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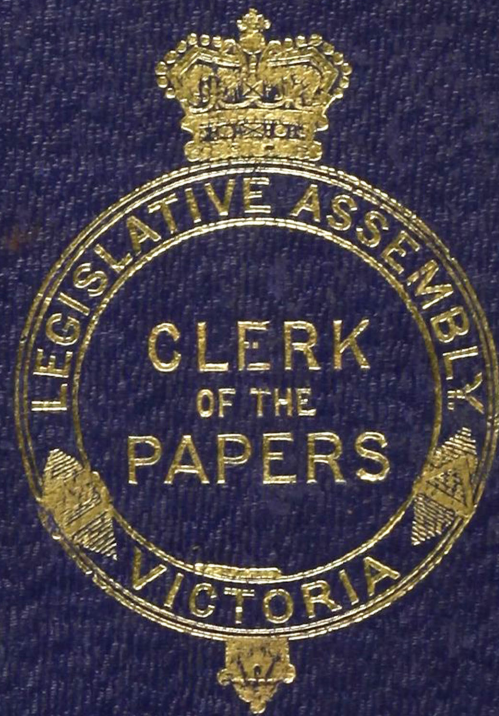


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INDUSTRIAL PEACE: Bill for furthering industrial peace and for other purposes—(*Mr. Ryan*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., 1918, p. 32.—Bill lapsed.

LAND TAX: Bill to declare the rate of land tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and eighteen—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 5 Dec., 1917, p. 14; the Council's agreement notified, 6 Dec., p. 15. (*Assented to 11 December, 1917. Act No. 2930.*)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ABOLITION: Bill to abolish the Legislative Council of the State of Victoria—(*Mr. Hannah*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., 1918, p. 31.—Bill lapsed.

MARRIAGE (VALIDATING): Bill to provide for the validation of a certain marriage—(*Mr. Wynne*).—Initiated and read a first time, 6 March, 1918, p. 54; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 22 March, p. 72.

MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS ACT 1917 REPEAL: Bill to repeal the *Melbourne General Market Lands Act 1917*—(*Mr. Cotter for Mr. Rogers*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., 1918, p. 31.—Bill lapsed.

MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT: Bill relating to municipal endowment—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 6) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 12 Feb., 1918, p. 26; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—

Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., p. 33; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 March, p. 68; the Council's agreement notified, 21 March, p. 68. (*Assented to 26 March, 1918. Act No. 2935.*)

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for public works and other purposes—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., 1918, p. 31; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 March, p. 54; the Council's agreement notified, 21 March, p. 68. (*Assented to 26 March, 1918. Act No. 2934.*)

RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION: Bill to amend Section Three of the *Railway Lands Acquisition Act 1916*—(*Mr. Wynne*).—Initiated and read a first time, 6 March, 1918, p. 54; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 March, p. 74; the Council's agreement notified, 26 March, p. 75. (*Assented to 4 April, 1918. Act No. 2941.*)

RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for railways and for other purposes—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., 1918, p. 31; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 6 March, p. 54; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 March, p. 75; the Council's agreement notified, 27 March, p. 80. (*Assented to 4 April, 1918. Act No. 2943.*)

RAILWAYS ADVANCES: Bill to apportion and extend the time for the repayments into "The Public Account" of certain moneys advanced or to be advanced under the *Railways Advances Act 1912*, the *Railways Advances Act 1914* (No. 2), and the *Railways Advances Act 1915*—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 4) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 12 Feb., 1918, p. 25; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., p. 32; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 March, p. 74; the Council's agreement notified, 26 March, p. 75. (*Assented to 4 April, 1918. Act No. 2940.*)

RAILWAYS: Bill relating to the generation use and supply of electricity by the Victorian Railways Commissioners—(*Mr. Wynne*).—Initiated and read a first time, 6 March, 1918, p. 54; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 March, p. 74; the Council's agreement notified, 27 March, p. 80. (*Assented to 4 April, 1918. Act No. 2942.*)

REAL PROPERTY ACT 1915 AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Real Property Act 1915'*"—(*Mr. Wynne for Mr. Bayles*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 6 March, 1918, p. 51.—Bill lapsed.

SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION: Bill to provide for the inspection of scaffolding and for other purposes—(*Mr. Elmslie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., 1918, p. 31.—Bill lapsed.

SECOND-HAND DEALERS: Bill to regulate the sale and purchase of goods by second-hand dealers—(*Mr. Wynne*).—Initiated and read a first time, 4 Dec., 1917, p. 9.—Bill lapsed.

STATE PRODUCE AGENCY: Bill for the establishment and regulation of a State produce agency and for purposes incidental thereto—(*Mr. Bailey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., 1918, p. 31.—Bill lapsed.

VICTORIAN LOAN: Bill to authorize the raising of money for irrigation works and water supply works and for drainage and flood protection works in country districts and for works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for public works and other purposes—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 2) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 12 Feb., 1918, p. 25; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., p. 32; read a second time and

passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 March, p. 53; the Council's agreement notified, 21 March, p. 67. (*Assented to 26 March, 1918. Act No. 2933.*)

WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for irrigation works water supply works drainage and flood protection works in country districts and for works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., 1918, p. 31; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 6 March, p. 54; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired 21 March, p. 68; the Council's agreement notified, 21 March, p. 69. (*Assented to 26 March, 1918. Act No. 2936.*)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: Bill to amend the *Weights and Measures Act 1915* and for other purposes—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Feb., 1918, p. 32.—Bill lapsed.

SESSION 1917-18.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

FIRST SESSION (29TH NOVEMBER, 1917, TO 27TH MARCH, 1918).

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Allan, John, Esquire	Rodney ..	10,351	3,701	3,436	7,137	2,665	4,016	69·06	68·83	68·94
Angus, The Honorable Henry ¹ ..	Gunbower ..	8,354	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Bailey, Henry Stephen, Esquire ..	Port Fairy ..	7,802	2,782	2,501	5,283	3,517	..	67·58	67·85	67·71
Baird, Major The Honorable Matthew ² ..	Ballaarat West ..	10,139	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Barnes, The Honorable Samuel ³ ..	Walhalla ..	6,343	1,604	1,093	2,697	1,776	..	48·04	39·09	42·52
Bayles, Norman, Esquire ⁴ ..	Toorak ..	23,718	3,336	6,063	9,399	5,756	..	33·99	41·96	39·62
Boardmore, Henry, Esquire ..	Benambra ..	6,711	2,022	1,415	3,437	1,626	2,100	54·88	46·74	51·21
Billson, The Honorable Alfred Arthur ..	Ovens ..	5,988	1,832	1,696	3,528	1,580	2,022	61·02	56·79	58·91
Billson, The Honorable John William ..	Fitzroy ..	14,122	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Bowser, The Honorable John ⁵ ..	Wangaratta ..	7,719	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Cain, John, Esquire ..	Jika Jika ..	30,242	7,945	8,727	16,672	7,654	8,199	56·05	54·34	55·12
Cameron, Allan Francois, Esquire ..	Dalhousie ..	7,186	2,564	2,804	5,368	1,888	2,708	73·00	76·31	74·70
Cameron, The Honorable James ..	Gippsland East ..	6,379	2,184	1,581	3,765	1,925	..	59·21	58·75	59·02
Campbell, The Honorable Hugh John Munro ⁶ ..	Glenelg ..	9,145	3,056	2,991	6,047	2,478	2,992	65·17	66·96	66·07
Carlisle, The Honorable John Joseph ⁷ ..	Benalla ..	7,928	2,619	2,401	5,020	2,688	..	63·87	62·72	63·31
Clough, Luke James, Esquire ..	Bendigo East ..	8,763	2,513	3,263	5,776	3,112	..	64·33	67·18	65·91
Cotter, Edmund John, Esquire ..	Richmond ..	16,990	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Deany, James Davidson, Esquire ..	Warrnambool ..	9,077	2,755	2,908	5,663	3,849	..	61·04	63·71	62·38
Downward, The Honorable Alfred ⁸ ..	Mornington ..	14,845	3,525	2,749	6,274	3,373	..	44·45	39·60	42·27
Elmslie, The Honorable George Alexander ..	Albert Park ..	20,885	4,726	6,224	10,950	6,039	..	50·48	54·01	52·42
Everard, William Hugh, Esquire ..	Evelyn ..	10,712	2,658	2,229	4,887	2,047	2,398	49·20	41·97	45·62
Farthing, Alfred Alexander, Esquire ..	East Melbourne ..	11,772	2,325	3,249	5,574	1,854	3,157	44·85	49·30	47·34
Gibson, David Havelock, Esquire ..	Grenville ..	5,457	1,788	1,911	3,699	1,021	1,911	65·63	69·92	67·78
Gordon, John, Esquire ..	Waranga ..	7,060	2,415	2,044	4,459	2,811	..	62·87	63·49	63·15
Greenwood, Edmund Wilson, Esquire ..	Boroondara ..	39,287	7,760	10,217	17,977	7,461	11,258	45·31	46·14	45·75
Groves, Frank, Esquire ..	Dandenong ..	15,771	3,534	3,330	6,864	3,914	..	43·90	43·12	43·52
Hall, John Joseph, Esquire ⁹ ..	Kara Kara ..	6,800	2,428	2,279	4,707	2,276	..	68·52	60·97	69·22
Hannah, The Honorable Martin ¹⁰ ..	Collingwood ..	14,643	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Hogan, Edmond John, Esquire ..	Warrenheip ..	6,059	2,047	1,915	3,962	2,526	..	62·53	68·78	65·39
Hutchinson, The Honorable William ¹¹ ..	Borong ..	7,446	2,432	2,117	4,549	2,266	..	60·70	61·54	61·09
Jewell, James Roberts, Esquire ..	Brunswick ..	23,683	5,556	6,100	11,656	7,575	..	50·18	48·37	49·21
Lawson, The Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman ¹² ..	Castlemaine and Maldon ..	6,830	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed

NOTES.

The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1917; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 5 November, 1917, the "day of nomination," and in other cases 15 November, 1917, the "day of polling."

¹ The Hon. H. Angus, appointed a member of the Executive Council, 29 November, 1917; also a member of the Government without office from 29 November, 1917, to 21 March, 1918.

² Major The Hon. M. Baird, Minister of Public Instruction from 29 November, 1917, to 21 March, 1918.

³ The Hon. S. Barnes, appointed a member of the Executive Council, 18 September, 1917; also a member of the Government without office from 18 September to 29 November, 1917; Minister of Railways, a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, and Minister of Mines (without salary) from 21 March, 1918.

⁴ Mr. N. Bayles, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 20 April, 1915.

⁵ The Hon. J. Bowser, Chief Secretary (Premier), and Minister of Labour (without salary) from 29 November, 1917, to 21 March, 1918; Chief Secretary, and Minister of Public Health (without salary) from 21 March, 1918.

⁶ The Hon. H. J. M. Campbell, appointed a member of the Executive Council; also a member of the Government without office, 21 March, 1918.

⁷ The Hon. J. J. Carlisle, appointed a member of the Executive Council, 29 November, 1917; also a member of the Government without office from 29 November, 1917, to 21 March, 1918.

⁸ The Hon. A. Downward, Minister of Mines, Minister of Forests (without salary), Minister of Public Health (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 29 November, 1917, to 21 March, 1918.

⁹ Mr. J. J. Hall, unseated on recount of votes before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, 28 February, 1918; succeeded by Mr. J. W. Pennington.

¹⁰ The Hon. M. Hannah, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 6 February, 1918.

¹¹ The Hon. W. Hutchinson, Minister of Water Supply, and Minister of Agriculture (without salary) from 22 December, 1913, to 9 November, 1915; President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey from 9 November, 1915, to 29 November, 1917; Minister of Public Instruction, Minister of Forests (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 21 March, 1918.

¹² The Hon. H. S. W. Lawson, President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey from 22 December, 1913, to 9 November, 1915; Attorney-General, Solicitor-General (without salary), and Minister of Public Instruction (without salary) from 9 November, 1915, to 29 November, 1917; Attorney-General (Premier), and Minister of Labour (without salary) from 21 March, 1918.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—continued.

