40, whilst those in the immediate vicinity of Sale are only allowed £15.
 2. On what principle is the Honorable the Minister differentiating monetary aid to the village settlers generally.
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3. **MR. DUGGAN** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if a witness subpoenaed to a police or county court can be compelled to give his evidence unless his expenses be paid first on demand.
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 1. How much fusel oil was imported in December last.
 2. To whom was it consigned.
 3. Was delivery of any stopped by the Customs Department; if so, how much, and to whom was it consigned.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. **INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—**To be considered.
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15. MR. ROGERS : To move, That the Government no longer possesses the confidence of this House.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JANUARY.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 16TH JANUARY, 1896.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 94.

Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the proposed Railway from Shelbourne to Cousens' Corner; together with Appendices and Minutes of Evidence. Report No. 4.

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 1. Why the allowance hitherto paid to station-masters for doing postal work has been discontinued.
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 1. When the results of the examinations of the Technical Schools and Schools of Mines will be published.
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Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. FOSTER:** To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the making and levying of rates within an Urban District under the *Water Act 1890*.
2. **MR. BEST:** To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize advances to municipalities for the purchase of wire netting.

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 2. All the mining leases throughout the colony upon which the Department has allowed suspension of labour conditions, with reasons therefor.
 3. Number of lease, name of lessee and district to be given in each instance.
15. **MR. ROGERS :** To move, That the Government no longer possesses the confidence of this House.

TUESDAY, 28TH JANUARY.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—To be further considered in Committee.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 22nd January.

STATE MONOPOLY IN MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 16TH JANUARY, 1896.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 44.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 45.

Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. G. Davis.
(To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 92, 93, and 94.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 95.

Division in Committee of the Whole. No. 24.

Railways Bill 1896.—Amendments to be proposed by Mr. G. Turner. (To Members only.)

Victorian Railways Trust Bill.—Further Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Fink. (To Members only.)

Companies Act 1890 further Amendment Bill (No. 3).—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Fink. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 96.

THURSDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1896.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
2. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL.—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—To be considered in Committee.
3. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. WIDTH OF TIRES BILL—Second reading.
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Question.

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TUESDAY, 28TH JANUARY.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—To be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 29TH JANUARY.

General Business.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

3. **CAPTAIN KENNEY**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
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- Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
4. **HOMES PROTECTION BILL**—Second reading.
5. **FREE GARDENERS OF AUSTRALASIA LAND BILL**—Second reading.
6. **NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
7. **EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
8. **ELECTORAL LAW REVISION**—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64; and on the following amendment:—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—"it is desirable that some scheme be brought forward by the Government for the reduction of the number of Members, so far as practicable."
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23. **COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 28th January.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 22ND JANUARY, 1896.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 45.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 46.

Instruments Act 1890 further Amendment Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council—How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Mallee Lands Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council—How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 96.

Trade Unions.—Ninth Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Assistant Government Statist in connexion with—Report for the year 1894, with an Appendix. No. 88.

Agricultural Education—

Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st July, 1894, to 31st December, 1894. No. 77.

Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st January, 1895, to 30th June, 1895. No. 90.

SITTING OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER WILL TAKE THE CHAIR ON—

FRIDAY

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At half-past ten o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 97.

FRIDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 1896

Questions.

1. MR. GRAY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if he has any objection to give the House the following information :—
 1. The number of men and boys respectively employed in the St. Kilda Cemetery for the five years ending 31st December, 1895.
 2. The wages paid respectively to men and boys during that period.
 3. Have the Trustees of the St. Kilda Cemetery, during the last five years, sent to the Governor in Council or to the Board of Health, as directed by sections 31 to 34 of Act No. 1072, a statement of all moneys received and expended, and a statement as to the condition of the cemetery and suggestions as to alterations.
- *2. MR. MCGREGOR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether, with a view to arrest the depopulation of the colony owing to the exodus of our male population, he will have a sum placed upon the Supplementary Estimates to reward prospectors who may discover a new gold-field in Victoria.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

- *1. MR. ISAAC A. ISAACS : To move, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders be requested to consider the question of preparing a Standing Order to provide that where in any Session of Parliament any Bill shall have passed its Second Reading in the Legislative Assembly, but shall not have been finally disposed of at the close of the Session, such Bill shall not necessarily lapse by prorogation, but may in the next Session of the same Parliament be restored to any stage it had reached in the previous Session.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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23. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
24. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

- *1. MR. FINK : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Land Acts with regard to the granting of leases and licences.

Notifications to which an asterisk () is prefixed appear for the first time.*

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TUESDAY, 28TH JANUARY.

Questions.

- *1. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Premier if any person who, through temporary absence from the colony, is unable to send in his Income Tax Schedule by the 3rd prox., will be subject to penalty for not having done so.
- *2. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will request the Railways Commissioners to allow an interchange of return tickets as between Flinders-street and the railway stations at South Melbourne and Montague.
- *3. MR. COOK : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
1. By whom and upon whose nomination were the Church of England deaconesses appointed as visitors to the Women's Prison at Coburg.
 2. By whom was the present Church of England chaplain nominated.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

- *1. MR. MCCOLL : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The number of shipments of fusel oil landed in the colony since 31st December, 1886
 2. The dates of arrival.
 3. The ships in which they were conveyed.
 4. The quantity in each shipment.
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23. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

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

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 28th January.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 23RD JANUARY, 1896.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 47.

Sugar Beet Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. G. Davis. (To Members of Council only.)

Vegetation Diseases Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. J. H. Connor. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 97.

Water Bill—[120].

Railways Bill 1896.—New clause to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Outtrim. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 98.

TUESDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1896.

Questions.

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Government Business.

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 3. Number of lease, name of lessee and district to be given in each instance.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.

4. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
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 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 28th January.

