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TUESDAY, 9TH JULY, 1918.

1. The Council met pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the thirteenth day of June, 1918, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk and is as follows:—

FURTHER PROROGUING PARLIAMENT, AND FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE SECOND 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 St. George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands prorogued until Tuesday, the eighteenth day of June, 1918: Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the ninth day of July, 1918, and I do hereby fix Tuesday, the ninth day of July, 1918, aforesaid, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, 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 thirteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the ninth 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!

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

I have summoned you to meet for the consideration of matters of importance which will be submitted to you by My Advisers.

The prosecution of the War to a victorious issue is still the paramount duty.

I congratulate you on the general prosperity of the people, which is reflected in the buoyancy of the State's revenues. It is most satisfactory to know that, notwithstanding the concession made in railway freights, the year's financial operations will show a substantial surplus.

One of the most important proposals which will claim your attention will be a Bill relating to the management and control of metropolitan tramways. It is proposed to provide for the creation of a Board to take over the existing tramways, to construct future lines, and to manage the metropolitan tramways system. Provision will be included to apply the accumulated surplus from the operation of the cable tramways towards the reduction of municipal indebtedness. This will benefit the municipalities concerned, assist the Treasury, and enable moneys to be made available for roads to develop country districts.

My Advisers will lay before you proposals with respect to the generation and distribution of electric power throughout the State. These proposals will include the constitution of a body of expert professional and business men, who, in addition to other duties, will have the responsibility of advising the Government in regard to these matters, and, more particularly the utilization of the brown coal deposits of Morwell, and of water power wherever available.

My Advisers believe that cheap electric power will not only promote decentralisation of industry and population, but will also have an appreciable effect on the development of Victorian industries generally.

A Bill will be introduced for the creation of a Forests Commission of three Commissioners. This Commission will have wide powers of management, and will have the duty of improving and developing the forests and timber resources of the State. It is anticipated that, as a result of this measure, continuity of policy with regard to forestry will be secured, and the value of this national asset will be greatly increased.

The agricultural outlook is promising. Timely and ample rains have removed the menace of a drought. There is reason to suppose that the area under cereal crops has this year been fairly well maintained. There is a gratifying increase in flocks and herds. The difficult problem of the disposal of surplus products to the best advantage will continue to receive the careful attention of My Advisers. Legislative proposals for the marketing of the 1918-1919 wheat crop will be submitted.

Payments by Crown lands tenants have been well maintained. Out of the total amount of £490,600 advanced to wheat farmers under the *Seed Advances Act* 1914, there remains unpaid only £9,145.

The settlement of discharged soldiers on the land is the leading feature of land settlement, and every effort is being made to build up effective machinery to cope with the problem.

You will be asked to consider certain amendments of the law relating to discharged soldiers and to closer settlement, in order to provide for more effective administration.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Closer Settlement, the revaluation of closer settlement allotments which were considered to be too highly valued has been practically completed.

During the past year £85,997 worth of closer settlement land previously unallotted has been disposed of. The area purchased for soldiers' settlement was 26,365 acres, and the purchase price £354,677. Negotiations are now nearing completion for the purchase of further areas. Suitable blocks of Crown land are also being prepared and made available for the settlement of soldiers.

As the favorable season has increased the spread of the rabbit pest, special attention has been given to the work of destruction. The limited supplies and abnormal prices of wire-netting prevented land-holders from undertaking the necessary fencing, and, in consequence, the outlay on poisoning operations has been greater than usual.

The necessity for a consistently progressive policy of national education is emphasized by the events of the war, and this policy will be continued.

An agreement has been entered into between the Commonwealth and the State for the vocational training of returned soldiers in State technical schools.

It has been decided to increase the salaries paid to women teachers, and you will be asked to give legislative effect to this decision.

A Bill to reform the constitution of the University will be submitted, which will prepare the way for a comprehensive scheme of University development.

The River Murray Commission has been making investigations with a view to carrying out the provision of a large storage on the Upper Murray. Surveys are also being made with the object of finding a site for the Torrumbarry Weir.

The reservoir at Sugarloaf on the Goulburn River and the enlarging of the Waranga Basin have been well advanced by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission. With the completion of the reservoirs now under construction the total storages will have a capacity double that of 1916, and six times that of 1902.

The State shipbuilding yard was transferred to the Commonwealth in February last. The purchase money was £180,000, and the stock was taken over at actual cost, viz., £29,429. The latter amount was paid in cash, and the £180,000 set off against the indebtedness of Victoria to the Commonwealth for loans.

The cool store buildings at Victoria Dock have been extended. The completed building will provide accommodation amounting to 744,000 cubic feet of space.

In common with the rest of Australia, this State has experienced serious depression in gold mining. With favorable conditions, there is good reason to anticipate a revival.

Minerals and clays are receiving considerable attention, and it is hoped that permanent industries will be established.

Only a limited programme of new railway construction is being carried on, owing to the difficulty in obtaining loan funds for the work, and the restricted supply of steel rails and other materials.

Progress has been made with six lines of a total length of 74 miles, and these are approaching completion.

The advisability of constructing several lines which would open up Crown lands suitable for the settlement of returned soldiers, and also some short lines into the forest country to tap new sources of timber supply, and thus cope with the increasing local demand for timber, is receiving careful attention.

Tenders for the erection of silos for wheat storage are under consideration.

Under the powers conferred during the last Session of Parliament the Victorian Railways Commissioners are negotiating for the disposal of electricity in bulk to councils or companies authorized to sell electricity and to manufacturing companies in certain municipal districts.

Proposals will be submitted to you for amending the Railways Acts with regard to the appointment of a Chief Commissioner.

A Gas Inquiry Board has been appointed. It will shortly present a report, which will receive the prompt attention of My Advisers.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates of Expenditure, which will be laid before you, have been framed with a due regard to economy.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

In addition to the measures already indicated, My Advisers propose to introduce for your consideration Bills dealing with the following matters :—Developmental Roads, the Dairying Industry, Noxious Weeds, Factories and Shops, Licensing (Temperance Bars), Weights and Measures, Public Service, Venereal Diseases, the Employment of Prisoners, certain amendments of the Land Acts and the Country Roads Act, amendments of the law relating to Crimes, Police Offences and Justices, and other subjects of importance.

I now leave you to your deliberations, which will, I trust, under the blessing of Divine Providence, materially promote the welfare of the people of Victoria.

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

The Legislative Assembly then withdrew.