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Lemmon, The Honorable John ..	Williamstown ..	22,201	5,166	4,369	9,535	6,565	..	45·87	39·93	42·99
Livingston, The Honorable Thomas ¹³	Gippsland South	10,069	2,838	1,954	4,792	2,533	..	50·89	43·48	47·59
Mackey, The Honorable John Emanuel ¹⁴	Gippsland West	8,842	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Mackinnon, The Honorable Donald ..	Prahran ..	20,274	3,843	5,372	9,215	5,291	..	46·74	44·41	45·45
McDonald, James, Esquire ..	Polwarth ..	10,938	3,700	3,193	6,893	2,964	3,963	64·57	61·30	63·01
McGregor, The Honorable Robert ¹⁵ ..	Ballaarat East	10,009	2,906	4,157	7,063	3,788	..	66·18	73·92	70·56
McKenzie, Malcolm Kenneth, Esquire	Upper Goulburn	8,236	2,461	1,934	4,395	2,630	..	55·42	50·94	53·36
McLachlan, James Weir, Esquire ..	Gippsland North	8,888	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
McLennan, Duncan, Esquire ..	Barwon ..	11,693	2,863	2,900	5,763	2,171	2,780	51·66	47·14	49·28
McLeod, The Honorable Donald ¹⁶ ..	Daylesford ..	6,735	2,279	2,396	4,675	2,530	..	67·10	71·73	69·41
McPherson, The Honorable William Murray ¹⁷	Hawthorn ..	26,177	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Menzies, James, Esquire ..	Lowan ..	9,574	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Mitchell, John Davidson, Esquire ..	Goulburn Valley	8,700	2,167	1,601	3,768	2,432	..	48·20	38·07	43·31
Murphy, James Lawrence, Esquire ..	Port Melbourne	16,369	4,775	5,183	9,958	5,242	..	57·16	64·65	60·83
Oman, The Honorable David Swan ¹⁸	Hampden ..	11,568	3,358	3,121	6,479	3,889	..	56·43	55·55	56·00
Outtrim, The Honorable Alfred Richard ¹⁹	Maryborough ..	7,179	2,332	2,490	4,822	1,886	2,672	65·91	68·89	67·17
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G. ²⁰	Allandale ..	5,723	1,615	1,771	3,386	2,444	..	57·96	60·29	59·16
Pennington, John Warburton, Esquire ²¹	Kara Kara ..	6,800	2,428	2,279	4,707	2,272	..	68·52	69·97	69·22
Prendergast, The Honorable George Michael	North Melbourne	17,041	3,986	4,985	8,971	5,731	..	50·90	54·12	52·64
Purnell, Robert, Esquire ..	Geelong ..	14,243	4,219	5,600	9,819	4,868	..	65·24	72·00	68·93
Robertson, The Honorable Andrew Robert ²²	Bulla ..	11,062	3,063	2,420	5,483	2,875	..	52·64	46·14	49·56
Rogers, Alexander, Esquire ..	Melbourne ..	8,918	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Ryan, Thomas, Esquire ..	Essendon ..	28,178	7,911	9,895	17,806	9,551	..	60·52	65·49	63·19
Slater, William, Esquire ..	Dundas ..	8,391	2,431	2,407	4,838	2,182	2,364	56·24	59·15	57·65
Smith, The Honorable David ..	Bendigo West	9,450	2,544	3,205	5,749	3,344	..	56·32	64·97	60·83
Snowball, Oswald Robinson, Esquire	Brighton ..	21,689	4,486	5,930	10,416	7,442	..	47·02	48·89	48·02
Solly, Robert Henry, Esquire ²³ ..	Carlton ..	13,313	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Stewart, Percy Gerald, Esquire ..	Swan Hill ..	13,950	4,697	3,216	7,913	3,877	..	58·18	54·71	56·72
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Stawell and Ararat	9,055	2,645	2,731	5,376	3,929	..	57·65	60·91	59·37
Tunnecliffe, Thomas, Esquire ..	Eaglehawk ..	7,155	2,634	2,574	5,208	2,278	2,625	74·40	71·20	72·77
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ..	Flemington ..	22,134	5,363	5,226	10,589	7,062	..	49·93	15·86	47·84
Weaver, Isaac Job, Esquire ..	Korong ..	7,091	2,309	1,996	4,305	2,306	..	60·65	60·77	60·71
Webber, Gordon Charles, Esquire ..	Abbotsford ..	15,233	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Wynne, The Honorable Agar ²⁴ ..	St. Kilda ..	29,945	5,619	8,813	14,432	5,309	7,126	45·77	49·87	48·19

¹³ The Hon. T. Livingston, Minister of Public Instruction from 18 June, 1914, to 9 November, 1915; Minister of Mines, and Minister of Forests (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 9 November, 1915, to 29 November, 1917.

¹⁴ The Hon. J. E. Mackey, Speaker from 29 November, 1917.

¹⁵ The Hon. R. McGregor, Chairman of Committees from 5 February, 1918.

¹⁶ The Hon. D. McLeod, Chief Secretary, and Minister of Public Health (without salary) from 9 November, 1915, to 29 November, 1917.

¹⁷ The Hon. W. M. McPherson, Treasurer from 29 November, 1917.

¹⁸ The Hon. D. S. Oman, Minister of Agriculture from 29 November, 1917.

¹⁹ The Hon. A. R. Outtrim, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 20 January, 1914.

²⁰ The Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, Treasurer (Premier) from 18 June, 1914, to 29 November, 1917; Minister of Labour (without salary) from 22 December, 1913, to 10 August, 1915, and from 9 November, 1915, to 29 November, 1917.

²¹ Mr. J. W. Pennington, declared duly elected by a majority of 15 on recount of votes before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, 28 February, 1918, *vice* Mr. J. J. Hall, unseated.

²² The Hon. A. R. Robertson, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 6 February, 1918; appointed a member of the Government without office, 21 March, 1918.

²³ Mr. R. H. Solly, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 7 October, 1913.

²⁴ The Hon. A. Wynne, Attorney-General, Solicitor-General (without salary), Minister of Railways (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works from 29 November, 1917, to 21 March, 1918.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i>	The Honorable JOHN EMANUEL MACKEY.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i>	The Honorable ROBERT MCGREGOR.
<i>Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</i>	HIBBERT HENRY NEWTON, Esquire, J.P.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i>	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire.
<i>Clerk of the Papers, Clerk of Committees, and Serjeant-at-Arms</i>	JOHN MORGAN WORTHINGTON, Esquire.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

The Parliament of Victoria begun and held at the City of Melbourne on Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November, in the eighth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fifth; and in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

- 1. On which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, for the despatch of business, pursuant to Proclamation (hereinafter set forth), Hibbert Henry Newton, Esquire, J.P., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and William Robert Alexander, Esquire, Clerk-Assistant, attending in the House, the following Proclamation was read at the Table by the Clerk:—

FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation fix Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November, 1917, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

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

(L.S.)

A. L. STANLEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Several of the Members repaired to their seats.

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

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

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

Accordingly the Members of the Legislative Assembly went to the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Honour Mr. Justice Hodges said—

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

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

Then the said Letters Patent were read as follows :—

GEORGE by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India :

WHEREAS by Proclamation made the twenty-second day of November by His Excellency the Honorable Sir ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November, was fixed as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Parliament of Victoria, at Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And forasmuch as for certain causes the said Sir ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY cannot conveniently be present in person in the said Parliament at that time: NOW KNOW YE THAT WE, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved His Honour HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES, Justice of Our Supreme Court of Victoria, do give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto you the said HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES full power in Our name to begin and hold the said Session of Our said Parliament, and to do everything which for and by Us, or the said Sir ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY shall be there to be done; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it may concern to meet Our said Parliament, and to the said HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES, that he diligently attend in the premises and form aforesaid. In testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said State to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved The Honorable Sir ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
(L.S.) Governor of the said State and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c.; &c., at Melbourne, this twenty-sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

A. L. STANLEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 29, page 11, this twenty-sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

W. A. CALLAWAY.

And then His Honour Mr. Justice Hodges said—

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

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

And the Members of the Assembly being returned—

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

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

TO HENRY EDWARD AGINCOURT HODGES, Judge of Our Supreme Court in Our said State of Victoria,

GREETING :

WHEREAS by the thirty-second section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, No. 2632, it is enacted that no Member either of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly shall be

permitted to sit or vote therein respectively until he has taken and subscribed before the Governor, or some person authorized by the Governor in that behalf, the Oath set out in the Second Schedule to the aforesaid Act: Now therefore I, the Governor of the said State, do by these presents command and authorize you to proceed to the State Parliament House, in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne, on Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November instant, at Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to administer the said Oath to the several Members of the said Legislative Assembly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State, at Melbourne, in the said State, this twenty-sixth day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

A. L. STANLEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. J. PEACOCK.

Entered on Record by me, in Register of Patents, Book 29, page 12, this twenty-sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

W. A. CALLAWAY.

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

VICTORIA.

The State Governor's Office,
Melbourne, 28th November, 1917.

SIR,

I have the honour, by direction, to forward herewith sixty-four Writs* which have been returned to His Excellency the Governor with the names of the persons elected duly endorsed thereon.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. H. NEWTON, Esq., J.P.,

Clerk of the Parliaments and
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. W. MABBOTT,

Official Secretary.

* Telegram from the Returning Officer declaring poll for Electoral District of Gippsland East. The Writ has not yet been received.—F.W.M.

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

Abbotsford	...	...	Gordon Charles Webber.
Albert Park	...	...	George Alexander Elmslie.
Allandale	...	...	Sir Alexander James Peacock.
Ballaarat East	...	...	The Hon. Robert McGregor.
Ballaarat West	...	...	Matthew Baird, of Carlton-street, Ballaarat West, solicitor.
Barwon	...	...	Duncan McLennan, of High-street, Geelong West, farmer.
Benalla...	...	...	John Joseph Carlisle.
Benambra	...	...	Henry Beardmore, of Wodonga, grazier.
Bendigo East	...	...	Luke James Clough, bootmaker, Langston-street, Bendigo.
Bendigo West	...	...	David Smith.
Boroondara	...	...	Edmund Wilson Greenwood, merchant, of "Wotonga," Hislop-street, Box Hill.
Borong...	...	...	William Hutchinson, East Malvern.
Brighton	...	...	Oswald Robinson Snowball, Boxshall-street, Brighton, solicitor.
Brunswick	...	...	James Roberts Jewell.
Bulla ...	...	...	Andrew Robert Robertson.
Carlton...	...	...	Robert Henry Solly.
Castlemaine and Maldon	...	...	Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson, of Castlemaine, solicitor.
Collingwood	...	...	Martin Hannah, of McCracken-avenue, Northcote (bricklayer).
Dalhousie	...	...	Allan Francis Cameron.
Dandenong	...	...	Frank Groves.
Daylesford	...	...	Donald McLeod, of Daylesford, accountant.
Dundas...	...	...	William Slater.
Eaglehawk	...	...	Thomas Tunnecliffe, King-street, Gardiner, Victoria.
East Melbourne	...	...	Alfred Alexander Farthing.
Essendon	...	...	Thomas Ryan, of 51 Raleigh-street, Essendon.
Evelyn...	...	...	William Hugh Everard, of 133 Wellington-street, Kew.