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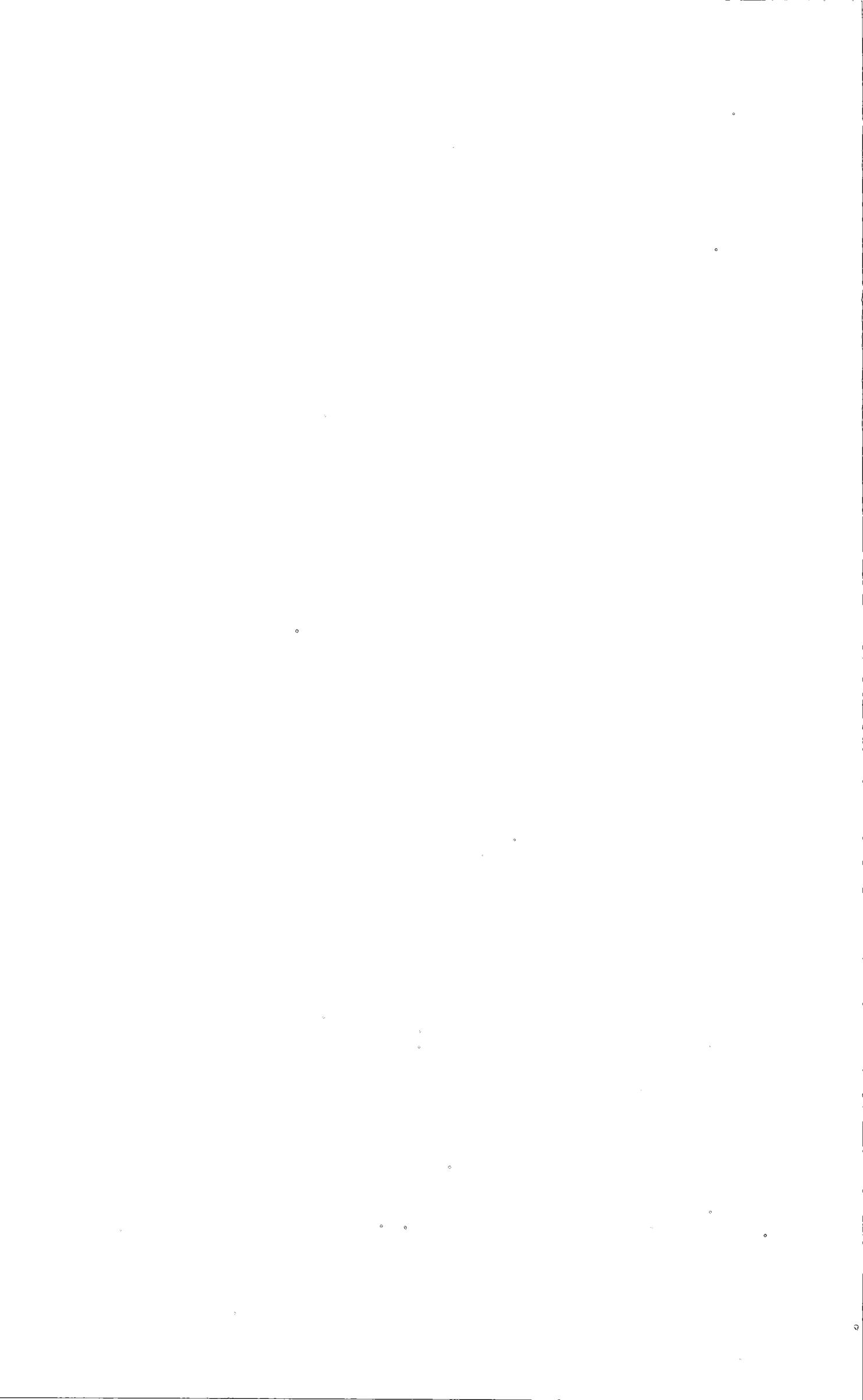
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 99.

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Government Business.

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23. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 30TH JANUARY.

General Business.

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W. V. ROBINSON,
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 100.

THURSDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1896.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 4th February.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH JANUARY, 1896.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 48.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 100.

First Report from the Select Committee upon Standing Orders. D.—No. 5.

SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER TAKES THE CHAIR ON—

TUESDAY	At half-past four o'clock.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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3. INSTRUMENTS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
4. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. INTERSTATES' ESTATES' BILL—Second reading.
6. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACTUARY'S BILL—Second reading.
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 2. All the mining leases throughout the colony upon which the Department has allowed suspension of labour conditions, with reasons therefor.
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W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 4th February.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 31ST JANUARY, 1896.

Australasian Federation Enabling Bill—[111]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 102.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 103.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Questions.

1. **MR. MADDEN** : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. Will the Government this Session take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Municipal Endowment Distribution.
 2. Will the Government give effect to the finding of such Select Committee.
2. **MR. CRAVEN** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 1. If the bridge recently built over the River Murray at Talgarno at the joint expense of the colonies of New South Wales and Victoria was constructed for much less than the estimated cost.
 2. If so, will the Minister state how much was saved by Victoria, and will he spend such saving in constructing the necessary approaches upon the Victorian side.
3. **MR. DOWNWARD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will cause the papers in connexion with Mr. Develin (late inspector, now ganger) to be laid on the table of the Library.
4. **MR. JOHN A. ISAACS** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Whether the Government have any objection to place the police on the same footing as other public servants in respect of leave of absence and holidays.
 2. Whether they have any objection to permit the police to wear uniforms of serge instead of the heavier cloth they are now compelled to wear.
5. **MR. T. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. If it is a fact, as stated in certain newspapers, that agents' commission for rents collected cannot, in assessing the income tax, be allowed as exemption to the landlord, who in such case would thus be paying on sums he has never received.
 2. If agents are in receipt of over £200 per annum, are they to pay the tax on the commission on which the landlord has already been taxed.
 3. Under what section of the *Income Tax Act 1895* is this (alleged) power given of charging income tax twice over.
6. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
 1. Whether he will see that the water diverted out of the Loddon River into the Kinypaniel Creek is fairly and equitably distributed among the various Trusts and people interested.
 2. How many weeks' supply is now conserved by the Laanecoorie Weir.
7. **MR. MCCOLL** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if he will include in the Bill to amend the *Income Tax Act 1895*, which he has promised to introduce next Session, a provision that calls paid to *bonâ fide* mining companies shall, on proof being given of their having been paid, be allowed as a set-off against income, no matter from what source derived.
8. **MR. COOK** : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is a fact that the present Comptroller was appointed by the Commissioners of Savings Banks to the position when over 70 years of age; and, if so, why was the age limit exceeded in this particular case.
9. **MR. MCCOLL** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply—
 1. If it is a fact that the channel conveying water from the Loddon to Bullock Creek is being continually obstructed, and the water which by Order in Council should be sent down Bullock Creek is being persistently and illegally diverted.
 2. Will the Minister make inquiry to find out by whom this is being done.
 3. Will the Minister take prompt steps to punish the offenders, and to see that the regulation quantity of water is sent down the Bullock Creek.
10. **MR. LANGDON** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether he has considered the urgent necessity of securing wheat suitable for seed now lying at outlying stations before the whole is disposed of and sent away; if not, will he at once do so, in order that the cost of any additional cartage may be saved by the State and the farmers requiring seed in those districts.

11. MR. STERRY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether it is his intention to introduce a Mines Act Amendment Bill, which will have for its object the improvement of the condition of the working miners of the colony ; and, if so, will he introduce such a Bill early next Session.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. PRENDERGAST : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The names of post offices in Victoria let by tender to private individuals.
 2. The amount of tender in each instance.
 3. The number of hands employed by the tenderer in each case and by the Department, before the tender was let.
 4. The amount of money disbursed in each case as wages by contractor.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not expedient to construct a line of railway from Glenrowen to Edi.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY—To be further considered in Committee.
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4. FEDERATION OF AUSTRALASIA ENABLING BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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8. ECHUCA AGRICULTURAL SHOW GROUNDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
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13. GIPPSLAND WEST AND MORNINGTON (RECTIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES) BILL—Second reading.
14. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—To be further considered in Committee.
16. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1889, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
4. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
5. FREE GARDENERS OF AUSTRALASIA LAND BILL—Second reading.
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THURSDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 50.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 51.