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

4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables the President (Sir J. M. Davies, K.C.M.G.), W. A. Adamson, J. G. Aikman, W. Angliss, W. L. Baillieu, W. J. Beckett, T. Beggs, A. Bell, F. W. Brawn, J. D. Brown, F. G. Clarke, G. M. Davis, J. H. Disney, W. H. Edgar, F. W. Hagelthorn, A. Hicks, J. P. Jones, W. Kendell, Walter S. Manifold, D. L. McNamara, J. McWhae, D. Melville, J. K. Merritt, T. H. Payne, A. Robinson, A. O. Sachse, J. Sternberg, and E. J. White severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth :—

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JOHN MARK DAVIES*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and ten pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Malvern, and are known as lots 51, 52, 53, and 54 on plan of subdivision No. 5674 lodged in the Office of Titles, and being part of Crown portions 123 and 124 at Malvern, parish of Prahran, at Gardiner, County of Bourke.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £110.

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

“JNO. M. DAVIES.”

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM ADDISON ADAMSON*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds and upwards above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne, known as the Victoria Horse Bazaar ; and in the municipal district of Essendon, known as Adamson, Strettle, and Co.’s Stud Stock Sale Yards, Epsom road ; and in the municipal district of Werribee, known as the Boundary Farm.

“ And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £840, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Essendon are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £270, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Werribee are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £189.

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

"W. A. ADAMSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, JOHN GEORGE AIKMAN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and eight pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Dandenong, and are known as part of Crown allotment 6A, and part of Crown allotment 143, parish of Lyndhurst, county of Mornington.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Dandenong are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £116.

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

"J. G. AIKMAN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* I, WILLIAM ANGLISS, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield and are known as East and West Terrace, Glen Eira-road, Elsternwick, being lots 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41 on plan of subdivision No. 2418, being part of Crown portion 252 south-east of St. Kilda, parish of Prahran, county of Bourke.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £392.

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

"W. ANGLISS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, WILLIAM LAWRENCE BAILLIEU, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Gisborne, and are known as all those pieces of land containing respectively fourteen acres one rood and twelve perches and thirty-six acres and three roods being allotment 'A,' section three, parish of Macedon, county of Bourke, and being the lands more particularly described in certificates of title volume 1950 folio 389868, and volume 3200 folio 639893.

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

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

"W. L. BAILLIEU."

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

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

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

"WILLIAM J. BECKETT."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, THEODORE BEGGS, of Eurambeen, Beaufort, grazier, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty-one pounds ten shillings above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other

rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Ripon, and are known as Crown allotments 70B, 73C, 74, 74A, and 73B, parish of Eurambeen, county of Ripon, containing 206 acres.

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

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

"THEODORE BEGGS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I ALEXANDER BELL, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of City of Ballarat and are known as 101 Wendouree Parade, Ballarat.

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

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

"ALEXANDER BELL."

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

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £124.

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

"F. W. BRAWN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, JAMES DRYSDALE BROWN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and thirty-eight pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Coburg, and are known as part of Crown portion One hundred and forty-three at Coburg, parish of Jika Jika, county of Bourke.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Coburg are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £138.

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

"J. DRYSDALE BROWN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, FRANCIS GRENVILLE CLARKE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and twenty-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Rodney Shire, and are known as allotments 87 and 88, part allotments 85, 86, and 89, parish of Murchison North.

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

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

"FRANK G. CLARKE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, GEORGE MARTLEY DAVIS*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and ninety-six pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Rosedale and Sale, and are known as 'Grasslea' (Pearce's Paddock), 1,269 acres in Rosedale; and Mathieson and Davis' offices and saleyards, Frances' stables and Bolitho's tobacconist shop in Sale.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £212 10s., and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Sale are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £84.

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

"G. M. DAVIS."

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

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

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

"JAS. H. DISNEY."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WILLIAM HASLAM EDGAR*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Sixty-two pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Malvern, and are known as No. 1 Claremont Avenue, Malvern.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £62.

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

"W. H. EDGAR."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, FREDERICK WILLIAM HAGELTHORN*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Three hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Malvern, known as Coonil, Wattle-tree-road, and Horsham, being properties in Wilson-street and Firebrace-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal districts of Malvern and Horsham are rated in the rate-books of the said municipalities upon a yearly value of £300.

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

"F. HAGELTHORN."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, ALFRED HICKS*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Brunswick and are known as shops and dwellings Nos. 559 and 561 situate in Sydney-road.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brunswick are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £125.

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

"A. HICKS."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JOHN PERCY JONES*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as 16, 18, 20, 22 24, 26 Patrick-street, Melbourne.

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

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

"J. P. JONES."

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

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Hawthorn are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £72.

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

"WM. KENDELL."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, WALTER SYNNOT MANIFOLD*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and six pounds (£206) above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Warrnambool, and are known as parts of Crown allotment 24A and Crown allotment 23A¹, parish of Mepunga, county of Heytesbury, containing three hundred and thirty-three acres three roods and eighteen perches.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Warrnambool are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £206.

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

"WALTER MANIFOLD."

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

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Berwick are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £64, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Caulfield are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £44.

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

"D. L. McNAMARA."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, JOHN McWHAE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Morwell, and are known as 'Waltair,' being allotments 40A, 40B, parish of Wonyip, containing 315 acres 3 roods 19 perches.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Morwell are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £60.

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

"JOHN McWHAE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, DONALD MELVILLE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Ninety-one pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Brunswick, Pyalong, and McIvor, and are known as my residence, situate in Albion-street, West Brunswick, with three acres of land; two hundred and six acres land within the shire of Pyalong; and one hundred and forty acres land within the shire of McIvor.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brunswick are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £53, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Pyalong are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £19, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of McIvor are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £19.

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

"D. MELVILLE."

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

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Kew are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £170.

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

"J. K. MERRITT."

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

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

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

"THOS. H. PAYNE."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, ARTHUR ROBINSON*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Eighty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of St. Kilda, and are known as Nos. 267 and 269 High-street, St. Kilda.

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

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

"ARTHUR ROBINSON."

"In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, ARTHUR OTTO SACHSE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Four hundred and fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Prahran, and are known as 'Marilla,' Toorak-road, South Yarra.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £450.

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

“A. O. SACHSE.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, JOSEPH STERNBERG, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of the shires of Waranga and Deakin, and are known as, firstly, Crown allotments 70E, 70F, parish of Moora, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga; secondly, Crown allotment 40, in the parish of Burrumboot East, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga; and thirdly, Crown allotments 39A, 39B, 40A, 40B, 41B, in the parish of Carag Carag, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga and are firstly above described are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £52; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Waranga and are secondly above described are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £52; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin and are thirdly above described are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £54.