Fitzroy...	...	...	John William Billson, of 90 Delbridge-street, North Fitzroy, bootmaker.
Flemington	...	...	Edward Coughlan Warde.
Geelong	...	...	Robert Purnell.
Gippsland North...	...	...	James Weir McLachlan, of Sale, saddler.
Gippsland South ...	...	...	Thomas Livingston, of number 126 Hambleton-street, Middle Park, Minister of Mines.
Gippsland West ...	...	...	John Emanuel Mackey, barrister, of Monomeith-avenue, Canterbury.
Glenelg	...	...	Hugh John Munro Campbell, of Portland, merchant.
Goulburn Valley...	...	...	John Davidson Mitchell.
Grenville	...	...	David Havelock Gibson.
Gunbower	...	...	Henry Angus, farmer, of Mystic Park.
Hampden	...	...	David Swan Oman, of Highton, Lismore, farmer.
Hawthorn	...	...	William Murray McPherson.
Jika Jika	...	...	John Cain.
Kara Kara	...	...	Mr. John Joseph Hall, of Kingsley-street, Elwood, general secretary.
Korong	...	...	Isaac Job Weaver, of Boort, farmer.
Lowan ...	...	...	James Menzies, of Jeparit, land-owner.
Maryborough	...	...	Alfred Richard Outtrim, of Maryborough, gentleman.
Melbourne	...	...	Alexander Rogers, of 456 Lonsdale-street, Melbourne, butcher.
Mornington	...	...	Alfred Downward.
North Melbourne	...	...	George Michael Prendergast, of Flemington-road, North Melbourne.
Ovens ...	...	...	Alfred Arthur Billson.
Polwarth	...	...	James McDonald, orchardist, Inverleigh.
Port Fairy	...	...	Henry Stephen Bailey.
Port Melbourne ...	...	...	James Lawrence Murphy, of 88 Nelson-road, South Melbourne, secretary.
Prahran	...	...	Donald Mackinnon, of Acland-street, South Yarra, barrister.
Richmond	...	...	Edmund John Cotter, of Mary-street, Richmond, cooper.
Rodney	...	...	John Allan, of Wyuna South, <i>via</i> Kyabram, farmer.
St. Kilda	...	...	Agar Wynne.
Stawell and Ararat	...	...	Richard Frederick Toutcher, of Shoobra-road, Elsternwick.
Swan Hill	...	...	Percy Gerald Stewart, of Carwarp.
Toorak ...	...	...	Norman Bayles.
Upper Goulburn ...	...	...	Malcolm Kenneth McKenzie, of Reedy Creek, grazier.
Walhalla	...	...	Samuel Barnes, ex-mine manager, Meadow-street, East St. Kilda.
Wangaratta	...	...	John Bowser, of Wangaratta, journalist.
Waranga	...	...	John Gordon, "Glencairn," Nagambie, grazier.
Warrenheip	...	...	Edmond John Hogan, of Carween, Ballan, farmer.
Warrnambool	...	...	James Davidson Deany.
Williamstown	...	...	John Lemmon, North-road, Newport, cutter.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—The Honorable G. A. Elmslie, The Honorable Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G., The Honorable R. McGregor, Major M. Baird, D. McLennan, Esq., J. J. Carlisle, Esq., H. Beardmore, Esq., L. J. Clough, Esq., E. W. Greenwood, Esq., the Honorable W. Hutchinson, O. R. Snowball, Esq., The Honorable A. R. Robertson, R. H. Solly, Esq., The Honorable H. S. W. Lawson, The Honorable M. Hannah, F. Groves, Esq., The Honorable D. McLeod, T. Tunnecliffe, Esq., A. A. Farthing, Esq., T. Ryan, Esq., W. H. Everard, Esq., The Honorable J. W. Billson, E. C. Warde, Esq., R. Purnell, Esq., J. W. McLachlan, Esq., The Honorable T. Livingston, The Honorable J. E. Mackey, H. J. M. Campbell, Esq., D. H. Gibson, Esq., H. Angus, Esq., D. S. Oman, Esq., W. M. McPherson, Esq., J. Cain, Esq., J. J. Hall, Esq., I. J. Weaver, Esq., J. Menzies, Esq., The Honorable A. R. Outtrim, A. Rogers, Esq., The Honorable A. Downward, The Honorable G. M. Prendergast, The Honorable A. A. Billson, J. McDonald, Esq., H. S. Bailey, Esq., J. L. Murphy, Esq., The Honorable D. Mackinnon, E. J. Cotter, Esq., J. Allan, Esq., The Honorable A. Wynne, R. F. Toutcher, Esq., P. G. Stewart, Esq., N. Bayles, Esq., M. K. McKenzie, Esq., The Honorable S. Barnes, The Honorable J. Bowser, J. Gordon, Esq., E. J. Hogan, Esq., J. D. Deany, Esq., and the Honorable J. Lemmon took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

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

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

And thereupon Mr. Mackey addressed himself to the House.

Then Mr. Elmslie, addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker The Honorable George Michael Prendergast, and moved, That the Honorable George Michael Prendergast do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. J. W. Billson.

Debate ensued.

The Question—That the Honorable John Emanuel Mackey do take the Chair of this House as Speaker—was put by the Clerk.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.		Noes, 14.	
Mr. Allan,	Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McGregor,	Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Major Baird,	Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Clough,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLennan,	Mr. Cotter,	
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Elmslie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McPherson,	Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,	Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,		
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Outtrim,		
Mr. Downward,	Sir Alexander Peacock,		
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Purnell,		
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Robertson,		
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Ryan,		
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Snowball,		
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Weaver,		
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Wynne.		
Mr. Hall,			
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Lawson,			
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Carlisle,		
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Toutcher.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Then Mr. Bowser, Mr. Elmslie, Sir Alexander Peacock, and Mr. Mackinnon congratulated Mr. Speaker.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Sir Alexander Peacock stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker at the Government Offices, this day, at Three o'clock.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past One o'clock.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1917.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
- 2. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had, on Thursday last, proceeded to the Government Offices, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor as the choice of the Legislative Assembly, and that His Excellency had been pleased to address him in the following terms :—

Mr. SPEAKER,

It is with much pleasure that I congratulate you upon your election to the high and distinguished office of Speaker, and I have every confidence that you will fulfil the duties of that honorable position in a worthy and dignified manner.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th November, 1917.

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

Mr. SPEAKER,

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

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

- 4. WRIT.—The Clerk announced that he had received from the Official Secretary to His Excellency the Governor a Writ, issued under the hand of His Excellency, for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, and that by the return indorsed on the said Writ it appeared that the following gentleman was duly elected for the district set opposite his name, viz. :—

Gippsland East James Cameron.

- 5. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor the following Commission, which he read :—

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

To the Honorable JOHN EMANUEL MACKEY, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria,

GREETING :

WHEREAS by the thirty-second section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, No. 2632, it is enacted that no Member either of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly shall be permitted to sit or vote therein respectively until he has taken and subscribed before the Governor, or some person authorized by the Governor in that behalf, the Oath set out in the Second Schedule to the aforesaid Act : Now therefore I, the Governor aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you from time to time, in the State Parliament House, in the Carlton Gardens, in

the City of Melbourne, to administer the said Oath to such Members of the said Legislative Assembly as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said Legislative Assembly.

(L.S.) Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State, at Melbourne, in the said State this thirtieth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

A. L. STANLEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN BOWSER.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 29, page 13, this thirtieth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

W. A. CALLAWAY.

6. MEMBERS SWORN.—The Honorable D. Smith, J. R. Jewell, Esq., A. F. Cameron, Esq., and J. D. Mitchell, Esq., took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
7. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The following Warrant, appointing "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications," was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:—

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to the provisions of the three hundred and forty-sixth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I do hereby appoint—

The Honorable James Cameron,
Hugh John Munro Campbell, Esquire,
The Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson,
The Honorable Donald Mackinnon,
The Honorable George Michael Prendergast,
Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, and
Edward Coughlan Warde, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this fourth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

8. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
- Companies Act 1915.—Summary of Statements for the year 1916 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.
- Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.—Part VIII.—
- Statement showing the names of the Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Council.
- Statement of Appointment in the Department of the Legislative Assembly.
- Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1917.
- Friendly Societies—Thirty-ninth Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1916, to which are appended Valuations of Societies, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.
- Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of Sydney Leslie Vernon Smith from the Fifth to the Fourth Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.
- Public Works Loan Application Act 1911.—Balance-sheets and Statements of Accounts of the undermentioned Cool Stores; together with the Reports of the Managing Officers on the Operations of the Stores, for the financial year 1916-17:—
- Burwood East Fruit Cool Store.
Diamond Creek Fruit Cool Store.
Victoria Dock Cool Stores.
- River Murray Waters Act 1915.—Report of the River Murray Commission for the period 31st January, 1917, to 30th June, 1917.
- Trade Unions—Thirty-first Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1916, with an Appendix.
9. BALANCE-SHEETS OF COMMERCIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE STATE.—Mr. McPherson moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House the balance-sheets, as at 30th June, 1917, of Commercial and Other Activities of the State, and certified as correct by the Auditor-General.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. PAPER.—Mr. McPherson presented—
- Balance-sheets of Commercial and Other Activities of the State.—Return to the foregoing Order.
- Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

11. **SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.**—Mr. Wynne obtained leave, with Mr. Bowser, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to regulate the Sale and Purchase of Goods by Second-hand Dealers* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. **COMMITTEES OF SUPPLY AND WAYS AND MEANS.—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed forthwith.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
13. **SUPPLY.**—Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
14. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
15. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. McPherson, and the same was read :—

1917.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1917-18

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1917-18, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 3rd December, 1917.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I avail myself of the earliest opportunity, after the return of the writs for the recent general elections, of having your advice and assistance in certain matters of importance.

For this year the requisite provision for the Public Service remains still to be made, and, in view of this pressing need, I have felt it my duty to summon Parliament for the despatch of public business as soon as possible after the elections had taken place.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates of Expenditure for the year will be laid before you, and they will, I trust, receive your immediate and careful consideration.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

It is deemed by My Advisers desirable that this Session of Parliament should be principally occupied in making due provision for the services of the year.

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

State Government House,
Melbourne, 4th December, 1917.

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Debate ensued.

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

And, after debate—

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

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

Ordered—That the debate take precedence of all other business except Supply and Ways and Means.

18. **SERVICES OF THE HONORABLE SIR FRANK MADDEN.**—Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the distinguished service rendered to it by Sir Frank Madden, Kt., as its Speaker from 1904 to 1917, and its acknowledgment of the dignity, courtesy, and impartiality which characterized his long and honorable occupancy of that high office.
And Mr. Speaker and other Honorable Members having addressed the House in support of the motion—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
19. **ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.**—Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That the Honorable Member for Toorak, Mr. Norman Bayles, act as Chairman of Committees for this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
20. **SUPPLY.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—
Mr. McPherson moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bayles reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Bayles also reported that in Committee of Supply he had ruled that under Standing Order No. 78g no Member other than the Minister in charge can speak more than twice, nor more than thirty minutes on the first occasion, and fifteen minutes on the second occasion, and that this rule applied to the debate then taking place. With his concurrence the Committee now desired to ask the Speaker's opinion upon that ruling.
And, after debate—
Mr. Speaker said—"In reference to the point which has been raised, the first part of the Standing Order provides that—
In Committee of the House, except as hereinafter provided, no Member other than a Member in charge of a Bill or motion, or Minister in charge of an Estimate, shall speak more than twice on any one question, nor more than thirty minutes on the first occasion, and fifteen minutes on the second occasion.
It is quite true, as the Honorable Member for Williamstown points out, that what is before the Committee is 'an Estimate,' and the Minister has spoken on it. If it is regarded as 'an Estimate,' the Minister in charge can speak as often and as long as he pleases, but other Honorable Members can speak for only half-an-hour on the first occasion, and a quarter of an hour on the second occasion. With regard to the interpretation of the words 'the Financial Statement,' they are synonymous with 'the Budget' and 'the Budget Statement.' Of course there may be a Financial Statement apart from the Budget if the finances of the State are the subject of the speech, but 'the Financial Statement' is the Budget Statement. Reference has been made to the list of votes which has been circulated amongst Honorable Members. That list is not, strictly speaking, before the Committee. It is merely circulated for the benefit of Honorable Members. It is not a Schedule to a Bill; and, as a matter of fact, there is no Bill before the Committee. The only matter before the Committee is the question—'That the sum of £1,350,897 be granted to His Majesty.' On that the Treasurer has made 'a Financial Statement,' but it is not 'the Financial Statement' referred to in the second part of the Standing Order."
21. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bayles reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
22. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
Ways and Means—To be considered in Committee.
23. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Four o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1917.