Marine Bill 1896—[15]. (To Members of Council only.)

Water Bill 1896—[120]. (To Members of Council only.)

Federation of Australasia Enabling Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Council only.)

Trusts Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Sale of Goods Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Book Debts Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 99, 100, 101, and 102.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 103.

Federation of Australasia Enabling Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council (To Members only.)

Mallee Lands Bill.—Amendment made by the Legislative Council and still insisted on. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 104.

THURSDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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16. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—To be further considered in Committee.
17. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY.

Questions.

1. MR. CRAVEN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 1. If the bridge recently built over the River Murray at Talgarno at the joint expense of the colonies of New South Wales and Victoria was constructed for much less than the estimated cost.
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 3. Under what section of the *Income Tax Act 1895* is this (alleged) power given of charging income tax twice over.

3. **MR. LONGMORE :** To ask the Honorable the Premier what the Government intend to do with reference to a new metropolitan cemetery, and whether they intend to choose a site for one during the recess.
4. **MR. DUGGAN :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will take the necessary steps to indicate the boundaries of State forests, by having trees on such boundaries blazed and painted in the same manner as is observed in connexion with the survey of railway lines, and cause to be furnished locally such plans as may be necessary for woodcutters to determine in the meantime such boundaries.
5. **MR. CHIRNSIDE :** To ask the Honorable the Premier whether he will bring in a Bill, next Session, to enable municipal councils to collect rates from all tenants of the Metropolitan Board of Works, as requested by the deputation from the Municipal Conference which waited upon him in May, 1895.
6. **MR. BENNETT :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if he has received any replies from the local bodies in reference to the improvements for the prevention of floods in the River Yarra since the interview where he submitted certain proposals; if not, will the Government consider the advisability of at once bringing in legislation compelling the local bodies to contribute to the said work.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. GURR :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount received by the Railway Department this season—
 1. For wool carried from the Western District to Melbourne.
 2. For wool carried from the Western District to Geelong.
 3. For wool carried from Geelong to Melbourne, Port Melbourne, and Williamstown respectively.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER TAKES THE CHAIR ON—

TUESDAY	At half-past four o'clock.
WEDNESDAY	At half-past three o'clock.
THURSDAY	At two o'clock.
FRIDAY	At half-past ten o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 105.

FRIDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Questions.

1. MR. CRAVEN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 1. If the bridge recently built over the River Murray at Talgarno at the joint expense of the colonies of New South Wales and Victoria was constructed for much less than the estimated cost.
 2. If so, will the Minister state how much was saved by Victoria, and will he spend such saving in constructing the necessary approaches upon the Victorian side.
2. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. If it is a fact, as stated in certain newspapers, that agents' commission for rents collected cannot, in assessing the income tax, be allowed as exemption to the landlord, who in such case would thus be paying on sums he has never received.
 2. If agents are in receipt of over £200 per annum, are they to pay the tax on the commission on which the landlord has already been taxed.
 3. Under what section of the *Income Tax Act 1895* is this (alleged) power given of charging income tax twice over.
3. MR. LONGMORE : To ask the Honorable the Premier what the Government intend to do with reference to a new metropolitan cemetery, and whether they intend to choose a site for one during the recess.
4. MR. DUGGAN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will take the necessary steps to indicate the boundaries of State forests, by having trees on such boundaries blazed and painted in the same manner as is observed in connexion with the survey of railway lines, and cause to be furnished locally such plans as may be necessary for woodcutters to determine in the meantime such boundaries.
5. MR. CHIRNSIDE : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether he will bring in a Bill, next Session, to enable municipal councils to collect rates from all tenants of the Metropolitan Board of Works, as requested by the deputation from the Municipal Conference which waited upon him in May, 1895.
6. MR. BENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if he has received any replies from the local bodies in reference to the improvements for the prevention of floods in the River Yarra since the interview where he submitted certain proposals ; if not, will the Government consider the advisability of at once bringing in legislation compelling the local bodies to contribute to the said work.
- *7. MR. HAMILTON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs—
 1. Have any cotton blankets been passed through the Customs House since the new Tariff came into force.
 2. Are they properly marked in accordance with the Act.
 3. If not, will the Honorable the Commissioner see that they are so marked.
- *8. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs whether he has power to set apart inland lakes for the purpose of protecting native game ; if so, will he cause Little Lake Boort to be reserved and set apart, in order that native game visiting that lake may be allowed to remain in undisturbed possession all the year round.
- *9. MR. MCCAY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 1. Is he aware that a number of electoral registrars are under the mistaken impression that new electors' rights issued since 1st December, 1895, and prior to 1st June, 1896, are in force only till 1st December, 1896 ; whereas they will really continue in force till 1st December, 1899.
 2. Will he notify electoral registrars throughout the colony that 1st December, 1899, is the true date to which the rights will remain in force.
 3. Will he take steps to inform the holders of electors' rights issued prior to 3rd December, 1895, that they must all renew their rights this year, and that they can do so forthwith, and need not wait till after 1st June next.

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- *10. MR. BENNETT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what wages he intends paying per day for unskilled labour on the proposed works at Flinders-street and regrading works.
- *11. MR. WEBB : To ask the Honorable the Premier if it is true that the present Agent-General has intimated to the Government his desire to return to the colony ; and, if so, is it intended to make another appointment.
- *12. MR. KIRTON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey whether it is a fact that a very large amount of overtime is being worked by the officers of the Lands Department, and that no less than 2,500 hours were worked last month ; if so, will he give officers who are required to do this extra work an equivalent for it.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. GURR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount received by the Railway Department this season—
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 2. For wool carried from the Western District to Geelong.
 3. For wool carried from Geelong to Melbourne, Port Melbourne, and Williamstown respectively.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WAYS AND MEANS—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MALLEE LANDS BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
3. SALE OF GOODS BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
4. ECHUCA AGRICULTURAL SHOW GROUNDS SALE BILL—Second reading.
5. THEATRES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. GIPPSLAND WEST AND MORNINGTON (RECTIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES) BILL—Second reading.
7. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
8. STREET BETTING SUPPRESSION BILL—Second reading.
9. FEDERATION OF AUSTRALASIA ENABLING BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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General Business.

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Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

- *1. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY.

General Business.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 106.

TUESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Questions.

1. **MR. MCCOLL:** To ask the Honorable the Premier, in connexion with the Income Tax—
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3. **MR. PRENDERGAST:** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. If he will state how many contracts have been let for track cutting during the last six months.
 2. Have the minimum rate of wage and maximum hours of labour clauses been inserted in each contract.
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 1. If it is true, as stated in one of the morning papers, that the Chief Secretary refused permission to work overtime to Messrs. Bedggood and Company, and that they were informed that the application was refused on the ground that labour Members had not waited on him.
 2. If it is true that such permission was subsequently given to another firm on the representations of labour Members.
5. **MR. HAMILTON:** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General—
 1. What amount of work was given to the firm of Wagner and Co. during the years 1894-5.
 2. Why was the work given to this firm.
 3. Is it a fact that there are enough commutators in stock at the General Post Office to last for the next nine or ten years.
 4. Is it a fact that through the action of the electrical foreman the pneumatic tube service cost £1,400 more than the contract price.
 5. Who received the bulk of the overtime money when alterations were being made at the Telephone Exchange.
6. **MR. O'NEILL:** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if it is a fact that telegraphic money orders cannot be sent to New Zealand the same as to all the other colonies, and, if so, why.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. MCCAY:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the gross amounts paid to Schools of Mines and Technical Schools throughout Victoria under the following headings:—
 1. (a) Capitation Grant, 1894; (b) Examination Grant, 1894; (c) Deferred Capitation Grant, 1894; (d) Merit Grant, 1894.
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8. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—To be further considered in Committee.
10. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY.