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

“J. STERNBERG.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I EDWARD JAMES WHITE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seized of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and twenty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal districts of Dundas and borough of Hamilton, and are known as ‘Waratah,’ being part of subdivision of the Kenilworth Estate, parish of Gatum Gatum, county of Dundas, containing 1,786½ acres. In the borough of Hamilton is my house and allotment fronting Clarendon-street; an allotment fronting Gray-street; and an allotment at back of Hospital.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Dundas are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £150, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of borough of Hamilton are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £44.

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

“E. J. WHITE.”

5. TRANSFER OF LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill to amend the Transfer of Land Acts was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The President laid upon the Table the following Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—VICTORIA.

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

The Honorable John George Aikman,
The Honorable Austin Albert Austin,
The Honorable James Drysdale Brown,
The Honorable John Percy Jones,
The Honorable Walter Synnot Manifold,
The Honorable Duncan Elphinstone McBryde, and
The Honorable Edward James White,

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

Given under my hand this ninth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

JNO. M. DAVIES,
President of the Legislative Council.

7. **THE LATE HONORABLE GEORGE ALEXANDER ELMSLIE.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this House desires to place on record its high appreciation of the many years of public service rendered to the Parliament and State of Victoria by the late Honorable George Alexander Elmslie.
And other honorable members having addressed the House—
The question was then put and, honorable members signifying their assent by rising in their places, unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

8. **THE LATE HONORABLE WILLIAM PITT.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this House desires to place on record its high appreciation of the public services rendered by the late Honorable William Pitt, an Executive Councillor and an ex-Chairman of Committees of this House.

And other honorable members having addressed the House—

The President said—

In putting the motion, I desire to say a few words to express my affection and esteem for the late Mr. Pitt. He was a colleague of mine in the Irvine and Bent Governments, and when one is intimately associated with others in the same Cabinet, one gets to discover if they have any blemishes, and also notices any virtues they possess. Mr. Pitt in those Governments rendered able and efficient service. He was wise in counsel, and he was always fair, and always ready, although an Honorary Minister, to take his full share of work. He was hardly ever absent from any Cabinet meeting that was held. He undertook a great deal of work in regard to the distribution of merits and demerits in connexion with the great railway strike. The work he did in that direction was highly valued. He was one of the most hopeful and genial men I ever knew. I do not know whether he was fully aware of the fatal nature of his last illness; but if you met him, and spoke to him, you would have found him as cheerful and hopeful as ever. He was present at the last opening of this Parliament, and when I saw him he was as cheerful and hopeful as usual. If you met him feeling somewhat despondent or depressed, after speaking to him you went away freshened up with a brighter view of things. I shall always have for his memory the most profound veneration, and hold it in most affectionate regard. Sir Arthur Snowden was a member of this House for very many years while I was here. He, Mr. Cain, Mr. Ham, and myself were members for the Melbourne province. At the general election following the dissolution of the Council in 1903, or thereabouts, Mr. Ham decided that he would not stand again. That left three candidates in the field. Sir Arthur Snowden and Mr. Cain were both critics of the Government of which I was a member, and generally voted against the Government, but they came to me and said, "We do not want to put you to the trouble and uncertainty of an election, and so we have decided that one of us will stand out, and we will leave it to the Government to decide which." The Government decided that Sir Arthur Snowden should stand out, and Mr. Cain and I were therefore elected unopposed. I have always appreciated that as a most generous act, and a courtesy that one could not expect any honorable member to extend towards him, seeing that that honorable member was keenly desirous of remaining in Parliament. I shall hold the action of Sir Arthur Snowden in kind remembrance.

The question was then put and, honorable members signifying their assent by rising in their places, unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

9. **PAPERS.**—The Honorable A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Friendly Societies—Report of the Royal Commission on the Disputes with the Medical Officers thereof.
Public Service Commissioner—Report for the year 1917.

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:—

Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 31st March, 1918.

Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act 1917—Regulations.

Electric Light and Power Act 1915—Report respecting Applications and Proceedings for the year 1917.

Factories and Shops Act 1915—Report of the Chief Inspector for the year 1917.

Fire Brigades Act 1915—Report of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board for the year 1916.

Fisheries Act 1915—Notice of Intention to restrict the methods of fishing in inland and certain other waters.

Fruit Act 1917—Fruit and Vegetables declared—Proclamation.

Land Act 1915—Addition to the Regulations.

Legal Profession Practice Act 1915—Council of Legal Education—Further Rules.

Marine Act 1915—Marine Board of Victoria—

Amendment of the Regulations relating to the examination of Masters and Mates.

Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year 1917.

Mines Act 1915—List of Suspensions granted of the Labour Covenants of Mining Leases and Licences during the year 1917.

Motor Car Act 1915—Regulations (2 papers).

Neglected Children's Act 1915—Amendment of Regulations.

- Public Service Act 1915 and Lunacy Act 1915—Alteration of Regulations—
 Classification of General Division.
 Classification of Professional Division.
- Public Service Acts—Regulations—
 Appointment or Transfer to the Clerical Division.
 Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—Department of Lands and Survey
 (2 papers).
- Railways—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 31st
 March, 1918.
- Stamps Act 1915—Amendment of Regulations.
- Veneral Diseases Act 1916—Regulations for transferring persons detained for treatment
 from one proclaimed or proscribed place of detention to another.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of the following
 Message from the Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council an Address to His Majesty
 the King, and also an Address to His Excellency the Governor, adopted this day by the Legislative
 Assembly, with which Addresses they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly,
 Melbourne, 9th July, 1918.

J. E. MACKEY,
 Speaker.

The Address to His Majesty the King was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty—

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative
 Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with
 renewed expressions of loyalty to the Throne, and our affection for Your Majesty's person.

We desire to offer to Your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the
 Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Your marriage.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the blank in the foregoing Address be filled up by the
 insertion of the words "Legislative Council and the".

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this House agree with the Assembly in the said Address.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have
 agreed to the Address, and have filled up the blank therein by the insertion of the words
 "Legislative Council and the".

The Address to His Excellency the Governor was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency the Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament
 assembled, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to communicate, by cable,
 to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, the accompanying Address for presentation to
 the King, congratulating His Majesty on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of His
 marriage.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the blank in the foregoing Address be filled up by the
 insertion of the words "Legislative Council and the".

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this House agree with the Assembly in the said Address.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council
 have agreed to the Address, and have filled up the blank therein by the insertion of the words
 "Legislative Council and the".

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

The Honorable F. W. Brawn moved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His
 Excellency the Governor in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable F. W. Brawn moved, That the Committee consist of the Honorables F. W. Brawn,
 A. Hicks, W. A. Adamson, W. L. Baillieu, W. J. Beckett, F. W. Hagelthorn, and
 D. E. McBryde.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

The Honorable F. W. Brawn presented the Address, which had been agreed to by the Committee, and the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

To 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.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

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

The Honorable F. W. Brawn moved, That the Council agree with the Committee in the said Address.