- 1 The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MEMBER SWORN.—The Honorable J. Cameron took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
- 3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Mr. Elmslie moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the Session be granted to Gordon Charles Webber, Esq., the Honorable Member for Abbotsford, and William Slater, Esq., the Honorable Member for Dundas.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Country Roads Act 1915.—Fourth Annual Report of the Country Roads Board.
Indeterminate Sentences (Crimes Act 1915).—Annual Report of the Indeterminate Sentences Board for the year ended 30th June, 1917.
5. ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That the Honorable Member for Toorak, Mr. Norman Bayles, act as Chairman of Committees for this day.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Hall moved, as an amendment, That the words "Honorable Member for Toorak, Mr. Norman Bayles" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "Member for Collingwood, the Honorable Martin Hannah."
And, after debate—
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deany,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bayles,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Farthing.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Hall,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Rogers.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Honorable Member for Toorak, Mr. Norman Bayles, act as Chairman of Committees for this day—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bayles having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Bayles also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,350,897 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1917–18, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	192
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,615
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	144
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	302
5. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	144
6. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	212
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	653
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,779
9. " " Pensions, &c.	3,404
10. " " Grants	1,425
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	741
12. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	724
13. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	333
14. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	645
15. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	115
16. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	50
17. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	199
18. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	535
19. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	678
20. Mercantile Marine—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	115
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	458
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	579
23. Training Ship—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,058
24. Agent-General—Staff and Office	917
25. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,167
26. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,374
27. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	58,312
28. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	28,905
29. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	9,784
30. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	59,400
31. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,005
32. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	468
33. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,787
34. Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	172,182
35. " Pensions, &c.	116
36. " Works and Buildings	6,332
37. " Endowments and Grants	14,850
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	10,670
40. " " Pensions, &c.	35
41. " " Ordinary Expenditure	2,250
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	7,556
43. " " Ordinary Expenditure	2,750
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,852
45. " Transport, &c.	750
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure	750
47. " Allowances to Railway Department	1,334
48. " Grants	28,747
49. " Pensions, &c.	187
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	10,000
52. Taxation Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,531
53. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,527
54. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	193
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	605
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,540
57. " " Exceptional Expenditure	158
58. " " Advertising	440
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,751
60. Intelligence and Labour Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	2,078
61. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	100
62. " " Grants	500
63. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,704

Division No.	£
64. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	4,448
65. Works and Buildings	300
66. " " Exceptional Expenditure	100
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	7,789
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	12,228
69. " " Shipbuilding	5,000
70. " " Exceptional Expenditure	200
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	17,190
72. " " Road Works and Bridges	1,000
74. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,914
75. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	8,290
77. " Exceptional Expenditure	800
78. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,837
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	19,500
81. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,624
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	10,342
84. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,916
85. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,469
86. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	10,472
87. " Commonwealth Services (Non-recurring)	167
88. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	681,112
89. " Pensions	3,698
90. " Railway Construction Branch	992
91. State Coal Mine	45,802
Total	£1,350,897

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

8. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Mr. McPherson moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bayles having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Bayles also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1917–18 the sum of £1,350,897 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

10. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and fifty thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

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

11. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bayles having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Bayles also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

12. WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX.—Mr. Bayles reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

Resolved—That, subject to the Land Tax Acts, there shall in the case of each owner of land be charged, levied, collected, and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the Consolidated Revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, a duty of land tax upon land for every pound sterling of the unimproved value thereof at such rate as is hereinafter set forth (that is to say) :—

Where the unimproved value or total unimproved value of all land or lands of any owner exceeds Two hundred and fifty pounds the rate of tax payable thereon for the said year shall be : On every pound sterling of its unimproved value, One half-penny.

Provided that the minimum amount of land tax payable in the said year by any taxpayer assessed shall be Two shillings and sixpence.

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

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

13. LAND TAX BILL.—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the Year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and eighteen* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

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

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

Address in Reply to the Governor's Speech—Motion for—Resumption of debate (to take precedence of all o'her business except Supply and Ways and Means).
Second-hand Dealers Bill—Second reading.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 5th February next, at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Bowser moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Seven o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

And, after debate—

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1917.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Bowser presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 - Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1916—
 - Part V.—Municipal Statistics.
 - Part VI.—Vital Statistics, &c.
 - Part VII.—Accumulation.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Explosives Act 1915.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives to the Honorable the Chief Secretary on the Working of the Explosives Act during the year 1916.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and fifty thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th December, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th December, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—

That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws, adopted by this House on the 22nd June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Assembly to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of the Honorables J. D. Brown, F. G. Clarke, E. J. Crooke, J. P. Jones, Walter S. Manifold, and A. Robinson, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; five to be the quorum.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th December, 1917.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 5th February next, at Four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifty-seven minutes past Seven o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 5th February next.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
- 2. REPRESENTATION OF EAGLEHAWK—PETITION.—Mr. Speaker laid before the House the following Petition that had been presented to him on Saturday, 22nd December last:—

To the Honorable John Emanuel Mackey, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria.

The Humble Petition of WILLIAM CALDWELL HILL, of Colbinabbin, in the State of Victoria, farmer,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

- 1. That your Petitioner was a duly qualified and nominated candidate at the election of one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria for the Electoral District of Eaglehawk, held on the fifteenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
- 2. That at such election Thomas Tunnecliffe, of Gardiner, bootmaker, and Thomas Hicks, of Eaglehawk, miner, and your Petitioner were candidates, and as a result of the said election the said Thomas Tunnecliffe was, by the Returning Officer of the said Electoral District, declared elected by a majority of votes, and was returned as the Member for the said Electoral District of Eaglehawk.
- 3. That the said Thomas Hicks was next on the poll, and your Petitioner was next on the poll to the said Thomas Hicks.
- 4. That at such election divers persons to a number exceeding five who were not entitled so to do voted thereat.
- 5. That at such election divers other persons to a number exceeding ten applied on polling day for and were supplied with postal ballot-papers and were permitted to record their votes by means of such postal ballot-papers. Such postal ballot-papers were not delivered to such applicants respectively or posted to them respectively at the postal addresses (if any) named in the applications respectively; and your Petitioner claims that such postal ballot-papers were illegally issued and should not have been allowed to be used.
- 6. That at such election one Mary Lenten, of Mt. Korong-road, California Gully, Bendigo, who was lawfully entitled to vote thereat and was desirous of voting for your Petitioner, and who lawfully demanded a ballot-paper to enable her to vote thereat, was unlawfully refused such ballot-paper, and was not permitted to and did not record her vote thereat.
- 7. That at such election certain ballot-papers to the number of at least two had not written on the back thereof the initials of the Returning Officer or deputy, as prescribed by section 247 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*.
- 8. That your Petitioner received the fewest first preference votes, and was declared to be a defeated candidate, and was so defeated by fifteen votes.

9. That your Petitioner claims that had the persons referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 not been allowed to vote your Petitioner would not have received the fewest first preference votes, and would not have then been declared a defeated candidate, and your Petitioner believes that on a count of the second preference votes to which your Petitioner would then have been entitled he would have been declared duly elected as Member for the said Electoral District.

10. Your Petitioner therefore claims that the said Thomas Tunnecliffe was not duly elected as Member for the said district, and that your Petitioner was entitled to be duly elected as such Member, and should be so declared duly elected.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays :

That you will be pleased to communicate the matter of this Petition to the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in order that the same may be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications of your Honorable House.

And also prays :

That the said Thomas Tunnecliffe be declared not duly elected for the said Electoral District of Eaglehawk.

That the election of the said Thomas Tunnecliffe be declared void.

That your Petitioner may be declared duly elected for the said district.

That the return may be amended accordingly.

That votes improperly recorded and/or admitted may be cancelled.

That the said Mary Lenten may be allowed to vote.

That, if necessary, a new election may be had, and that your Petitioner may have such further and other relief as the circumstances of the case may require or as to the proper Committee of your Honorable House may seem meet.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated this twenty-first day of December, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

WILLIAM CALDWELL HILL.

Witness—P. GROGAN, J.P., Elmore.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Bowser presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1916—Part VIII.—Social Condition.

Mr. McPherson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Charitable Institutions.—Report of the Inspector for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Mr. Bowser presented—

Contracts for Supply of Goods and Material to the Railway Department and Public Works Department.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 22nd August, 1917.

Fines under Dairy, Health (Pure Food), Factories, Weights and Measures, and Bakers and Millers Acts.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 16th October, 1917.

Returns were presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the following Departments during the period from 1st July, 1916, to 30th June, 1917 :—

By Mr. McPherson—From the Treasurer's Department.

By Mr. Wynne—From the Railway Department.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Companies Act 1915—Rule 196.—Return by Prothonotary of Business of Court.

Education Act 1915—

Regulation added to.—Addition after Clause 1 (3) (g) of Regulation XI. (B), Primary Teacher's Certificate—Second Class.—Order in Council.

Regulation rescinded and Regulation substituted.—Clause 25 (c) of Regulation XII. (A), Teachers' College Courses.—Order in Council.

Forests Act 1915—

Report of the Department of State Forests for the year ended 30th June, 1917.

Copy of proposed Order in Council recommending the Excision of a certain Area for Reservation as a Place of Natural Beauty for Visitors in the County of Evelyn.

Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1915.—Tenth Balance-sheet of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust as at 30th June, 1917.

Health Acts.—Regulations and Standards for Foods and Drugs, dated 15th August, 1917.

Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1915.—Statement of Accounts of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners for the year 1916.

Mines Act 1915.—Regulations under the Mines Act 1915 rescinded and Regulations made.—Fees in Courts of Mines and in Proceedings before Wardens of the Goldfields, &c.—Order in Council.

Public Service Acts—

Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of Augustus Albert Peverill from the Second to the First Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.

Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of John Gilder from the Third to the Second Class, in the Chief Secretary's Department.

Regulations—Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.—
Mines.

Chapter XV. of the Regulations repealed, new Regulations made.

Regulations—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—
Department of Mines.

Amendment of Clause 34.

University Act 1915.—Report of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne from 31st July, 1916, to 31st July, 1917; together with four Appendices.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 30th September, 1917.

Wheat Marketing Act 1915.—Statements of Accounts of the Victorian Wheat Commission for season 1915-16 for nineteen months ended 30th June, 1917, and for season 1916-17 for six months ended 30th June, 1917, with Balance-sheet for 1915-16 and 1916-17 seasons as at 30th June, 1917.

4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after No. 3.

5. **ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Debate resumed.

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

And, after debate—

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

Ordered—That the debate take precedence of all other business.

6. **ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.**—Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That the Honorable Member for Toorak, Mr. Norman Bayles, act as Chairman of Committees for this day.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McGregor moved, as an amendment, That the words "Honorable Member for Toorak, Mr. Norman Bayles, act as Chairman of Committees for this day" be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the words "Member for Ovens, the Honorable Alfred Arthur Billson, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House."

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn:

7. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.**—Mr. McGregor moved, That the Member for Ovens, the Honorable Alfred Arthur Billson, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.

Mr. Elmslie moved, as an amendment, That the word "Honorary" be inserted before the word "Chairman."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hall,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. McLennan,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McDonald,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Greenwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Elmslie moved, That the Honorable Member for Richmond, Mr. Edmund John Cotter, be appointed Honorary Chairman of Committees of this House.

Mr. Hutchinson moved, That the Member for Ballaarat East, the Honorable Robert McGregor, be appointed Honorary Chairman of Committees of this House.

Debate ensued.

Motion—That the Member for Ovens, the Honorable Alfred Arthur Billson, be appointed Honorary Chairman of Committees of this House—by leave, withdrawn.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Honorable Member for Richmond, Mr. Edmund John Cotter, be appointed Honorary Chairman of Committees of this House—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Rogers	Mr. Allan,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Angus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,	Major Baird,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,	Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Hogan,		Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. McLachlan,		Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Downward,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.	Mr. Everard,	Mr. Purnell,
		Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Stewart,
		Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Weaver,
		Mr. Groves,	Mr. Wynne.
		Mr. Hall,	
		Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Carlisle,
		Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the Member for Ballaarat East, the Honorable Robert McGregor, be appointed Honorary Chairman of Committees of this House—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Ways and Means—To be further considered in Committee.

Second-hand Dealers Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the following Orders of the Day take precedence of all other business:—

Supply—To be further considered in Committee.