General Business.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 107.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Questions.

1. **MR. ROGERS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture what steps the Government will take in the recess to assist the wine industry by bonuses or otherwise.
2. **MR. OUTTRIM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has any objection to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the report of the officers who have lately examined the country from Birchip to Minapre.
3. **MR. HIGGINS** : To ask the Honorable the Premier whether it is intended to take proper proceedings shortly to test the rulings of the Commissioner of Income Tax—
 1. That the capital amount of a legacy received in any year is to be treated as income of that year.
 2. That private manufacturers are not to be allowed to make a deduction for depreciation or for wear and tear, although companies are so allowed.
4. **MR. GRAHAM** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if it is true that the 8th of February was the day fixed by him before which applications for seed wheat should be sent in ; and, if so, will he cause the date to be extended to the end of the present month.
5. **MR. MCKENZIE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether it is the intention of the Railways Commissioners to refuse to issue half-fare tickets in the future to representatives of the Press when engaged on Press business, but who find it necessary to add to their incomes from other sources ; and, if so, will job-printing exclude them from the privilege.
6. **MR. PRENDERGAST** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will issue instructions to officers in his Department to refund all percentage deductions made in salaries below £100, and take steps to prevent such deductions taking place in the future.
7. **MR. BEAZLEY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will take steps to remedy the anomalies that existed in the payment of increments last year in the Railway Department, whereby officers in one branch of the Department received the smallest rate of increment—in some cases as low as £2 10s. per annum—whilst in other branches the maximum of £12 10s. was paid.
8. **MR. PRENDERGAST** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. Have employes of the Lands Department been called upon to work on Sundays in the distribution of seed wheat to applicants.
 2. Is it a fact that 23,433 hours' overtime have been worked by 70 clerks in the Department during last year.
 3. Does he intend to take steps to increase the staff, so as to avoid the evident congestion of work which has apparently been caused by undermanning.
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 1. Does he intend to disregard Mr. Cother's claims for appointment as Veterinary Inspector under the Board of Public Health.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VEGETATION DISEASES BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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8. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 3)—To be further considered in Committee.
9. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 7TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

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

Post Office Act 1890 Amendment Bill—[39]. (To Members of Council only.)

Railways Bill—[103]. (To Members of Council only.)

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Sugar Beet Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood in substitution for those previously issued. (To Members of Council only.)

Street Betting Suppression Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—D 4. (To Members of Council only.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 108.

THURSDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the construction of a line of railway from Rupanyup to Marnoo be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the question of selecting a locality for the permanent survey of a narrow-gauge line of railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS TRUST BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
2. SEED BILL—Second reading.
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10. FEDERATION OF AUSTRALASIA REPRESENTATIVES BILL—Second reading.
11. SUGAR BEET BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
12. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
 2. NUNAWADING LAND EXCHANGE BILL—Second reading.
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FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

Questions.

1. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. What firms are allowed to collect "paid on charges" from the Railway Department.
 2. Is he aware that persons sending consignments have frequently to pay twice.
 3. Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the working of the practice.
 2. MR. IRVINE : To ask the Honorable the Premier—
 1. Is he in the position to inform the House when the long-delayed Report of the Water Commission will be presented.
 2. Whether, in view of the important questions awaiting that Report for settlement, the Government will take any steps to have the Report presented at an early date.
 3. MR. CHIERNSIDE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will take action to have the Bathurst burr destroyed on land belonging to the Railway Department.
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WEDNESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 55.

Land Bill—[122]. (To Members of Council only.)

Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill—

Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. Sir A. Snowden. (To Members of Council only.)

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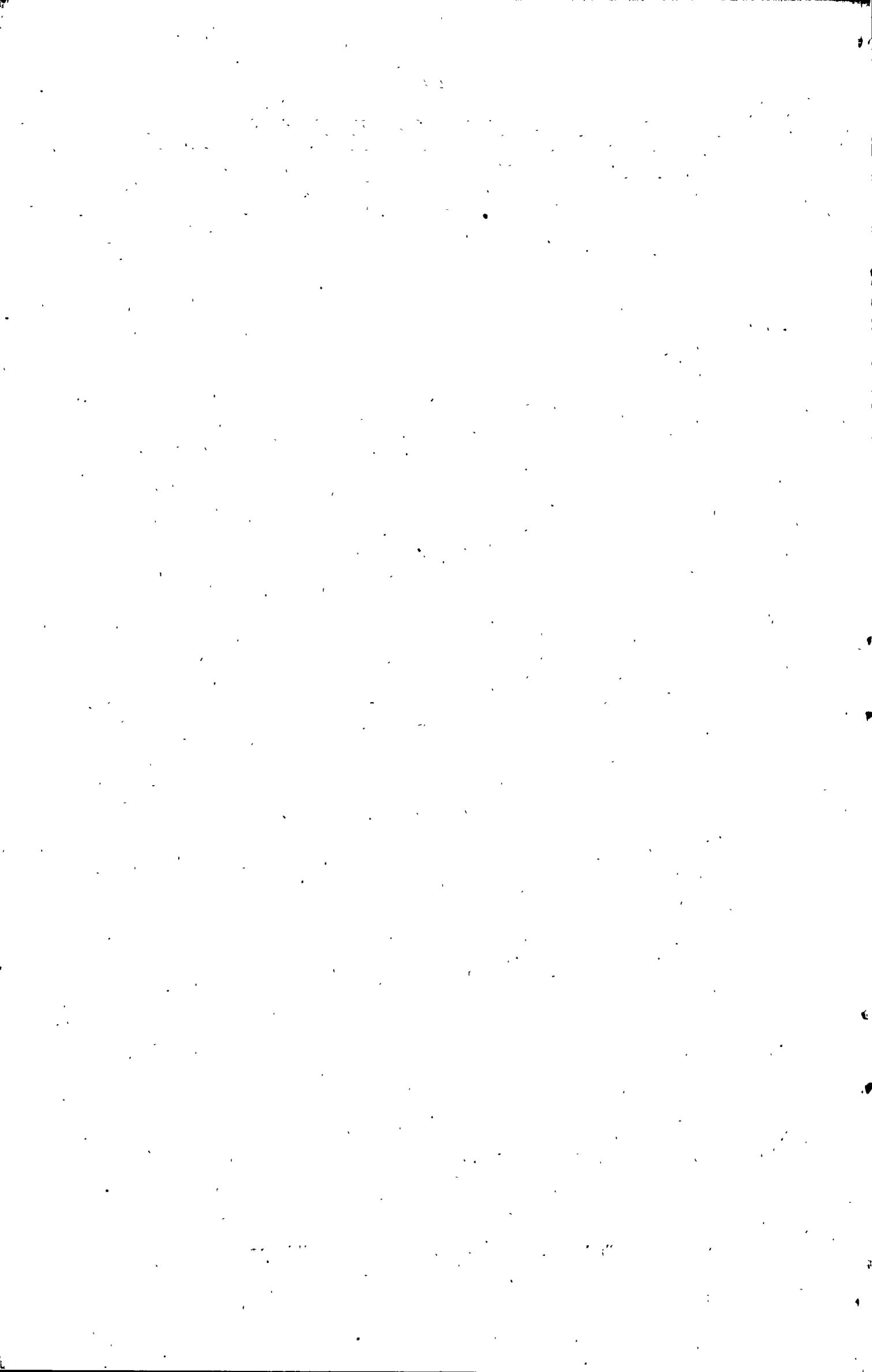
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 108.