Debate ensued.

12. ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT.—The Clerk having announced that the Honorable the President was unavoidably absent, the Honorable A. O. Sachse, on the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, was chosen to fill temporarily the office and perform all the duties of the President during his absence.

The Acting-President took the Chair.

13. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech, continued.

The Honorable Walter S. Manifold 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.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council at its rising adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

No. 2.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.—The Honorable D. Melville moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the crowded state of the City tramway traffic, and six Members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
3. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Honorables the President, W. L. Baillieu, J. D. Brown, F. G. Clarke, E. J. Croke, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, T. H. Payne, A. O. Sachse, and J. Sternberg be Members of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Honorables the President, A. A. Austin, J. P. Jones, J. K. Merritt, and A. Robinson be Members of the Joint Committee to manage and superintend the Parliament Buildings.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Honorables the President, T. Beggs, F. W. Brawn, F. W. Hagelthorn, and D. Melville be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Library.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Honorables W. A. Adamson, J. G. Aikman, W. J. Beckett, A. Hicks, and H. F. Richardson be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Refreshment Rooms.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Honorables the President, W. Angliss, A. Bell, G. M. Davis, J. H. Disney, W. H. Edgar, W. Kendell, D. L. McNamara, J. McWhae, and E. J. White be Members of the Printing Committee; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. **STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws, adopted by this House on the 22nd June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of the Honorables 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.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

10. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Two millions four hundred and fifteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 9th July, 1918.

11. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until Tuesday, the 23rd instant.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 23rd instant.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twenty-six minutes past six o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 23rd instant.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 3.

TUESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1918.

- 1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables A. A. Austin, D. E. McBryde, and H. F. Richardson severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the forty-ninth section of the Act No. 2632, as hereunder set forth :—

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

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Buninyong are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £1,732.

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

“AUSTIN A. AUSTIN.”

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, DUNCAN ELPHINSTONE MCBRYDE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Tambo, and are known as allotments 7, 8, 9, and 12A, section c, parish of Buchan, county of Tambo.

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Tambo are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £99.

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

“D. E. MCBRYDE.”

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

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of city of Geelong are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £220.

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

“H. F. RICHARDSON.”

- 3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, viz. :—

Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 1).

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

Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917—Amendment of Regulations.

Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1915—Accounts and Balance-sheet of each of the Undertakings of the Geelong Harbor Trust for the year 1917.

Land Act 1915—Particulars of Lease of Swamp or Reclaimed Land under Section 110.

Railways—Twenty-eighth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, having been read—

Debate resumed.

The Honorable W. J. Beckett 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.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.

7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That leave of absence be granted for the remainder of the Session to the Honorable William Lionel Russell Clarke, who is on active service with the Australian Imperial Forces.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara a Bill to amend *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* was read a first time ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY, 1918.

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

“In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, I, EDWARD JOLLEY CROOKE*, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment ; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale, and are known as portion of ‘The Holy Plain Estate.’

“And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale are rated in the rate-book of the said municipality upon a yearly value of £227.

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

“E. J. CROOKE.”
3. **REAL PROPERTY BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill relating to the Law of Property and for other purposes was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. **CRIMES BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill to amend the Crimes Acts was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. **POLICE OFFENCES BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill to amend the *Police Offences Act 1915* was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. **JUSTICES BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill to amend the Justices Acts and for other purposes was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.**—The Honorable D. Melville moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the postponement by the Government of the construction of wheat silos, and six Members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
8. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they had appointed a Committee to join with the Committee of the Council to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailey, Mr. Bayles, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Snowball.
9. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Fisheries Acts—Notices of Intention to issue Proclamations—
 To alter the area closed against Netting near Limeburner’s Bay, near Geelong.
 To alter the Close Season for Netting at Sydenham, Wingan, Tamboon and Mallacoota Inlets, also to Prohibit the use of Mesh Nets in Mallacoota Inlet during the whole year.

To alter the Proclamation defining the Mouths of the Bemm, Cann, Wingan, and Genoa Rivers, and specifying the limits within which Nets and Fixed Engines are not to be used.

To prohibit all fishing in or the taking of fish from the portion of Diamond Creek and its Tributaries in the parishes of Queenstown and Kinglake until 1st September, 1920.

To restrict the methods of fishing in inland and certain other waters.

To vary Proclamations *re* Fishing Licences, Registration of Fishing Licences, etc.

Motor Car Act 1915—Regulation.

Public Library, Museums, and National-Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees for 1917, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1916–17.

Public Service Act 1915—Regulations—Classification of General Division; Chapter VI.—Department of Chief Secretary.

10. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, having been read—

Debate resumed.

The Honorable J. P. Jones 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.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **WAR IN EUROPE.—FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF DECLARATION OF WAR.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That on this its first meeting after the fourth anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war the Legislative Council of Victoria again records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies.
The Honorable J. P. Jones moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "Victoria" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "urges that immediate negotiations be initiated for an International Conference for the purpose of arranging equitable terms of peace."
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The main question was then put and resolved in the affirmative, honorable members rising in their places and singing the National Anthem.
3. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they had agreed to the following resolution, viz.:—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—
 - (1) Making Portland cement ;
 - (2) Quarrying or preparing the raw materials therefor,
 and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday, the 20th instant.
4. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "An Act to amend Section Four of the *Closer Settlement Act 1915*," and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
5. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT (BOARD) BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave and after debate, was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
6. **PAPERS.**—The Honorable A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Education—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1916-17.
Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board—Annual Report for the year 1917.
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 :—
Income Tax Act 1915—Regulations.
Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners—Statement of Accounts for the year 1917.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, having been read—
Debate resumed.
The Honorable D. E. McBryde 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.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—The Honorable A. Hicks moved, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable Richard Bloomfield Rees for the remainder of the Session on account of urgent private business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable D. L. McNamara moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 5.
The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones.

Tellers.
The Hon. D. L. McNamara,
J. K. Merritt.

Noes, 13.
The Hon. W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
J. D. Brown,
F. G. Clarke,
A. Hicks,
W. Kendall,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
D. Melville,
A. Robinson,
A. O. Sachse.

Tellers.
The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
H. F. Richardson.