Ways and Means—To be further considered in Committee.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

And, after debate—

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

 WEDNESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

Norman Bayles, Esquire,
 The Honorable Martin Hannah,
 The Honorable Alfred Richard Outtrim,
 The Honorable Andrew Robert Robertson, and
 Robert Henry Solly, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this sixth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

J. E. MACKEY,
 Speaker.

3. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS SWORN.—The Honorable James Cameron, Hugh John Munro Campbell, Esquire, the Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson, the Honorable Donald Mackinnon, the Honorable George Michael Prendergast, Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, and Edward Coughlan Warde, Esquire, who had been appointed members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, took the Oath at the Table of the House, before the Clerk.
4. EAGLEHAWK ELECTION PETITION—REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the Petition of William Caldwell Hill, complaining of the return of Thomas Tunnecliffe, which was presented to the House by Mr. Speaker yesterday, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Fisheries Act 1915—

- Notice of Intention to prohibit Netting in portion of Bancroft Bay, in the Gippsland Lakes, from 16th September in each year to the 15th May next following.
 Notice of Intention *re* Close Season for English Roach.
 Notice of Intention *re* Labelling Boxes, &c., of Fish consigned, sold, and marketed.
 Notice of Intention to vary Proclamation *re* Fishing Licences.
 Notice of Intention *re* Close Season for Murray Cod and other Murray Fishes.
 Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in the Little Albert River and portion of Dingo Creek until 31st August, 1920.
 Notice of Intention to prohibit all Fishing in portion of the Wimmera River, near Jeparit Bridge.
 Notice of Intention to prohibit the Sale or Exposure for Sale of Female Crayfish (whether taken in Victoria or Elsewhere) during the Close Season.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. McGregor also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

8. SUPPLY.—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £651,591 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1917-18, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	96
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	805
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	72
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	72
5. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	72
6. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	109
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ..	301
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	892
9. " " Pensions, &c.	1,707
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	371
12. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	364
13. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	170
14. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	324
15. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	58
16. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	25
17. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	110
18. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	268
19. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	339
20. Mercantile Marine—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	58
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	230
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	290
23. Training Ship—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	529
24. Agent-General—Staff and Office	459
25. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,058
26. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,325
27. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	20,032
28. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	17,243
29. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,142
30. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	26,307
31. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,003
32. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	246
33. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,900
34. Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	86,091
35. " Pensions, &c.	58
36. " Works and Buildings	3,166
37. " Endowments and Grants	1,000
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	5,484
40. " " Pensions, &c.	17
41. " " Ordinary Expenditure	1,250
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	4,274
43. " " Ordinary Expenditure	1,300
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,926
45. " Transport, &c.	375
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure	375
47. " Allowances to Railway Department	700
48. " Grants	10,000
49. " Pensions, &c.	25
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	4,000

Division No.	£
52. Taxation Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,219
53. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,715
54. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	90
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	303
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	10,070
57. " " Exceptional Expenditure	79
58. " " Advertising	220
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,877
60. Intelligence and Labour Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,040
61. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	50
62. " " Grants	250
63. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	852
64. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,224
65. Works and Buildings	150
66. " " Exceptional Expenditure	50
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,893
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,614
70. " " Exceptional Expenditure	200
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	7,876
72. " " Road Works and Bridges	500
74. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,921
75. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	5,474
77. " Exceptional Expenditure	505
78. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,842
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	9,750
81. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	812
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,921
84. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,958
85. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,998
86. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,235
87. " " Commonwealth Services (Non-recurring)	83
88. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	340,556
89. " Pensions	1,849
90. " Railway Construction Branch	496
91. State Coal Mine	22,901
Total	£651,591

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

9. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. McGregor also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1917–18 the sum of £651,591 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

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

12. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—FIRST MEETING.—Mr. Speaker appointed Wednesday next at Twelve o'clock as the time, and Committee Room No. 1 as the place, of the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next :—
Second-hand Dealers Bill—Second reading.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. McPherson, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Irrigation Works and Water Supply Works and for Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for Public Works and other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th February, 1918.

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

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make provision for Developmental Roads and to amend the Country Roads Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th February, 1918.

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

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to apportion and extend the Time for the Repayments into "The Public Account" of certain Moneys advanced or to be advanced under the *Railways Advances Act 1912* the *Railways Advances Act 1914 (No. 2)* and the *Railways Advances Act 1915*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th February, 1918.

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

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make provision for a Special Loan of One hundred thousand pounds for certain purposes under the *Country Roads Act 1915*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th February, 1918.

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

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 6.

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

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th February, 1918.

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

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

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

Water Acts.—Declaration of the Minister of Water Supply under the Acts, with reference to the constitution of the proposed Werribee Waterworks District No. 2, together with Plan showing the area.

8. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

Ordered—That the debate take precedence of all other business.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 12th February, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Bowser, and the same was read:—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 7.

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

"An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred and ninety-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen."

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 13th February, 1918.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Bowser presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Treasurers' Conference held at Melbourne, January, 1918.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Lemmon rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The urgent necessity for the House to take action with a view of settling the dispute between the friendly societies and their medical officers."
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Mr. Lemmon moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Debate resumed.

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

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

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

Ordered—That the debate take precedence of all other business.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT.— Mr. Bowser moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued!

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. E. MACKEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PICTURES AND WORKS OF ART ON LOAN FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY, AND VALUE OF ARTICLES NOT LOANED NOR UPON VIEW TO THE PUBLIC.—Mr. Elmslie moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Prendergast, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. A list for each of the past five years (1913–1917) of all pictures and works of art, &c., on loan from the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery, together with the names of the persons or institutions who had the loan.
 2. A complete list and estimate of value of all the articles in the possession of the institution which are not loaned out and which are not placed upon view for the public.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House.
4. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Bowser moved, pursuant to notice, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, Three o'clock on Wednesday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Thursday; and that fresh business may be called on at any hour.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Bowser moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week, except on the Thursdays set apart for Private Bill Business and General Business, during the present Session Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS.—Mr. Bowser moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday, 28th February, and on every third Thursday thereafter during the present Session business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one third Thursday—

Private Bill Business :

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

General Business :

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

On the alternate third Thursday—

General Business :

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

Private Bill Business :

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bowser moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Deany, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hannah, and Mr. Tunnecliffe; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bowser moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bailey, Major Baird, Mr. Bayles, Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Cain, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mackinnon, and Mr. Robertson; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bowser moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Clough, Mr. Jewell, Mr. McGregor, and Mr. Outtrim; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bowser moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beardmore, Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Livingston, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Snowball; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bowser moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Barnes, Mr. A. F. Cameron, Mr. Cotter, Mr. Everard, and Mr. Rogers; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bowser moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Campbell, Mr. Gordon, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Tunnecliffe; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bowser moved, pursuant to notice, That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws adopted by this House on the 16th June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Council to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailey, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Snowball, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.

14. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.**—Mr. Bowser moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways :—Mr. Barnes, Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Menzies, and Mr. Solly.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
15. **RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—Mr. McPherson obtained leave, with Mr. Wynne, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
16. **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—Mr. McPherson obtained leave, with Mr. Wynne, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
17. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.**—Mr. McPherson obtained leave, with Mr. Wynne, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
18. **GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.**—Mr. McPherson obtained leave, with Mr. Wynne, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Geelong Harbor Trust Acts and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
19. **COMPULSORY VACCINATION ABOLITION BILL.**—Mr. Outtrim obtained leave, with Mr. Jewell, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to abolish Compulsory Vaccination in Victoria* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th February instant.
20. **SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION BILL.**—Mr. Elmslie obtained leave, with Mr. Hannah, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Inspection of Scaffolding and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th February instant.
21. **ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL.**—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. Rogers and Mr. Solly, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporation of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong by abolishing the Office of Alderman and for other purposes* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th February instant.
22. **FARM PRODUCE AGENTS BILL.**—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Licensing of Farm Produce Agents and for purposes incidental thereto* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th February instant.
23. **STATE PRODUCE AGENCY BILL.**—Mr. Bailey obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for the Establishment and Regulation of a State Produce Agency and for purposes incidental thereto* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th February instant.
24. **COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.**—Mr. Cotter obtained leave, with Mr. Rogers, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for Compulsory Voting at Elections for the Legislative Assembly* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th February instant.
25. **DAY BAKING BILL.**—Mr. J. W. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. Elmslie, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill for the Establishment of Day Baking in the State of Victoria* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th February instant.
26. **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ABOLITION BILL.**—Mr. Hannah obtained leave, with Mr. Prendergast, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to abolish the Legislative Council of the State of Victoria* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th February instant.
27. **COAL OBTAINED FROM THE PELAW MAIN AND RICHMOND MAIN MINES IN NEW SOUTH WALES—COST OF.**—Mr. Elmslie moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the actual cost per ton for coal which the Government has obtained from the Pelaw Main and Richmond Main Mines, New South Wales, since the Victorian Government took control of the working of these two mines, and that all the papers in connexion with the negotiations be laid on the table of the Library.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
28. **MELBOURNE GENERAL MARKET LANDS ACT 1917 REPEAL BILL.**—Mr. Rogers, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Cotter, obtained leave, with Mr. Cotter, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to repeal the ‘ Melbourne General Market Lands Act 1917 ’* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th February instant.

29. WOOLLEN MILLS AND KNITTING FACTORIES.—Mr. Cain moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The number of woollen mills in Victoria and the registered proprietors in each instance.
 2. The number of knitting factories in Victoria and the registered proprietors in each instance.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

30. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL.—Mr. Prendergast, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. J. W. Billson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Weights and Measures Act 1915’ and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th February instant.
31. INDUSTRIAL PEACE BILL.—Mr. Ryan, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Greenwood, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill for furthering Industrial Peace and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 28th February instant.
32. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message, No. 2, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McPherson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Irrigation Works and Water Supply Works and for Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for Public Works and other purposes.

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Irrigation Works and Water Supply Works and for Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for Public Works and other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

33. DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message, No. 3, having been read—On the motion of Major Baird, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make provision for Developmental Roads and to amend the Country Roads Acts.

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

Ordered—That Major Baird and Mr. Wynne do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Major Baird then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to make provision for Developmental Roads and to amend the Country Roads Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

34. RAILWAYS ADVANCES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message, No. 4, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McPherson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to apportion and extend the Time for the Repayments into “The Public Account” of certain Moneys advanced or to be advanced under the *Railways Advances Act 1912* the *Railways Advances Act 1914* (No. 2) and the *Railways Advances Act 1915*.

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apportion and extend the Time for the Repayments into ‘The Public Account’ of certain Moneys advanced or to be advanced under the ‘Railways Advances Act 1912’ the ‘Railways Advances Act 1914* (No. 2)’ and the *‘Railways Advances Act 1915’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

35. COUNTRY ROADS (SPECIAL LOAN) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 5, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McPherson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to make provision for a Special Loan of One hundred thousand pounds for certain purposes under the *Country Roads Act 1915*.

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision for a Special Loan of One hundred thousand pounds for certain purposes under the 'Country Roads Act 1915'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

36. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 6, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McPherson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

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

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Municipal Endowment*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

37. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 6 to 8 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

38. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. E. MACKEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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No. 10.

TUESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Bowser, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 8.

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

“ *An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and fifty thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.* ”

“ *An Act to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the Year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.* ”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th December, 1917.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Bowser presented
Woollen Mills and Knitting Factories.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 14th February, 1918.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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No. 11.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. POLICE FORCE—MEMBERS OF WHO HAVE ALTERED THEIR AGES SINCE JOINING.—Mr. Hannah moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return with regard to those members of the police force who have altered their ages since joining the force showing—
 - (a) the names of the officers;
 - (b) the original ages as shown on departmental records;
 - (c) the altered ages.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Bowser presented—
Police Force—Members of who have Altered their Ages Since Joining.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That a Chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable Walter Henry Lee, M.H.A., Premier of Tasmania.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

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No. 12.

THURSDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. CABLE & TRAMWAYS—PASSENGERS CARRIED AND AMOUNT TAKEN IN FARES, 1916 AND 1917.—
Mr. Jewell moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of passengers carried and the amount taken in fares on each of the cable tramway lines for each of the years 1916 and 1917.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—
Mr. McPherson moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: Mr. Solly reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKAY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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No. 13.

TUESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.
Mr. McGregor also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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No. 15.

THURSDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORTS FROM.—Mr. Lawson, Chairman, brought up the following Reports from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

Barwon Election—Upon the Application of Lemuel Lewis Griffiths for a Recount of the Votes at the Election for the Electoral District of Barwon, held on the 15th November, 1917; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

Kara Kara Election—Upon the Application of John Warburton Pennington for a Recount of the Votes at the Election for the Electoral District of Kara Kara, held on the 15th November, 1917; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

Eaglehawk Election—Upon the Application of William Caldwell Hill for a Recount of the Votes at the Election held on the 15th November, 1917, and upon the Petition of William Caldwell Hill against the Return of Thomas Tunnecliffe; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

The several Reports were read by the Clerk, and are as follow:—

REPORT.

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications have the honour to report to your Honorable House as follows:—

1. That the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly laid before your Committee an application from Lemuel Lewis Griffiths, which was lodged with the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Barwon, and forwarded by him to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, asking for a recount of the votes at the election for the said district, held on the 15th November, 1917.