Federal Representatives Bill—[124].

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SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER TAKES THE CHAIR ON—

TUESDAY	At half-past four o'clock.
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THURSDAY	At two o'clock.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 109.

FRIDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Questions.

1. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. What firms are allowed to collect "paid on charges" from the Railway Department.
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Government Business.

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1. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—Consideration of Report.
2. SEED BILL—Third reading.
3. SUGAR BEET BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
4. FEDERATION OF AUSTRALASIA REPRESENTATIVES BILL—Second reading.
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General Business.

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Report from the Select Committee upon State Monopoly in Manufacture of Tobacco; together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and an Appendix. D.—No. 4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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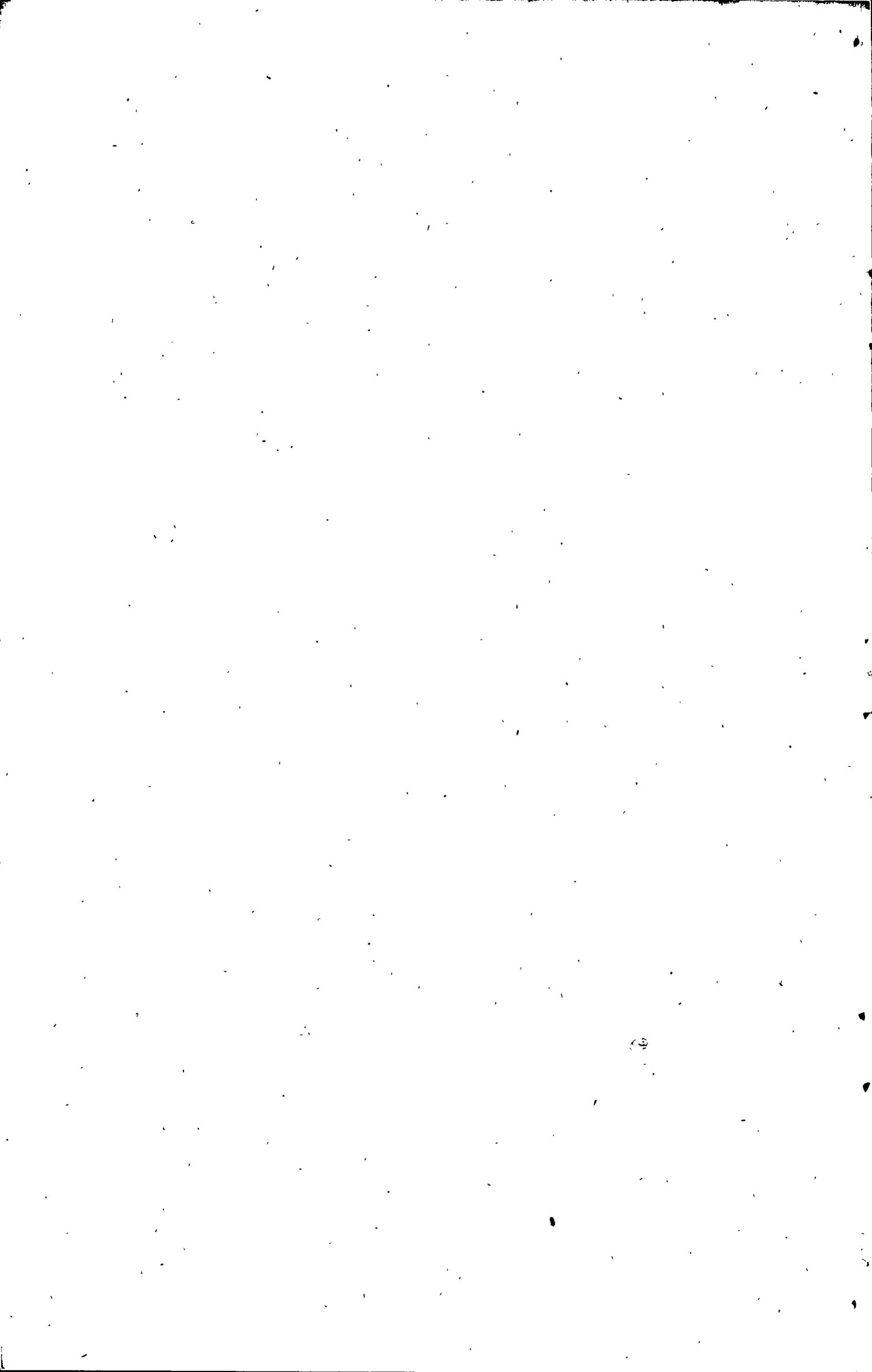
MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 18th February.

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

PARLIAMENTARY PAPER ISSUED 14TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 110.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 111.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Questions.

1. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if the money consideration of £8,000, provided under Act No. 1003, has been paid to the City of Melbourne Corporation for the old Fish Market Buildings, corner of Swanston-street; and in whose possession are these buildings now.
2. MR. GRAHAM: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if, in view of the failure of the flax crops generally this season, he will allow all applicants for bonuses whose crops have failed and who had applied in the proper form, to re-sow the same amount of land during the ensuing season, and pay the bonus on the result of the next crop.
3. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will state how much the Government paid for the past year (pay and allowances) to the seconded officers from the Imperial service doing duty with our colonial Defence Forces.
4. MR. T. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether the police have received instructions to take no proceedings against certain societies for violating the law in respect to art unions; if not, why has the law not been put in force against certain offenders.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. BURTON: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names, ages, and positions of members of the police force who are retained in the service being above the prescribed age for retirement (fifty-five).