And so it passed in the negative.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, having been read—
Debate resumed.
The Honorable J. D. Brown 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.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, viz. :—
Closer Settlement (Board) Bill.
3. PAPERS.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1916—Part IX.—Production.
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 :—
Education—Report of the Council of Public Education for the year 1917-18.
Fisheries Acts—Notice of Intention to issue Proclamation to explain the Proclamation *re* Netting at Gippsland Lakes Entrance.
Friendly Societies—Report of the Registrar for the year 1917.
4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, having been read—
Debate resumed.
The Honorable A. Robinson 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.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Education Act 1915—Regulation rescinded, Regulation substituted.
3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.—The Honorable W. J. Beckett moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the statements made by the Honorable A. A. Austin in reference to a resolution purported to have been carried by the Victorian Railways Union and the events leading up to the statements made, and six Members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, having been read—
 Debate resumed.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the President and such Members of the Council as may wish to accompany him.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 9.

TUESDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The President reported that, accompanied by Honorable Members, he had that day waited upon His Excellency the Governor and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Council, adopted on the 14th instant, in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

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

3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Two hundred and forty-four thousand eight hundred and twenty-three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seventeen and One thousand nine hundred and eighteen,*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
4. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
5. PAPER.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Mines—Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines for the year 1917.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
7. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :— "That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—

(1) Making Portland cement;

(2) Quarrying or preparing the raw materials therefor," having been read—

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday, the 3rd September next.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 3rd September next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at twenty-one minutes past eight o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 3rd September next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, viz. :—
Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 2).
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to abolish Compulsory Vaccination in Victoria,*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
4. COMPULSORY VACCINATION ABOLITION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable H. F. Richardson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 17th instant.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they had agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—(a) a wholesale or a manufacturing chemist; (b) manufacturing toilet preparations, perfumery, essences, essential oils, food preservatives, branding fluids, deodorants, disinfectants, fungicides, insecticides, vermin destroyers, weed destroyers, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday, the 17th instant.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act 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 desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
7. COOL STORES SITES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 17th instant.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable D. L. McNamara, a Bill to amend the *Local Government Act 1915* was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday, the 17th instant.
9. PAPERS.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Gas Inquiry Board 1918—Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the Metropolitan Gas Supply; also the Minutes of Evidence.
Supreme Court Act 1915—Report of the Council of Judges.

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 :—

Constitution Statute—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55, during the year 1917–18.

Education Act 1915—Regulation XXXVII.—Technical Schools.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works—Statements of Accounts and Balance-Sheet, together with Schedule of Contracts for the year 1917–18.

Tramway Board—Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1917–18.

10. **TRANSFER OF LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, on Tuesday, the 17th instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. **REAL PROPERTY BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment.
Ordered—That the Report be taken into consideration on Tuesday, the 17th instant.
12. **POLICE OFFENCES BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, on Tuesday, the 17th instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until Tuesday, the 17th instant.
14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 17th instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at six minutes past six o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 17th instant.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 11.

TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to alter the Method of debiting Expenditure as provided in Section Two of the 'Railways Act 1916'*," and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. RAILWAYS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they had agreed to the following resolution, viz.:—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in or in connexion with the trade of—(a) a maker of any kind of rubber goods; (b) a reclaimer of rubber; (c) a maker of solution; also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the seventeenth day of February, 1909, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-third day of February, 1909, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of all kinds of rubber goods, including rubber tyres of every description, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday, the 1st October next.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the Sale and Purchase of Goods by Second-hand Dealers*," and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
6. SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide Facilities for enabling certain Marriages in Fact to be declared not to be invalid*," and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
8. MARRIAGE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 53.—The Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the condition of the wheat in the Australian Wheat Pool, and six Members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
10. PAPERS.—The following papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
 - Agricultural Education—Statement of Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 31st December, 1917.
 - Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917—Report under section 25, sub-section (5), of the decision of the Minister to acquire the following lands:—
 - Llowalong Estate near Stratford.
 - Douglas' Land on Lake Corangamite.
 - Poligolet Estate near Camperdown and Derrinallum.
 - State Coal Mines—Annual Report of the General Manager, including the State Coal Mines Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts duly audited, &c., for the year 1917-18.
 - Workers' Compensation Act 1915—Report, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance Sheet of the State Accident Insurance Office for the year 1917-18.

11. **TRANSFER OF LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
12. **REAL PROPERTY BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole having been read—the Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Report be now adopted.
The Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, as an amendment, That all the words after “That” be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words “the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clause 4 and a proposed new clause.”
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That the Report be now adopted—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3, be postponed until after the consideration of No. 7.
14. **CRIMES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
15. **JUSTICES BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an amendment, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.
16. **COOL STORES SITES BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
17. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—“That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the trade of—(a) a wholesale or a manufacturing chemist; (b) manufacturing toilet preparations, perfumery, essences, essential oils, food preservatives, branding fluids, deodorants, disinfectants, fungicides, insecticides, vermin destroyers, weed destroyers,” having been read—
The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.
18. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3, be postponed until Tuesday next.
19. **SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
20. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
21. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 12.

TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, viz. :—
Cool Stores Sites Bill.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Closer Settlement Act 1915' and for other purposes,*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave and after debate, to be read a second time this day.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of Portion of certain Land situate in the Parish of Cardigan as a Site for a Public Park,*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
6. CARDIGAN LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. PAPERS.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Bendigo Land Commission—Report of the Royal Commission appointed in connexion with the purchase of certain land at Bendigo under section 20 of the Closer Settlement Act 1915.
Housing Conditions of the People in the Metropolis and in the Populous Centres of the State—Final (third) report from the Royal Commission, together with an Appendix being a Proposed Code of Building By-laws.
Premiers' Conference, Sydney, May, 1918—Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings and Debates; together with Appendices.
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 :—
Railways—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year 1917-18.
Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1917.
8. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable Walter S. Manifold, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
9. CRIMES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time was read, and, after further debate, the question being put, was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an amendment, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor transmitting the following despatch:—

Victoria, No. 16.

[COPY.]

SIR,

Downing-street, 22 July, 1918.

I have the honour to inform you that I have duly laid your telegram of the 10th of July before His Majesty the King, who commands me to desire you to convey to the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, an expression of his deep appreciation of their loyal address of congratulation on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of His Majesty's wedding.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Governor,

The Honorable Sir A. L. Stanley, K.C.M.G.,

&c.,

&c.,

&c.

(Sgd.) WALTER H. LONG.

3. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.—The Honorable J. D. Brown moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the dismantling by the Railways Department of the McKeen motor passenger cars, and six Members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—

Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917—Report under section 25, sub-section (5), of the decision of the Minister to acquire the following lands:—

I.Y.U. Estate, near Pakenham.

Holland's Estate, on Lake Corangamite.

Sutton Park Estate, near Allandale.

Riggall's Estate, Sale District.

Happy Valley Estate, near Myrtleford.

Barwidgee and Part of Happy Valley Estates, near Myrtleford.