2. Your Committee have the honour to further report—

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

Duncan McLennan	...	...	...	...	...	2,777
Lemuel Lewis Griffiths	...	...	...	...	...	2,767
Majority for Duncan McLennan	..	..	..	..	..	10

Legislative Assembly,
Committee Room, 20th February, 1918.

REPORT.

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications have the honour to report to your Honorable House as follows:—

1. That the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly laid before your Committee an application from John Warburton Pennington, which was lodged with the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Kara Kara, and forwarded by him to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, asking for a recount of the votes at the election for the said district, held on the 15th November, 1917.

2. Your Committee have the honour to further report—

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

John Warburton Pennington	...	...	...	...	2,345
John Joseph Hall	...	...	...	...	2,330
Majority for John Warburton Pennington	...	...	...	...	15

3. That John Joseph Hall was not duly elected.

4. That John Warburton Pennington was duly elected.

Your Committee direct the attention of your Honorable House to the four resolutions agreed to by the Committee on the 21st February instant, and shown in the Proceedings of the Committee attached hereto.

Legislative Assembly,
Committee Room, 27th February, 1918.

The four resolutions above referred to were read by the Clerk, and are as follow:—

Resolved—

That, in the opinion of the Committee, the power of the Committee to inquire as to whether a vote has been improperly admitted or rejected covers the questions of impersonation or whether any elector has voted more than once.

That, in the opinion of the Committee, in the case of an election for the Legislative Assembly where there are only two candidates the placing of the numeral 1 opposite the name of the candidate for whom the elector intended to vote as his first preference is not the exclusive means of indicating such first preference.

That, in the opinion of the Committee, in the case of an election for the Legislative Assembly where there are only two candidates the ballot-paper should not be rejected if the first preference is sufficiently indicated in any way to clearly express the voter's intention; for example, the placing of a cross opposite the name of the candidate for whom the elector wished to vote as his first preference.

That the power of the Committee in regard to postal ballot-papers is limited to the question of the allowance or disallowance of any ballot-paper by the Returning Officer, and the question of the residential qualification of an elector who applies for a postal ballot-paper is a matter for the determination of the Returning Officer, whose decision can only be reviewed by the Committee where such officer has acted dishonestly or unreasonably or where there has been any electoral irregularity.

REPORT.

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications have the honour to report to your Honorable House as follows:—

1. That the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly laid before your Committee an application from William Caldwell Hill, which was lodged with the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Eaglehawk, and forwarded by him to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, asking for a recount of the votes at the election for the said district, held on the 15th November, 1917.

2. That William Caldwell Hill has since withdrawn the said application.

3. That the Petition of William Caldwell Hill, complaining of the return of Thomas Tunnecliffe for the Electoral District of Eaglehawk, which was referred to this Committee by your Honorable House on the 6th February instant, has, at the request and with the consent of the parties, been dismissed.

Legislative Assembly,
Committee Room, 27th February, 1918.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. MEMBER SWORN.—John Warburton Pennington, Esq., then took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

5. **GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST (BORROWING POWERS) BILL.**—Mr. McPherson obtained leave, with Mr. Wynne, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to increase the Borrowing Powers of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.
Ordered—That the Report be received on Tuesday next.
Mr. McGregor also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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No. 16.

TUESDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Bowser presented—
Cable Tramways—Passengers carried and Amount taken in Fares, 1916 and 1917.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 21st February, 1918.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Justices Act 1915.—Rules under the *Justices Act* 1915 rescinded, new Rules made.—Order in Council.
Land Act 1915.—Addition to the Regulations made on the 19th October, 1915—Part II., Chapter VIII., Crown Lands other than Mallee Lands.—Order in Council.
3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

 WEDNESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Real Property Act 1915,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 5th March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

3. REAL PROPERTY ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Wynne, for Mr. Bayles, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.—Mr. Wynne obtained leave, with Mr. Angus, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to Agreements between Medical Practitioners and Friendly Societies or Branches thereof, and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1918.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

Mr. McGregor also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. McGregor also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £365,802 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1917-18, viz. :—

Division No.	£
88. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	340,556
89. " Pensions	1,849
90. " Railway Construction Branch	496
91. State Coal Mine	22,901
Total	£365,802

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

Mr. McPherson moved, That out of amounts already voted by the Committee of Supply, but not yet reported to the House, a sum not exceeding £279,402 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1917-18, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	96
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	746
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	72
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	126
5. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	72
6. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	109
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ..	292
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	892
9. " " Pensions, &c.	1,707
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expen- diture	371
12. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	364
13. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	164
14. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	324
15. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	58
16. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	25
17. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	100
18. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	268
19. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	339
20. Mercantile Marine—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	58
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	230
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	290
23. Training Ship—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	529
24. Agent-General—Staff and Office	459
25. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,058
26. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,288
27. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	20,032
28. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	14,112
29. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,143
30. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	29,308
31. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,003
32. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	236
33. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,898
34. Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	86,091
35. " Pensions, &c.	58
36. " Works and Buildings	3,166
37. " Endowments and Grants	1,000
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	5,345
40. " " Pensions, &c.	18
41. " " Ordinary Expenditure	1,200
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	4,174
43. " " Ordinary Expenditure	1,200
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,926
45. " Transport, &c.	375
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure	375
47. " Allowances to Railway Department	700
48. " Grants	12,000
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	4,000
52. Taxation Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,202
53. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,150
54. " " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	90
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	303
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	8,270
57. " " Exceptional Expenditure	79
58. " " Advertising	220
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,877
60. Intelligence and Labour Bureau—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,040

Division No.	£
61. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	50
62. " " Grants	250
63. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	852
64. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,224
65. Works and Buildings	150
66. " " Exceptional Expenditure	50
67. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,395
68. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,014
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	5,460
74. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,921
75. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	5,474
78. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,842
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	9,750
81. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	360
82. " Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,097
84. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,095
85. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,472
86. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,235
87. " " Infant Welfare, &c.	83
Total	£279,402

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. McGregor also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—
Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1917–18 the sum of £645,204 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. McPherson and Mr. Bowser do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
11. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).**—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and forty-five thousand two hundred and four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McPherson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. **VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Outtrim reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McPherson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after Nos. 9 to 12 inclusive.

14. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. J. W. Billson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 10 be postponed until after No. 11.
16. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
17. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Solly reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McPherson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
18. RAILWAYS BILL.—Mr. Wynne, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Bowser, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill relating to the Generation Use and Supply of Electricity by the Victorian Railways Commissioners* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
19. MARRIAGE (VALIDATING) BILL.—Mr. Wynne, by leave, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Bowser, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Validation of a certain Marriage* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
20. RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—Mr. Wynne, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Bowser, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend Section Three of the ‘ Railway Lands Acquisition Act 1916 ’* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
21. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive and Nos. 12 to 14 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
22. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-three minutes past Four o'clock, in the afternoon, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1918.

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

2. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SIR JOHN MADDEN, G.C.M.G., LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR AND CHIEF JUSTICE OF VICTORIA.—Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That this House desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the State of Victoria in the death of the Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, whose outstanding ability and untiring energy were always placed at the service of the State, not only in the splendid performance of the duties of the high offices intrusted to him, but also in the advancement of every public movement and institution having for its object the welfare and benefit of the people, and who had during his long and honorable career, by his exceptional gifts of mind and manner, his kindness of heart and devotion to duty, caused himself to be regarded with pride, respect, and affection by the whole community.

This House mourns the loss of a great and good man.

And the motion having been seconded by Mr. Elmslie, and other Honorable Members having addressed the House in support of the motion—

Honorable Members rising in their places, the motion was put, and carried in silence.

Mr. Bowser moved, by leave, That the Clerk do enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was carried unanimously.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, As a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Sir John Madden, That the House do now adjourn until Seven o'clock this day.

And then the House, at fifty-five minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until this day, at Seven o'clock.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1918.

(HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.)

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker reported that, as directed by this Honorable House, he had that day waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 14th February last in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament. His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

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

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

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th March, 1918.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Wynne presented—
Coal obtained from the Pelaw Main and Richmond Main Mines in New South Wales—Cost of.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 14th February, 1918.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Children's Court Acts.—Regulations under the Children's Court Acts.—Order in Council.
Crimes Act 1915.—Regulations as to Indeterminate Sentences (Habitual Criminals)—
Regulation 12 amended.—Order in Council.

Fire Brigades Act 1915.—Country Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the Year 1917, together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.

Midwives Acts.—Regulations relating to the Registration and Better Training of Midwives.—Order in Council.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—Department of Law.

Regulations—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Chief Secretary.

4. GIRLS EMPLOYED IN THE CONFECTIONERY INDUSTRY AT PIECE-WORK RATES.—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of girls employed in the confectionery industry at piece-work who did not earn the weekly age rate in the first week in February, 1918.
 2. The average weekly rate (piece-work) paid in the first week in February, 1918.
 3. The number of piece-workers—(a) over 21 years of age; and (b) under 21 years of age.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS BEFORE AND AFTER SIX-O'CLOCK CLOSING OF HOTELS.—Mr. Jewell moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of persons arrested for drunkenness—(a) during the twelve months preceding the coming into operation of the six-o'clock closing of hotels; and (b) during the following twelve months.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. PAPER.—Mr. Bowser presented—
Arrests for Drunkenness before and after Six-o'clock Closing of Hotels.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. RAILWAY LINES—TRAFFIC, WORKING EXPENSES, PRESENT CONDITION, FUTURE PROSPECTS. AND COURSE TO ADOPT TO REDUCE LOSS ON CERTAIN LINES—REFERRED TO RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Wynne moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of the traffic, working expenses, present condition, and future prospects, together with the most advisable course to adopt in the future to reduce loss in the case of the following railways:—
1. Outer Circle Railway (Fairfield Park to Oakleigh Junction);
 2. That portion of the Burnley to Junction with the Outer Circle Railway, from Darling Station to Waverley;
 3. Mount Moriac to Forest Railway (Moriac to Wensleydale);
 4. That portion of the Coburg to Somerton Railway between Fawkner Cemetery and Somerton,
- be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. EASTERN MALLEE CONNECTING RAILWAYS.—Mr. Wynne moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the districts lying between the Ouyen to Mildura railway and the Murray River from Piangil downwards with the existing railway system by means of railway extensions and the provision of adequate water supply for domestic purposes be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. UPPER ACHERON VALLEY DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. Wynne moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the Upper Acheron Valley district with the existing railway system by a broad or narrow gauge railway to tap timber supplies be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. ORDER OF CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS REFERRED TO RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Wynne moved, by leave, That the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways be requested to, if practicable, postpone consideration of the question first referred to it this day until it has considered the second and third questions referred to it.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Forests Act 1915.—Copy of proposed Order in Council recommending the Excision of a certain Area for the purpose of Water Supply in the County of Evelyn.
3. MUNICIPAL INSPECTORS' SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES MUNICIPAL AUDITS. AND AUDIT AND INSPECTORS OF WATERWORKS TRUSTS—COST OF.—Mr. Deany moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the cost each year for the past ten years of—
(a) municipal inspectors' salaries and allowances; (b) municipal audits; and (c) audit and inspectors of waterworks trusts, apart from Government headworks, such as the Coliban system.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker

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VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 21.

THURSDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and forty-five thousand two hundred and four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 12th March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Bowser, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 9.

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

“ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and forty-five thousand two hundred and four pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 13th March, 1918.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Thursday next, at Two o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifty-three minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned until Thursday next.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23.

THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **CLOTHING FACTORIES.**—Mr. Rogers moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Cain, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of factories and work-rooms in Victoria engaged in the manufacture of men's and boys' clothing (order and ready-made), and the registered proprietors in each instance.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. **ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.**—Mr. Lawson moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the order of Private Bill Business and General Business on Thursday, 28th February, and on every third Thursday thereafter during the present Session be suspended for this day so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
5. **ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY.**—Mr. Lawson moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Bowser, That during the remainder of the Session the House shall meet on Friday, in addition to the present days of sitting; that half-past Ten o'clock shall be the hour of meeting on that day; that Government Business shall have precedence of all other business; and that fresh business may be called on at any hour.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Bank Liabilities and Assets—
Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1917.
Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 31st December, 1917.
Land Act 1915.—Alterations to the Regulations made on the 19th October, 1915, Schedule T7, Part II., Chapter VIII., Crown Lands other than Mallee Lands.—Miscellaneous Licences, Section 129.—Order in Council.
Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of John Brown from the Fourth to the Third Class, in the Department of Treasurer.
Supreme Court Act 1915.—Rules of Procedure in Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until this day.