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WIDTH OF TIRES BILL—Consideration of Report.
2. WAGES ATTACHMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate*.
3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE REPORT—To be considered.
4. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.
5. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. BOORT LAND BILL—Second reading.
2. NUNAWADING LAND EXCHANGE BILL—Second reading.
3. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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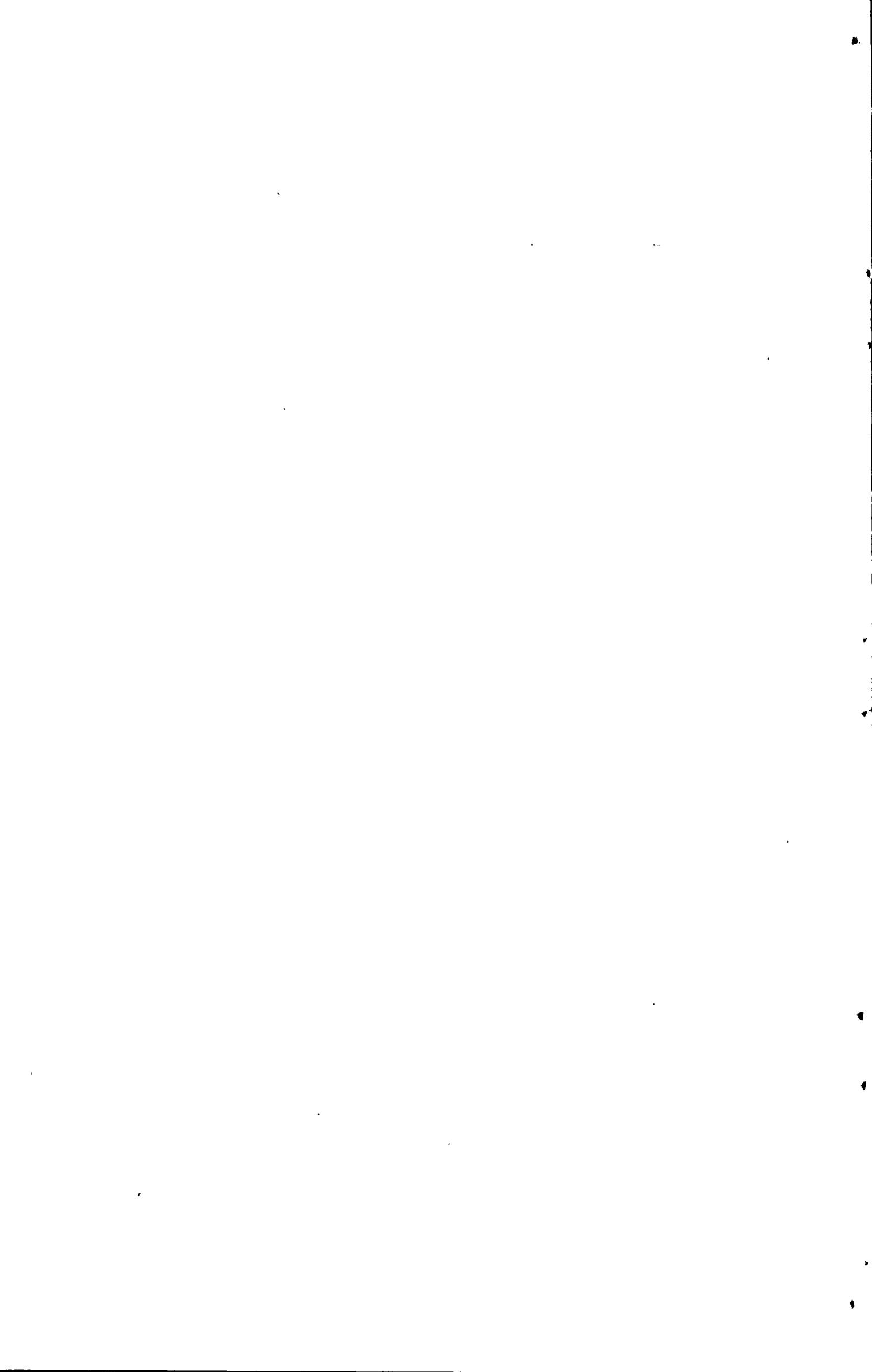
Thursday, 20th February.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 14TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 57.
 Factories and Shops Bill—[1]. (To Members of Council only.)
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 Federal Representatives Bill—[124]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Seed Advances Bill—[125]. (To Members of Council only.)
 Federation of Australasia Enabling Bill.—Copy of Standing Order No. 273 of Legislative Assembly, &c.
 (To Members of Council only.)
 Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill—
 Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)
 New sub-clause. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 107, 108, 109, and 110.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 111.
 Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 27.
 Width of Tires Bill—[9]. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 112.

THURSDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

NOTICE OF MOTION (Unopposed) :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing how much the Government paid for the past year (pay and allowances) to the seconded officers from the Imperial service doing duty with our colonial Defence Forces, the date of engagement in each case, and period of engagement.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FEDERATION OF AUSTRALASIA ENABLING BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
2. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE REPORT—To be considered.
3. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.
4. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
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General Business.

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FRIDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.

Questions.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 20th February.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

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

Vegetation Diseases Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council—How dealt with. (To Members of Council only.)

Street Betting Suppression Bill.—Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly—How dealt with. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 112.

Federation of Australasia Enabling Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, and insisted on by the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)



SITTING OF THE HOUSE.

MR. SPEAKER WILL TAKE THE CHAIR AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 113.

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.
2. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

- *1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.

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General Business.

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Boort Land Bill—[59]. (To Members of Council only.)

Nunawading Lands Exchange Bill—[100]. (To Members of Council only.)

Australasian Federation Enabling Bill—[126]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 113.

Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 114.

TUESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

Questions.

1. MR. DUFFUS : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. If it is true that up to the present, no action has been taken this year to cope with the rabbit pest on Crown lands.
 2. If, in view of the energetic action that is now being taken by private landholders throughout the colony for the destruction of rabbits, the Honorable the Minister will cause prompt and effective measures to be adopted for the destruction of rabbits on all Crown lands, so that private lands shall not be invaded by State-bred rabbits.
2. MR. STYLES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. If, in the distribution of increments last year in his Department, the Audit branch averaged only £4 17s. 6d. each, whilst in the Secretary's and other branches the average was £12 10s.
 2. If this inequality did exist, will he see that for the future the officers of the branch referred to receive their increments at the same average rate as other officers of the service.
3. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will make inquiry among the Mining Inspectors and others interested in the mining industry as to the advisability of adding to the Regulations for Mines one compelling companies to have a lantern and light inside cages during the time that shifts are being changed, so that miners may see clearly when the cage is opposite the flat.
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5. MR. HAMILTON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will state—
 1. The date of the appointment of Mr. Labertouche, late Secretary for Railways.
 2. The date when his services were dispensed with, and the date when he rejoined the service.
 3. Does he now receive a pension, and, if so, what is the annual amount.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAYS BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be further considered.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
3. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.
4. COMPANIES ACT 1892 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY.

General Business.