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

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

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

6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—“That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in or in connexion with the trade of—(a) a maker of any kind of rubber goods; (b) a reclaimer of rubber; (c) a maker of solution; also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the seventeenth day of February, 1909, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-third day of February, 1909, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of all kinds of rubber goods, including rubber tyres of every description,” having been read—

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3, be postponed until after the consideration of Nos. 4 and 5.
8. **RAILWAYS BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
9. **MARRIAGE BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3, 6, and 7, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 14.

TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, viz. :—
Railways Bill.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they had agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in manufacturing or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday, the 22nd instant.
4. WILLS (WAR SERVICE) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Testamentary Dispositions by Soldiers and Sailors and for other purposes was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
5. PAPERS.—The following papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Agricultural Education—Statement of Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 30th June, 1917.
Land Act 1915—Particulars of Leases of Swamp or Reclaimed Land under section 110.
Public Service Acts—Copy of papers in connexion with the promotion of H. O. Allan from the Second to the First Class, Department of Lands and Survey.
6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and ninety thousand six hundred and three pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen,*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
4. COMPULSORY VACCINATION ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable H. F. Richardson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time, and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable W. J. Beckett, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2, be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented Messages from His Excellency the Governor—
 - Informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, viz. :—
Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 3).
 - Informing the Council that he had reserved, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, the undermentioned Bill, viz. :—
Marriage Bill.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools Department—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1917.
4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolutions :—
 - That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendments in the Bill, viz. :—
 - Insert the following New Clause, to follow Clause 30 :—
 - A. (1) Where the lessee of an allotment under the Closer Settlement Acts or a licensee or lessee of Crown land under the Land Acts is engaged or has heretofore been engaged on war service and, in consequence of being or having been so engaged, is, in the opinion of the Board after due consideration of the facts in the particular case, unable to pay the whole or any part of the interest in respect of any advance made by the Board pursuant to the Closer Settlement Acts, the Governor in Council if he thinks fit may, on the recommendation of the Board, authorize the remission of the whole or any part of the interest accruing or accrued in respect of such advance during the whole or any specified portion of such war service, and the said interest or part thereof shall not accrue or be deemed to have accrued accordingly.
 - (2) The amount of any loss resulting to the Closer Settlements Fund from the operation of this section shall be from time to time notified in writing by the Board to the Auditor-General and if certified by him shall be paid into the said Fund out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the purpose.
 - (3) For the purposes of this section a lessee or licensee shall be deemed to be engaged on war service—
 - (a) if during the present war he is engaged on naval or military service outside Victoria with His Majesty's naval or military forces or the naval or military forces of the Commonwealth;
 - (b) if he is engaged on service outside Victoria in any work of any Red Cross society or ambulance association or any other body with similar objects in connexion with the said war; or
 - (c) if in connexion with the said war he is a prisoner of war in the enemy's country or is interned in the country of a neutral Power.

Insert the following New Clause to follow Clause 2 :—

B. (1) The Governor in Council may appoint so many competent persons (not exceeding five) as are necessary to be land valuers under the Board at such remuneration not exceeding the rate of Six hundred pounds a year to each of such persons as the Governor in Council prior to the appointment determines and upon such terms and conditions (whether as to tenure or otherwise) as the Governor in Council thinks fit.

(2) The appointment of any land valuer under the Board made or purporting to have been made before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been duly made under this section.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in any Act any land valuer employed by the Board who immediately before the date of his appointment as such land valuer was an officer of the public service shall on ceasing to be a land valuer under the Board be eligible on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner to be appointed to an office in the public service with a classification and emolument corresponding with or higher than that which he held in the public service immediately before the said date as if the period of his service as a land valuer under the Board had been service in the public service.

and asked leave to sit again.

On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Report was adopted.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message suggesting that the Assembly amend the same as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

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

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 17.

TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to extend the Operation of the Tramway Board Acts,*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. TRAMWAY BOARD BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.
4. PAPER.—The following paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Land Act 1915—Particulars of Lease of Swamp or Reclaimed Land under section 110.
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in manufacturing or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part," having been read—
The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.
The Honorable Walter S. Manifold moved, as an amendment, That the words "or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part" be omitted from the resolution with a view to insert in place thereof the word "pianos".
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the resolution—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
A. Hicks,
J. P. Jones,
W. Kendell,
D. L. McNamara,
J. McWhae,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
J. Sternberg.

Noes, 12.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
F. W. Brawn,
E. J. Croke,
W. H. Edgar,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
T. H. Payne,
A. O. Sachse,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
G. M. Davis.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the word "pianos" proposed to be inserted in the resolution be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Council agree to the resolution as amended—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the foregoing resolution with an amendment, and desiring their concurrence therein.

6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting an Address to General Pau and the Members of the French Mission, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

The said Address was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

To General Pau and the Members of the French Mission.

Gentlemen,

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, extend a cordial welcome to the French Mission.

France, the fruitful Mother of genius in war and peace, of heroes, statesmen, poets, and sages, leads the Nations, through her own incredible suffering, to victory. Her unflinching courage and self-sacrifice in the cause of freedom and of civilization have won our admiration and command our reverence.

We pray that the time may not be long until, with full atonement made and strong guarantees given, the peace of the world, founded on justice and cemented by international goodwill, shall be securely established.

Then from the ashes of your cities and the destruction of your fields an even more beautiful and smiling France will arise, still to lead the world in devotion to the ideal of a free and proud democracy and in the home-loving habits and virtues of peace.

We welcome you as distinguished representatives of our noble and powerful Ally. We hope that your visit will result in the increase of commerce and trade between us. We wish your mission every success, feeling sure that it will strengthen the already strong ties between your historic land and this young Dominion of the British Empire, and help to keep aflame within us a lively sense of all we owe to France.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the blank in the foregoing Address be filled up by the insertion of the words "Legislative Council and the".

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this House agree with the Assembly in the said Address.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Address, and have filled up the blank therein by the insertion of the words "Legislative Council and the".

7. **TRAMWAY BOARD BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after the Notice of Motion, General Business.