8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1917-18.—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow :—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1917-18 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Division No.	£	£
1. Legislative Council	286	
2. Legislative Assembly... ..	2,134	
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	216	
4. Refreshment Rooms	378	
5. The Library	212	
6. The Library, State Parliament House	324	
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	872	
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,477	
9. " " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c.	5,142	
10. " " Grants	4,265	
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines	993	
12. Explosives	981	
13. State Accident Insurance Office	6,558	
14. Fisheries and Game	688	
15. Government Shorthand Writer... ..	170	
16. The Governor's Office	63	
17. Herbarium	249	
18. Inebriates Institution	730	
19. Marine Board	994	
20. Mercantile Marine	165	
21. Observatory	754	
22. Premier's Office	524	
23. The Victorian Farm and Marine Training School for Boys	1,438	
24. Agent-General	1,389	
25. Audit Office	3,247	
26. Government Statist	5,112	
27. Hospitals for the Insane	61,542	
28. Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	40,359	
29. Penal Establishments and Gaols	13,560	
30. Police	71,025	
31. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria... ..	5,547	
32. Public Service Commissioner	1,256	
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And the said resolution was read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hannah moved, as an amendment, That the item "Division No. 16, The Governor's Office—£63" be reduced by the sum of £3.

And, after debate—

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

And, after further debate, the said resolution was agreed to by the House.

II.—MINISTER OF LABOUR.

33. Department of Labour	5,729
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III.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

34. Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	263,272
35. " Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation	90
36. Works and Buildings	8,170
37. Endowments and Grants	16,080
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	287,612

IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

39. Attorney-General—Salaries	17,913
40. " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	52
41. " Ordinary Expenditure	3,972
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	21,937

V.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	13,745
43. " Ordinary Expenditure	4,542
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	18,287

VI.—TREASURER.

Division No.		£	£
44.	Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,838	
45.	„ Transport, Samples, and Marine Insurance	1,125	
46.	„ Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	1,125	
47.	„ Allowances to Railway Department	2,298	
48.	„ Grants	45,248	
49.	„ Pensions, Compensations, and Gratuities, &c.	69	
50.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	20,082	
52.	Taxation Office—Income Tax Branch, &c.	3,756	
53.	„ „ Land Tax Branch	3,325	
54.	„ „ Death Duties Branch	332	
55.	Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	895	
56.	Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	31,822	
57.	„ „ Exceptional Expenditure	255	
58.	„ „ Advertising, &c.	840	
		—————	117,010

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

59.	Survey, Land Settlement, Closer Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands	19,955	
60.	Immigration and Labour Bureau and Soldiers' Employment Bureau	2,564	
61.	Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	154	
62.	„ „ „ „ Grants	4,820	
63.	Botanic and Domain Gardens	2,557	
64.	Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	5,670	
65.	Works and Buildings	1,470	
66.	Exceptional Expenditure	1,456	
		—————	38,646

VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

67.	Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,332	
68.	Ports and Harbors—Salaries, Ordinary Expenditure, Works, &c.	25,748	
70.	„ „ Exceptional Expenditure	100	
71.	Public Works—Works and Buildings	55,963	
72.	„ „ Road Works and Bridges	6,900	
73.	„ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	20,871	
		—————	122,914

IX.—MINISTER OF MINES.

74.	Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,963	
75.	„ Furtherance of Mining Industry	7,350	
77.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	1,175	
		—————	14,488

X.—MINISTER OF FORESTS.

78.	State Forests	11,515
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XI.—MINISTER OF WATER SUPPLY.

80.	State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	22,250
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XII.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

81.	Department of Agriculture—Administrative	3,187	
82.	Agriculture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	35,162	
83.	„ Grants	1,748	
84.	Stock and Dairy	6,972	
85.	Export Development and Produce Inspection	6,541	
		—————	53,610

XIII.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

86.	Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure, &c.	11,851	
87.	„ „ Infant Welfare and Clinics	667	
		—————	12,518

And, after debate, the said resolutions were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Irrigation Works and Water Supply Works and for Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for Public Works and other purposes*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until this day, No. 4 until to-morrow, and Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive until after No. 9

11. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—
Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes.*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,

Melbourne, 21st March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,

President.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 and 6 be postponed until after No. 7.

14. **MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

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

15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 and 6 and Nos. 8 and 10 be postponed until after No. 11.

16. **GEELONG WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE TRUST (BORROWING POWERS) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

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

17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 5 be postponed until after No. 6.

18. **COUNTRY ROADS (SPECIAL LOAN) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Municipal Endowment.*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,

Melbourne, 21st March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,

President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes.*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to increase the Borrowing Powers of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

20. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 and 8 be postponed until after No. 10.
21. **GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McPherson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
22. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
23. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3, 5, and 8, and Nos. 12 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
24. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Lawson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 24.

FRIDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Solly having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
3. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1917-18.—Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1917-18 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

Division No.	£	f.
88. Victorian Railways—Salaries and Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1917-18	1,015,714	
89. " " Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c. ...	2,361	
90. " " Construction Branch	1,421	
91. " " State Coal Mines	19,521	
	—————	1,039,017

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

4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Solly having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Solly reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1918, the sum of £1,638,183 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

5. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 9 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The following Order of the Day, Government Business, was read and discharged :—
Marriage (Validating) Bill—Second reading.
 Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Lawson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 25.

TUESDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

A. L. STANLEY,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 10.

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

“ An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Irrigation Works and Water Supply Works and for Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for Public Works and other purposes.”

“ An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes.”

“ An Act relating to Municipal Endowment.”

“ An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes.”

“ An Act to increase the Borrowing Powers of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 26th March, 1918.

3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following letters, which he read :—

Legislative Assembly, Victoria,
26th March, 1918.

The Hon. the Speaker, Legislative Assembly.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I beg to tender my resignation as a member of the Committee of Public Accounts.

Yours faithfully,

HUGH J. M. CAMPBELL.

Legislative Assembly, Victoria,
26th March, 1918.

The Hon. J. E. Mackey, Speaker, Legislative Assembly.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I desire to tender to you my resignation as a member of the Public Accounts Committee.

I am, yours faithfully,

A. R. ROBERTSON.

4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS DISCHARGED.—Mr. Lawson moved, by leave, That Mr. Campbell and Mr. Robertson be discharged from attendance on the Committee of Public Accounts. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS APPOINTED.—Mr. Lawson moved, by leave, That Mr. Bayles and Mr. Lemmon be members of the Committee of Public Accounts. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. COOL STORES SITES BILL.—Mr. Oman, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Sale of certain Lands at Doncaster Burwood and Diamond Creek being the Sites of Cool Stores built by the Government of Victoria*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Lawson presented—

Clothing Factories.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 21st March, 1918.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 31st December, 1917.

8. RAILWAYS ADVANCES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to make provision for a Special Loan of One hundred thousand pounds for certain purposes under the ‘Country Roads Act 1915,’*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Geelong Harbor Trust Acts and for other purposes,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

11. RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Oman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

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

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until after No. 6.

13. APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McPherson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

14. **RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McPherson, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

15. **DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Barnes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Elmslie moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to apportion and extend the Time for the Repayments into 'The Public Account' of certain Moneys advanced or to be advanced under the 'Railways Advances Act 1912' the 'Railways Advances Act 1914 (No. 2)' and the 'Railways Advances Act 1915,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Section Three of the 'Railway Lands Acquisition Act 1916,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 26th March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 and 8 and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—

Cool Stores Sites Bill—Second reading.

Appropriation Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

18. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Lawson moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Lawson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1918.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—Mr. Lawson moved, by leave, That Mr. Toucher be appointed a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Barnes, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. REPRESENTATION OF KARA KARA—PETITION.—Mr. Speaker laid before the House the following Petition that had been presented to him this day :—

To the Honorable John Emanuel Mackey, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria.

The Humble Petition of JOHN JOSEPH HALL, of Kingsley-street, Elwood, in the State of Victoria, Secretary and Journalist,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

1. That your Petitioner was a duly qualified and nominated candidate at the election of one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria for the Electoral District of Kara Kara, held on the 15th day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
2. That at such election the candidates were John Warburton Pennington and your Petitioner.
3. That your Petitioner was declared duly elected by the Returning Officer by a majority of four votes, was sworn as Member for the said Electoral District of Kara Kara, and served until the 28th day of February, 1918, when the Committee of Elections and Qualifications of your Honorable House reported that, on a recount of the votes made by the Committee on the application of John Warburton Pennington, the said John Warburton Pennington had been duly elected by a majority of fifteen votes. Therefore John Warburton Pennington was introduced and sworn as Member for Kara Kara.

4. At the said recount Counsel for John Warburton Pennington urged that votes marked with an "X" or the name of one of the candidates struck out be admitted as valid votes, and the Committee of Elections and Qualifications arrived at the following resolutions:—

"That, in the opinion of the Committee, in the case of an election for the Legislative Assembly where there are only two candidates the placing of a numeral '1' opposite the name of the candidate for whom the elector intended to vote as his first preference is not the exclusive means of indicating such first preference."

"That, in the opinion of the Committee, in the case of an election for the Legislative Assembly where there are only two candidates the ballot-paper should not be rejected if the first preference is sufficiently indicated in any way to clearly express the voter's intention; for example, the placing of a cross opposite the name of the candidate for whom the elector wished to vote as his first preference."

5. That these resolutions were contrary to the spirit of the Act and the intention of the Legislature when passing the Act, and as evidenced in the Reports of the Parliamentary Debates of your Honorable House, Session 1911, Volume 127, when the Compulsory Preferential Voting (Assembly Elections) Bill was under discussion.

6. That the Honorable W. A. Watt, then Acting Premier, was in charge of the Bill, which was debated at length, and resulted in several important divisions of the House.

Clause 4 made the placing of numerals opposite the names of the candidates mandatory, and specifically debarred the striking out of the name of any candidate for whom the elector did not intend to vote. On this clause in Committee Mr. Smith moved that the preferential vote be made optional, and was defeated by ten votes (page 901).

Thereupon clause 5 was agreed to, abolishing the old system of voting, viz., "by striking out the name or names of candidates," and Schedule 35 making the system of voting mandatory was abolished and a new Schedule instituted (page 901).

Clause 6 in the Bill read—

"(1) A ballot-paper shall under this Act be rejected at the close of the poll if it does not indicate the elector's first preference for one candidate and his contingent votes for all the remaining candidates.

(2) Except as otherwise expressly provided, a ballot-paper shall not be rejected for any reason other than the reasons enumerated in this section, but shall be given effect to according to the elector's intention so far as his intention is clear."

Whereupon the following debate occurred (page 901):—

MR. PRENDERGAST (Leader of the Opposition).—This clause appears to provide that even if there are only two candidates the preferences must be marked. Is that advisable? At any rate it is unnecessary.

MR. WATT.—Would you have a different method of marking in such a case?

MR. PRENDERGAST.—No doubt the clause would keep the method uniform, which may be an advantage, but if the numerals "1" and "2" are not put against the names of the candidates, that should not render the ballot-paper informal if the intention of the elector is clear.

MR. WATT (Acting Premier).—It is not the desire of the Government that in dual contests the old system of striking out one of the names should be reverted to. It would be an anomaly to have numerals placed against the names of candidates at some elections, and to adopt the old system of voting when a dual contest takes place. We desire to keep the system of marking uniform, no matter how many candidates there are. In the case of a dual contest, however, we do not wish to say that a ballot-paper should be informal if the elector has placed the numeral "1" opposite the name of the candidate for whom he desires to vote, and has omitted to put a "2" against the other name.

MR. LAWSON (page 902) said—

The Acting Premier can put the matter beyond doubt. I quite agree with him that it is necessary to keep the system uniform, and that we do not want to revert to the old method of voting when there are only two candidates. Probably under sub-clause (2) if an elector clearly expressed his intention by merely putting the numeral "1" against the name of the particular candidate whom he desired to support, the vote might be saved and the paper would not be declared informal. It is, however, left open to doubt, and I see no reason why the question raised by the Leader of the Opposition should not be cleared up..... He must vote "1" and "2." There is some slight doubt as to whether he should insert No. 2, but there is no reason why it should not be made perfectly clear.

7. In the debate that ensued several Members urged that the use of the numerals be not the only valid method of voting, and to admit "X" and the striking out of a name or names as valid votes.