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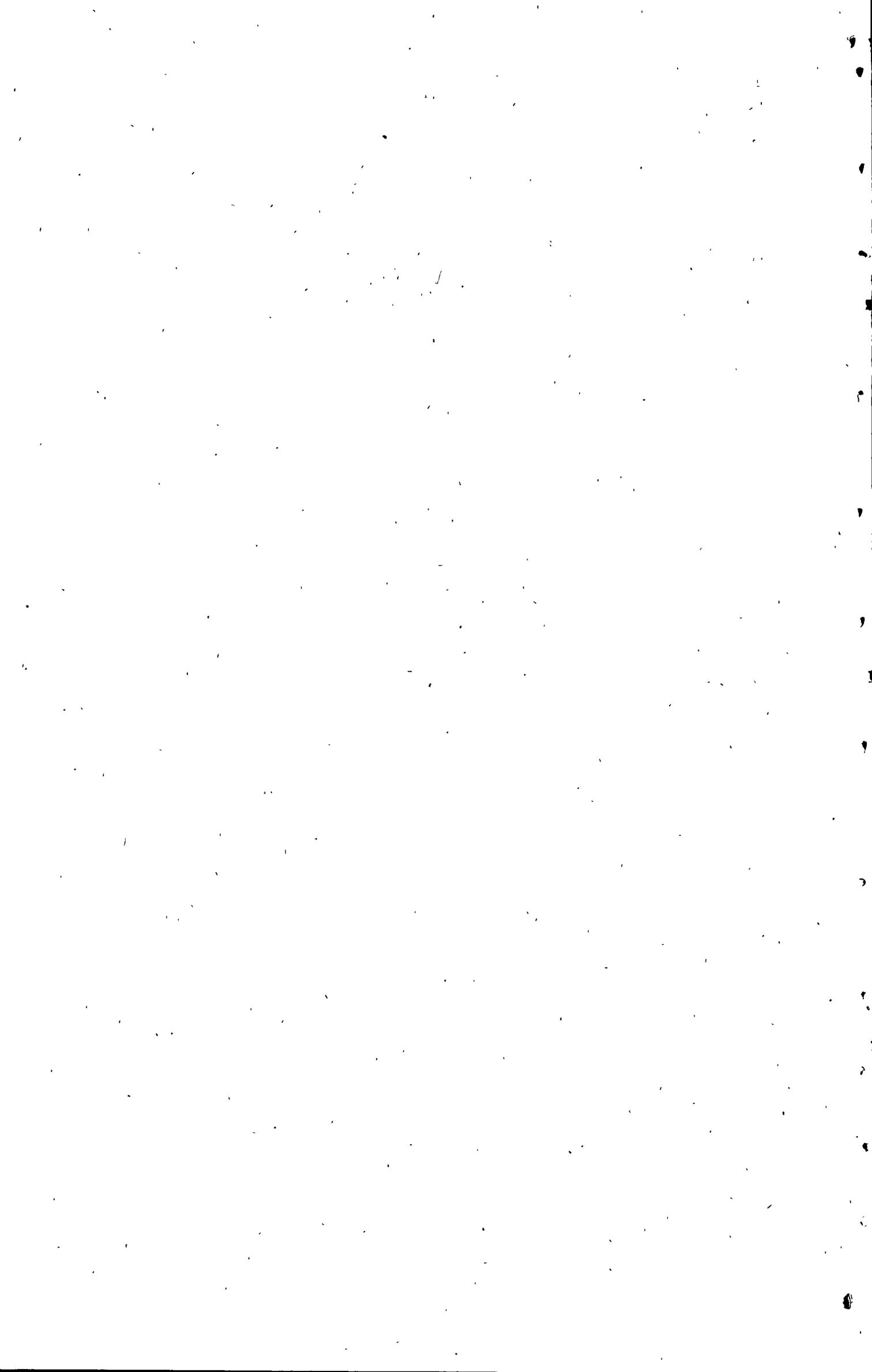
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Income Tax Act 1895.—Regulations.—Schedule amended. Order in Council. No. 95.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 115.

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Government Business.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 27th February.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

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Divisions in Committee of the Whole. No. 28.

Factories and Shops Bill—[1]. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Companies Act 1890.—Summary of Statements for the year 1892 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance business in Victoria. A.—No. 2.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 116.

THURSDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1896.

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4. MR. MURPHY : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Honorable the Premier should communicate with the Premiers of the Australian colonies with a view to having intercolonial free-trade established between the colonies.
5. MR. MALONEY : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government requesting that, in view of the expense Mrs. Synnott has been put to owing to the false swearing of three constables and others (the said constables having in consequence been dismissed from the police force), and of her inability to obtain the amount of such expenditure from the insolvent estate of her husband, he will be pleased, as an act of justice, to place on the Additional Estimates the amount of her taxed costs, viz., £497 18s. 10d.
6. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all departmental documents connected with the alleged retaining in the Railway service of the State of certain railway engine-drivers who were drunk while in charge of trains, as sworn to by Mr. Bailes in his evidence before the Railway Inquiry Board; the names, services, and particulars of the misconduct of these engine-drivers whom Mr. Bailes swore that, when Member of Parliament for Sandhurst, he had assisted in retaining in the public service; and also a return showing whether these men are still in the service of the Government.
7. MR. PRENDERGAST : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of mortgages registered in the mallee.
 2. The aggregate amount of mortgages.
 3. The average amount of each mortgage.
 4. The names of all mortgagees registered for over 300 acres, specifying whether in occupation or not.
8. MR. GRAVES : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend certain sections of the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*.
9. MR. MALONEY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to Restrict security to the Mortgaged Property.
10. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of selectors who have been removed from their selections, and the names of those to whom such selections have been transferred, either through mortgage or otherwise, in the northern plains in a line north of Bendigo, St. Arnaud, and Horsham.
11. MR. GRAY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890*.

12. MR. LONGMORE : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of graves that have been sold in the St. Kilda and Boroondara Cemeteries, and the amount received for such graves, including special charges, since the opening of such cemeteries to the present date.
13. MR. PRENDERGAST : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. All the mining leases throughout the colony upon which the labour conditions are not being fulfilled
 2. All the mining leases throughout the colony upon which the Department has allowed suspension of labour conditions, with reasons therefor.
 3. Number of lease, name of lessee and district to be given in each instance.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FIRE PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. CAPTAIN KENNEY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon—
 1. Why the Order in Council, passed on the 12th February, 1869, authorizing the issue of a lease to Captain W. Kenney, was not given effect to.
 2. To what extent, if any, the non-compliance with that Order in Council has been prejudicial to the said Captain Kenney.