9. **REAL PROPERTY BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable T. H. Payne, a Bill to amend the *Real Property Act* 1915 was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. **SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

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

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 6 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, viz. :—
Tramway Board Bill.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Closer Settlement Act 1915' and for other purposes,*" and acquainting the Council that the Assembly have considered the Message of the Council suggesting, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, that the Assembly make certain amendments in the said Bill, and that the Assembly have made the suggested amendment to insert new clause B to follow clause 2, with a modification, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein; also acquainting the Council that the Assembly decline to entertain the other suggested amendment, viz. :—to insert new clause A to follow clause 30, as the effect of sub-section (2) of the said new clause would be to impose a charge or burden on the people.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Closer Settlement Bill.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.—The Honorable A. Bell moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the insanitary way in which milk and cream are carried by the Railways Department, and six Members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Agricultural Education—Statement of Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education for the six months ended 30th June, 1918.
Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917—
Amendment of Regulations.
Report under section 25, sub-section (5), of the decision of the Minister to acquire the following land :—Blackwood Park (Fern Tree Gully).
Explosives Act 1915—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives for the year 1917.
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission—Thirteenth Annual Report, 1917-18.
State Savings Bank of Victoria—Statements and Returns for the year 1917-18.
6. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill, including the suggested amendment as modified and made by the Assembly, with amendments.
On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clause 11.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with a further amendment.
The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Report be now taken into consideration.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendment in the Bill, viz. :—

Insert the following New Clause, to follow Clause 30 :—

A. (1) Where the lessee of an allotment under the Closes Settlement Acts or a licensee or lessee of Crown land under the Land Acts is engaged or has heretofore been engaged on war service and, in consequence of being or having been so engaged, is, in the opinion of the Board after due consideration of the facts in the particular case, unable to pay the whole or any part of the interest in respect of any advance made by the Board pursuant to the Closes Settlement Acts, the Governor in Council if he thinks fit may, on the recommendation of the Board, authorize the remission of the whole or any part of the interest accruing or accrued in respect of such advance during the whole or any specified portion of such war service, and the said interest or part thereof shall not accrue or be deemed to have accrued accordingly.

(2) For the purposes of this section a lessee or licensee shall be deemed to be engaged on war service—

- (a) if during the present war he is engaged on naval or military service outside Victoria with His Majesty's naval or military forces or the naval or military forces of the Commonwealth ;
- (b) if he is engaged on service outside Victoria in any work of any Red Cross society or ambulance association or any other body with similar objects in connexion with the said war ; or
- (c) if in connexion with the said war he is a prisoner of war in the enemy's country or is interned in the country of a neutral Power.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message suggesting that the Assembly amend the same as set forth in the foregoing resolution.

Ordered—That the further consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole be postponed until later this day.

7. WILLS (WAR SERVICE) BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive, *Closer Settlement Bill—Further consideration of Report*, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, the 12th November next.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 12th November next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at fifteen minutes past six o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, the 12th November next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had received information that an Armistice was on November 11th granted to the enemy by the Generals of the Allied Armies and of the Armies of His Majesty the King.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting an Address to His Majesty the King, and also an Address to His Excellency the Governor, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

The Address to His Majesty the King was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty—

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, beg to approach Your Majesty on behalf of the people of Victoria with feelings of the deepest loyalty and devotion.

We humbly acknowledge the guidance of Almighty God amid the great perils of the last four years.

We desire to offer to Your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations on the signing of the Armistice, which is the precursor of Peace on just and righteous terms honorable to the Empire and to our Allies.

We trust that out of the loss and suffering in this terrible war a higher and nobler civilization may arise, founded on justice and freedom, and leading to a completer and more cordial understanding between the nations and to the happiness of the peoples of the world.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the blank in the foregoing Address be filled up by the insertion of the words "Legislative Council and the".

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this House agree with the Assembly in the said Address. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Address, and have filled up the blank therein by the insertion of the words "Legislative Council and the".

The Address to His Excellency the Governor was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency the Governor—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to communicate, by cable, to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies the accompanying Address for presentation to the King.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the blank in the foregoing Address be filled up by the insertion of the words "Legislative Council and the".

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this House agree with the Assembly in the said Address.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the Address, and have filled up the blank therein by the insertion of the words "Legislative Council and the".

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 20.

TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

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

“ In compliance with the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I, RICHARD BLOOMFIELD REES, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situate in the municipal district of Swan Hill, and are known as shop and dwelling properties, situate in Campbell-street.

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

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

“ R. B. REES.”

3. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—SIGNING OF THE ARMISTICE.—The President reported that, in conjunction with the Honorable the Speaker and accompanied by Honorable Members of both Houses, he had on Tuesday last presented to His Excellency the Governor, in the Queen's Hall, State Parliament House, the Joint Address to His Majesty the King, adopted on the 12th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

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.

I join with you in satisfaction at the victorious termination of hostilities.

I will forthwith transmit to His Majesty the King the loyal resolution which has been presented to me by Mr. President and Mr. Speaker by the unanimous resolution of both Houses of Parliament.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the *Wills (War Service) Bill*.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bill, viz.:—

Wills (War Service) Bill.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Closer Settlement Bill* and acquainting the Council that the Assembly have considered the Message of the Council suggesting, on the consideration of the Report of the Committee, that the Assembly make a certain amendment in such Bill, and that the Assembly have made the suggested amendment with a modification, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration later this day.

7. PAPERS.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Greenvale Sanatorium for Consumptives—Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Allegations made in Parliament concerning the conduct of certain Officials in the Management of the said Institution.
Hallett Inquiry—Report of the Board appointed to inquire into certain matters in connexion with the dismissal of Samuel John Hallett from the Police Force.
Land Acts—Report for the Year 1917–18, with Appendices.

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:—

Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1918.

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915, Part VIII.—Statement showing the names of the persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Council.

Fisheries Acts—Notices of Intention to issue Proclamations—
Re Fees for Oyster Licences.

To allow Netting in certain Lakes.

To define the Mouths of Boggy, Stony, and Ironstone Creeks, Lake Tyers, and to prohibit netting about the mouths of Boggy and Stony Creeks.

To prohibit all fishing in or the taking of fish from portion of the Bolinda or Emu Creek until 31st August, 1920.

To revoke the Proclamation which increased the fees for Fishing Licences and Boat Registrations.

Lands Purchase and Management Board—Report for the year 1917-18.

Legal Profession Practice Act 1915—Council of Legal Education—Rules.

Public Service Acts—Regulations—

Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Chief Secretary.

Department of Lands and Survey.

Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX.—Department of Lands and Survey (2 papers).

Public Works Loan Application Act 1911—Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the financial year 1917-18 together with a Report by the Manager of the—

Diamond Creek Fruit Cool Store.

Victoria Dock Cool Stores.

River Murray Waters Act 1915—Report of the River Murray Commission for the year 1917-18, with Appendices.

8. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole having been read, the amendment to insert New Clause A suggested by the Council and made by the Assembly with modifications was, on the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, agreed to. The Report was then adopted and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same (including the amendments suggested by the Council, as modified and made by the Assembly) with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.

9. **SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.

On the motion of the Honorable J. P. Jones, the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clause 13.

House in Committee.

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

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

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after the consideration of General Business.

11. **COMPULSORY VACCINATION ABOLITION 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.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
G. M. Davis,
J. H. Disney,
A. Hicks,
D. L. McNamara,
H. F. Richardson.
A. O. Sachse.