MR. ROBERTSON (Bulla) moved—

"That the following be added to sub-clause (3):—'Provided that where there are two candidates only the striking out of the name of one candidate or the placing of an 'X' in the square opposite the name of one candidate shall be taken as indicating the intention of the elector.'"

Mr. WATT, in opposing the amendment, said—

The question arising out of the amendment of the Honorable Member for Bulla is whether it will be simpler or better to have a system operating in any of the three ways than a uniform method as provided by the Bill. If Parliament passes the Bill in its present form the elector can vote in only one way—by putting numerals against the names of the candidates.

The amendment was defeated by five votes (page 910), and a majority of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications voted against Mr. Robertson's amendment, as will be seen on reference to the Division List.

Thereupon Mr. Prendergast asked (page 910) that the Chief Electoral Officer be authorized to send out instructions making plain the new and mandatory system of voting.

Mr. Watt undertook to do so.

8. That these instructions giving samples of formal and informal votes show that in cases where there are only two candidates to strike out the name of one candidate and not placing the figure "1" in front of the other is an informal vote. Likewise it is informal to put "X" in front of the name of one of the candidates, or to only use the numeral "2."

9. That immediately preceding Mr. Robertson's amendment the House, on the voices, agreed to the following new sub-clause which Mr. Watt proposed after consultation with the Chief Electoral Officer:—

"At elections where there are only two candidates a ballot-paper shall not be rejected if it indicates the elector's first preference only" (page 907).

Thus showing the fixed determination of the Premier and the House to insist upon the use of numerals as the only valid form of voting.

This new sub-clause having been agreed to, and before Mr. Robertson moved his amendment, as stated above, Mr. Prendergast said (page 908)—

I would ask the Acting Premier whether he does not think it wise to provide a Schedule in connexion with this clause, so that the voter should be instructed on the ballot-paper itself how he is to record his vote. It should be stated clearly that preferences are compulsory where there are more than two candidates, but where there are only two candidates the voter need not indicate his preference except by putting "1" against the name of the candidate for whom he wishes to vote.

On page 910 Mr. Watt informed Mr. Prendergast that he would consult with the Chief Electoral Officer.

On the third reading of the Bill, pages 994 and 995, Mr. Watt informed the House he had gone carefully into the matter with the Chief Electoral Officer and the Parliamentary Draftsman, and moved that the following directions for the voters be printed on the ballot-papers:—

"Do not strike out the name of any candidate."

"Place the figure '1' opposite the name of any candidate whom you wish to be elected."

"Then place opposite the name of each of the remaining candidates the number '2,' or '3,' or '4' (and so on as the case requires) to indicate the order of your preference for each such candidate."

Mr. Watt accepted, and the House agreed to an amendment by Mr. J. W. Billson that the words "you must" be substituted for the word "do."

Mr. Billson also had the word "Then" before "place" omitted and the words "you must" substituted.

10. That the Premier clinched the whole matter in the last addition to the Bill before it was sent to the Legislative Council, as follows (page 998):—

MR. WATT (Acting Premier).—I propose the following new clause to follow clause 5:—

CC. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act at any election where there are only two candidates—

(a) the requirements of this Act as to the marking of ballot-papers by electors shall be deemed to be sufficiently complied with in the case of any ballot-paper marked so as to indicate the elector's first preference only; and

(b) in the case of a postal ballot-paper the elector's first preference shall be deemed to be sufficiently indicated if the surname of only one candidate is written thereon.

Mr. Watt added—"This is intended to provide for the man who does not mark No. 2 against the candidate's name in a dual contest, or who writes the name of only one candidate on a postal ballot-paper."

There was no further debate or opposition, and the report terminated.

The new clause was agreed to. The Bill was ordered to be transmitted to the Legislative Council.

That this addition was made on the suggestion of Mr. Lawson, and is in the Act as it now stands.

11. That your Petitioner claims that, had not the ballot-papers been admitted marked "X" or with one of the names struck out, and in sundry other ways marked other than by the numeral, he would have retained his majority of four, as declared by the Returning Officer.

12. That your Petitioner was denied the opportunity of proving that divers persons not entitled so to do by loss of their residential qualifications voted by post at the election and against Petitioner.

- (a) That it was impossible for the Returning Officer to "satisfy" himself as to the qualifications of these voters.
- (b) That the Returning Officers throughout the State had never done so, not regarding the same as their function.
- (c) That the only opportunity a candidate had of putting the questions regarding non-residence of those voters who had availed themselves of the postal ballot was at an inquiry before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

13. That John Warburton Pennington was not elected by a majority of duly qualified residents of Kara Kara who voted on November 15.

14. That one postal vote had been witnessed by a person not a qualified witness; that the postal vote of another elector had apparently been signed by the witness.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that you will be pleased to communicate the matter of this Petition to the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in order that the same may be referred back to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications or other properly-constituted tribunal, or that the necessary relief may be given by your Honorable House.

And also prays :

That the said John Warburton Pennington be declared not duly elected for the said Electoral District of Kara Kara.

That the election of the said John Warburton Pennington be declared void.

That your Petitioner may be declared duly elected for the said district.

That the return be amended accordingly.

That votes improperly recorded and/or admitted may be cancelled.

That, if necessary, a new election may be had, and that your Petitioner may have such further and other relief as the circumstances of the case may require.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated this twenty-seventh day of March, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

JOHN JOSEPH HALL.

Witness—W. H. WADDELL, J.P., Melbourne.

5. APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Generation Use and Supply of Electricity by the Victorian Railways Commissioners*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 27th March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 27th March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision for Developmental Roads and to amend the Country Roads Acts*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 27th March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

7. PAPER.—Mr. Lawson presented—

Girls employed in the Confectionery Industry at Piece-work Rates.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 12th March, 1918.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Lawson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. McGregor reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

9. COOL STORES SITES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Oman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Elmslie, after debate, moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

11. BAW BAW FOREST DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Mr. Barnes moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the Baw Baw Forest district with the existing railway system by a narrow-gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lawson moved, as an amendment, That the words "broad or" be inserted before the word "narrow-gauge."

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

Question—That the question of connecting the Baw Baw Forest district with the existing railway system by a broad or narrow gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 27th March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Agreements between Medical Practitioners and Friendly Societies or Branches thereof, and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 27th March, 1918.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President.

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

Clause 3, line 27, omit "three" and insert "five."

Clause 11, page 6, line 5, omit "are" and insert "as."

And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Lawson moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 16th April next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at midnight, adjourned until Tuesday, 16th April next.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.



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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir Arthur Lyulph Stanley, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George ; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands adjourned until Tuesday, the sixteenth day of April, 1918 : Now, I, the Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the fourteenth day of May, 1918.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

A. L. STANLEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. S. W. LAWSON.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SESSION 1917-18.



1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed by Mr. Speaker's Warrant, 4th December, 1917.)

Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Mackinnon,

Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Solly,
Mr. Warde.

2.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 14th February, 1918.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Deany,
Mr. Gordon,

Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Tunnecliffe

3.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 14th February, 1918.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Bailey,
Major Baird,
Mr. Bayles,
Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Bowser,

Mr. Cain,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Robertson.

4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 14th February, 1918.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Clough,
Mr. Jewell,

Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Outtrim.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 14th February, 1918.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Beardmore,
Mr. J. Cameron,
*Mr. Hall,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Livingston,

Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Snowball.

* Unseated on a recount of votes before the Elections and Qualifications Committee.

6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 14th February, 1918.)

Mr. Barnes,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,
Mr. Cotter,

Mr. Everard,
Mr. Rogers.

7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 14th February, 1918.)

*Mr. Bayles,
 †Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Gordon,
 *Mr. Lemmon,
 Mr. McDonald,

Mr. Menzies,
 Mr. Prendergast,
 †Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Tunnecliffe.

* Appointed 26th March, 1918.
 † Resigned 26th March, 1918.

8.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

(Appointed 14th February, 1918.)

Mr. Bailey,
 Mr. Bayles,
 Mr. Lawson,

Mr. Mackinnon,
 Mr. Prendergast,
 Mr. Snowball.

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

(Appointed 14th February, 1918.)

*Mr. Barnes,
 Mr. J. W. Billson,
 Mr. Menzies,

Mr. Solly,
 †Mr. Toutcher.

* Ceased to be a Member on becoming a Responsible Minister of the Crown, 21st March, 1918.
 † Appointed 27th March, 1918.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1917-18.

No. 1.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

TUESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

No. 1.—*Supply—Estimates for 1917-18.*

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1917-18 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

DIVISION No. 1.

* * * * *

The sum of "£382."—(*Mr. Bowser.*)Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £130.—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Everard,	
Mr. Hannah,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon.
Mr. Prendergast,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McPherson,
Major Baird,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bowser,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Greenwood,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

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WEDNESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1918.

No. 2.—*Supply—Estimates for 1917–18.*

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1917–18 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

PREMIER'S OFFICE.

DIVISION No. 22.

* * * * *

The sum of "£814."—(*Mr. Bowser.*)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £12.—(*Mr. Hogan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Jewell,
Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Prendergast.

Tellers.

Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Cotter.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Major Baird,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1917-18.

No. 2.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 7TH MARCH, 1918.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1918.

No. 1.—*Supply—Estimates for 1917-18.*

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1917-18 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

VI.—TREASURER.

DIVISION No. 48.

GRANTS.

* * * * *

The sum of "£57,248."—(*Mr. McPherson.*)Amendment proposed—That this sum be reduced by £1.—(*Mr. McLachlan.*)Further amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £10.—(*Mr. Elmslie.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Lemmon.
Mr. Prendergast,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Carlisle,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Groves,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. Livingston,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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No. 2—

Question—That this sum be reduced by £1—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Cain,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. McLachlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLennan,
Major Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Campbell,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Pennington.
Mr. McDonald,	

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1918 (IN THE MORNING).

No. 3.—*Supply—Estimates for 1917–18.*

Motion made and question put—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1917–18 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DIVISION No. 70.

EXCEPTIONAL EXPENDITURE.

* * * * *

The sum of £100.—(*Mr. Carlisle.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Murphy,
Major Baird,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Downward,	
Mr. Elmslie,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groves,	
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Farthing,
Mr. McLennan,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 7.

Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Cain,
Mr. Cotter,
Mr. Hannah,
Mr. McLachlan.

Tellers.

Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Solly.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1917-18.

No. 3.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 14TH MARCH, 1918.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1918.

No. 1.—*Supply—Estimates for 1917-18.*

Motion made—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1917-18 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

DIVISION No. 88.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

* * * * *

The sum of "£1,015,724."—(*Mr. Wynne.*)Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £10.—(*Mr. Elmslie.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Purnell,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Lemmon.
Mr. Murphy,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLennan,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Gibson,	
Mr. Greenwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1917-18.

No. 4.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 27TH MARCH, 1918.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1918.

No. 1.—*Developmental Roads Bill*.—Clause 4.

No permanent works shall be made under this Part except in an unsubdivided shire or, in the case of a subdivided shire, a riding thereof—

- (a) which in the opinion of the Board is insufficiently provided with roads and is consequently in an undeveloped condition but is capable of development; and
 (b) in which the general rate together with any extra rate (if any) within the meaning of and made and levied pursuant to the Local Government Acts amounts to not less than One shilling and sixpence in the pound.—(*Mr. Barnes.*)

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (b) be omitted.—(*Mr. Allan.*)

Question—That paragraph (b) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Jewell,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Carlisle,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Greenwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Clough,	
Mr. Gibson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Menzies,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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No. 2.—Clause 17.

When any permanent works or works of maintenance have been carried out under the Country Roads Acts or any of them by the council of any municipality to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board may pay to the municipality such commission as the Board thinks fit not exceeding Five pounds per centum of the cost of such permanent works or Two pounds and ten shillings per centum of the cost of such works of "maintenance"; but save as aforesaid the Board shall not pay any commission to any municipality or to the council or any officer thereof in respect of such works.—(*Mr. Barnes.*)

Amendment proposed—That after the word "maintenance," in line 5, the words "and the municipality shall apply any such commission in and towards the further remuneration of any of its officers for services in connexion with the works, and in and towards recouping any other expenses of the municipality incidental to carrying out the works" be inserted.—(*Mr. Barnes.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. A. F. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Carlisle,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Weaver,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Wynne.
Mr. Gibson,	
Mr. Gordon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Clough,	
Mr. Cotter,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Hannah,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