Such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Murray, Mr. G. J. Turner, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
4. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
5. FREE GARDENERS OF AUSTRALASIA LAND BILL—Second reading.
6. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. ELECTORAL LAW REVISION—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That the law now regulating the election of Members to this House is unsatisfactory, and that a revision thereof is necessary ; and that a more efficient and economical representation can be effected by altering the boundaries of electorates, providing that majorities, and not minorities, shall return Members, and that the number of Members be reduced to 64 ; and on the following amendment:—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—"it is desirable that some scheme be brought forward by the Government for the reduction of the number of Members, so far as practicable."
9. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. LAND ACT 1893 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. RAILWAY EXTENSION IN THE MALLEE—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, on the question of further extension of railways in the Mallee districts, should be referred back to that body, with instructions that they make further inquiries into the urgent necessity of extending our railway system into some portions of the Mallee, in order to afford greater facilities to the settlers to get their produce to market.
12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—Second reading.
13. POLICE RETIREMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 4)—Second reading.
16. AUDIT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. TATURA WATERWORKS TRUST LAND SALE BILL—Second reading.
18. OCCUPANCY OF THE PUBLIC LANDS—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the attempts made by a few persons in the early history of this colony to secure possession of the public lands were based on misrepresentation.
 2. That immense areas of land have been secured by some of such persons by causing delays in land legislation, and by fraud, against the best interests of the country.
 3. That, while such immense areas are held by a few, our lands cannot be properly or profitably occupied, our railways cannot pay, and so they have become a heavy burden on the taxpayers.
 4. That in the best interests of the people this House should make provision that a certain area of the aforesaid lands held in large estates should be sold in the open market year by year until the country is settled.
19. RAILWAY FREIGHTS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That in the opinion of this House the railway freights charged on the carriage of goods between Melbourne and Bendigo should not exceed the rates charged on the carriage of similar goods between Melbourne and Ballarat.
20. MR. W. R. MERRY—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts concerning a deed of the 28th March, 1860, alleged to have been executed by Mr. W. R. Merry, such Committee to consist of Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Longmore, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. S. White, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.
21. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY.

Questions.

1. **MR. BAKER :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. What will be the position of selectors under the 32nd section on the expiration of their leases in relation to their improvements ; will the improvements become the property of the Crown and be absolutely lost to the lessees together with the land.
 2. In cases where 32nd section lessees have been prevented by the Mines Department, the Water Supply Department, or the Conservator of Forests from selecting out of their holding an agricultural allotment, in accordance with the Act, for a home for themselves, will the Honorable the Minister take into consideration the necessity of enabling *bonâ fide* selectors who have made considerable improvements to obtain the agricultural allotments to which they consider they are entitled.
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2. **MR. McCAY :** To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. If he has seen the report in the *Age* newspaper of 26th February last, of the case of Regina v. Frederick Robbins, heard at Warrnambool on the preceding day.
 2. If the reported statements of His Honour the presiding judge express correctly the intention of the law.
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W. V. ROBINSON,
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GRAHAM BERRY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 27th February.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 26TH FEBRUARY, 1896

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 62.

Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council—How dealt with by Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Companies Act Amendment Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Railway Loan Application Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by the Hon. C. Sargeant and the Hon. Dr. W. H. Embling. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 116.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 117.

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General Business.

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2. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 63.
Companies Bill—[115]. (To Members of Council only.)
Companies Act 1890 further Amendment Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Lieut.-Col. Sir F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 117.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 118.

TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1896.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

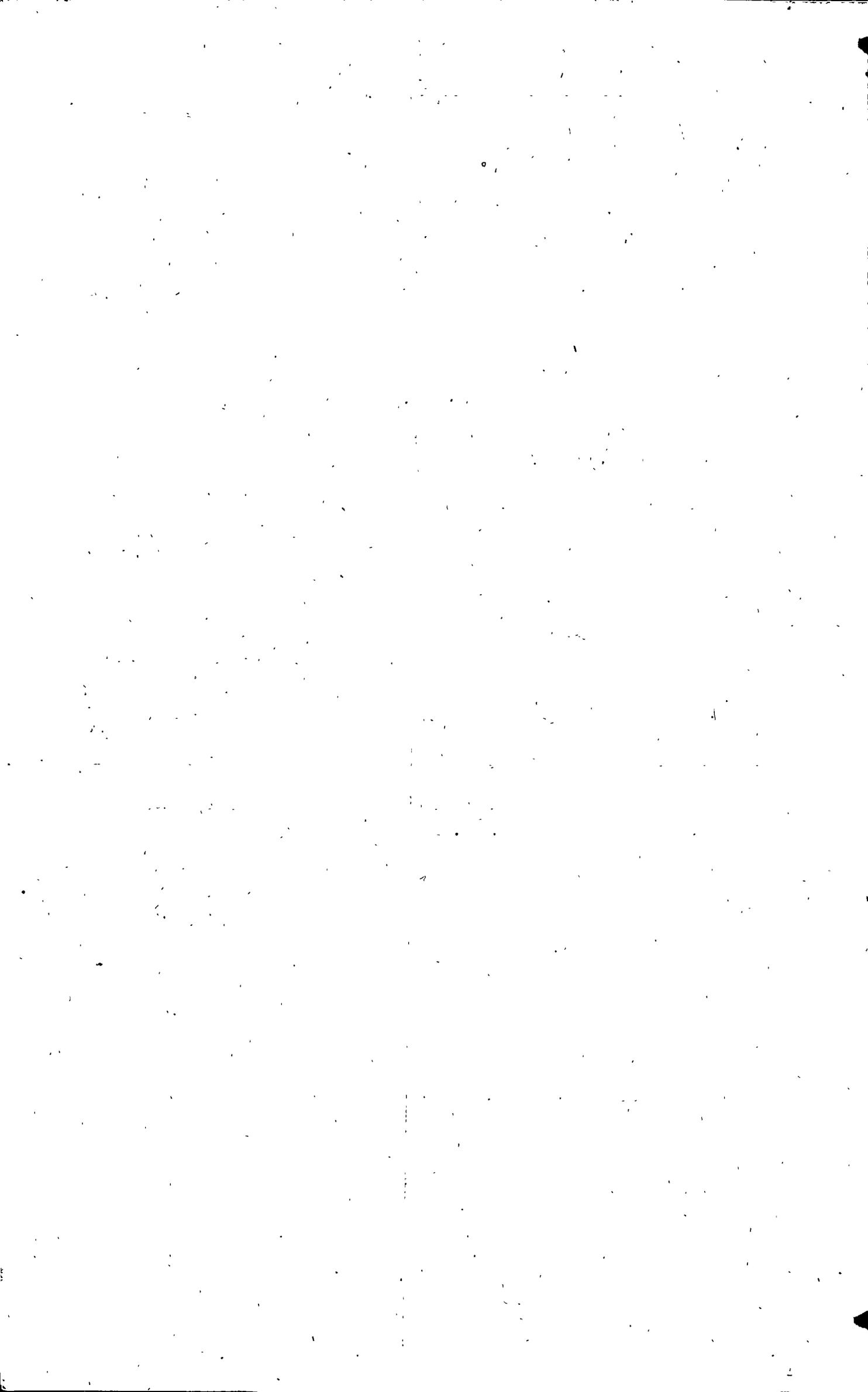
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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 64.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 119.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1896.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be further considered.
2. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 65.
Companies Bill—[115]. (To Members of Council only.)
Factories and Shops Act 1890 Amendment Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council—How dealt with. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 119.
Second Report of the Printing Committee. D.—No. 6.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 120.

THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1896.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEASING UNUSED GOVERNMENT ROADS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Deputy-Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 4TH MARCH, 1896.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 66.

Companies Act 1890 further Amendment Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council—How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 120.

Factories and Shops Bill 1896.—New clause and amended clause. (To Members only.)

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