Tellers,

The Hon. J. P. Jones.
J. K. Merritt.

Noes, 13.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
J. D. Brown,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. McWhae,
R. B. Rees,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. J. Crooke,
T. H. Payne.

And so it passed in the negative.

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4, and Orders of the Day, General Business Nos. 2 and 3, be postponed until Tuesday next.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented Messages from His Excellency the Governor transmitting the following despatches:—

[COPY.]

Victoria, No. 24.

Downing Street, 23 September, 1918.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 15 of the 11th July transmitting an address from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the occasion of Their Majesties' silver wedding, and to request you to inform your Ministers that the address has been laid before His Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

WALTER H. LONG.

Governor,

The Honorable Sir A. L. Stanley, K.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

[Copy of cablegram received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, dated London, 19th November, 1918.]

With reference to your telegram of November 14th I have His Majesty's command to convey through you the great satisfaction with which he has received the address of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly expressing on behalf of the people of Victoria their loyalty and devotion. His Majesty joins in their hope that the victory which under Providence has crowned our aims may lead to a just and lasting peace.

LONG.

3. ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—The President informed the Council that in the Division which took place in the Council on Tuesday last the Tellers for the "Ayes" had recorded the name of the Honorable Sir. J. M. Davies instead of that of the Honorable G. M. Davis; whereupon the President directed the Clerk to correct the Division List accordingly.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to make further provision with respect to Developmental Roads*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
5. DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Country Roads Acts and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
7. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to make provision with respect to the vesting of certain Land in the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners and the Dredging of certain Channels and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
9. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Metropolitan Tramways and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
11. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend Sections Eighty-five and Three hundred and eight of the ‘Water Act 1915’*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
13. WATER BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Transfer of Land Acts Amendment Bill* and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the same with amendments and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration later this day.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Second-hand Dealers Bill* and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Council and have disagreed with one of the said amendments and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration later this day.

16. ACTS INTERPRETATION (WAR SERVICE) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, a Bill relating to the Construction of Enactments with respect to War Service and for other purposes was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

17. PAPERS.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons—Report and Statistical Tables for the year 1917.

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:—

Land Act 1915—Particulars of Lease of Swamp or Reclaimed Land under Section 110.

18. SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made in this Bill by the Council and disagreed with by the Assembly having been read, the said amendment was read, and is as follows:—

Clause 7, line 38, after “licensee” insert “himself but not by any servant agent or other person.”

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council do not insist on this amendment.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable W. J. Beckett 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 later this day.

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

Insert the following new Clauses:—

1. A. (1) Where property of the State of Victoria used exclusively in connexion with a department of the public service which is transferred to the Commonwealth consists of land registered under the Transfer of Land Acts and the land has become vested in the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act upon application in that behalf to the Registrar and the consent thereto of the Attorney-General for Victoria the Registrar shall register the Commonwealth as the proprietor of the land.

As to land vested in the Commonwealth under section 85 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.

(2) This section applies notwithstanding that the registered proprietor of the land is the King.

(3) This section applies whether the department is transferred to the Commonwealth before or after the commencement of this Act.

(4) In this section the expressions—

“property of the State,”

“used exclusively in connexion with,”

“department of the public service,” and

“transferred to the Commonwealth,”

have the same meanings respectively as in section eighty-five of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act.

2. B. (1) (a) Where by the operation of any statute or statutory or other power or by virtue of any vesting order of any court or an order appointing a person to convey or of a vesting declaration appointment or other assurance an interest in land under the Transfer of Land Acts being an interest capable of being registered is disposed of or created the registered proprietor shall, subject to proper provision being made for payment of costs, be bound to give effect to the disposition;

Registration of dispositions off the register.

(b) If the registered proprietor is unable or refuses to make the requisite transfer or other disposition under the said Act or cannot be found or if for any other reason a transfer or other disposition by him under the said Act cannot be obtained within a reasonable time then the Registrar may give effect thereto in the register book by making an entry therein containing such particulars relating to such disposition as he may consider necessary;

(c) The disposition shall take effect in like manner as nearly as may be as if it had been made by the registered proprietor by transfer or other registered disposition:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall prejudicially affect the rights of a personal representative in relation to the estate of the deceased.

(2) This section applies whether the disposition to which the registered proprietor is bound to give effect subject as aforesaid is made before or after the commencement of this Act.

(3) This section does not apply in those cases in which other provision has been made for giving effect in the register book to any disposition.

(4) In this section except where a contrary intention appears—

“disposition” includes a disclaimer surrender or release; and

“registered disposition” means a disposition which takes effect under the powers conferred by the Transfer of Land Acts on the registered proprietor of land by way of transfer lease mortgage or charge or otherwise.

(5) Sub-section (6) of section seventeen of the *Trusts Act 1915* is hereby repealed.

3. C. In clause three of the Twenty-fifth Schedule to the Transfer of Land Acts after the word “auctioneer” there shall be inserted the words “or agent”.

Amendment of clause 3 of twenty-fifth schedule to No. 2740.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson the Council agreed to New Clause A.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council agree to New Clause B.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable J. D. Brown moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Closer Settlement Bill*, and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Council, have disagreed with others, and have agreed to others of the said amendments with amendments, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration later this day.

21. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and Order of the Day, General Business No. 1, be postponed until after Order of the Day, General Business No. 2.

22. REAL PROPERTY BILL (No. 2).—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

23. CARDIGAN LAND BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

24. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Council and disagreed with by the Assembly or agreed to with amendments having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.

4. Clause 10, omit lines 27-43 on page 5, and lines 1-8 on page 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following:—

Agreed to with the following amendments, viz:—

“10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections:—

Omit the words and figures “lines 27-43 on page 5, and”.

(3) Nothing in the Closer Settlement Acts shall be taken to authorize—

Omit the figures and words “10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections:—”.

(a) the acquisition by the Board by compulsory process of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, of an owner the unimproved value of whose land does not exceed Two thousand five hundred pounds; or

Omit the figure “(3)” and insert the figure “(4)”.

(b) in the case of an owner of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, who is or has been engaged on war service—the acquisition by the Board from the owner by compulsory process during the period of his war service and a further period of five years after the termination thereof of any such land if held by him during the period of his war service.”

5. Clause 10, page 6, line 9, omit “(5)” and insert “(4)”

Disagreed with.

6. Clause 10, page 6, line 12, after “Act” insert “and an owner shall be deemed to be engaged on war service—

Agreed to with the following amendment, viz:—

(a) if during the present war he is engaged on naval or military service outside Victoria with His Majesty’s naval or military forces or the naval or military forces of the Commonwealth; or

Omit “Victoria” and insert “Australia”.

(b) if in connexion with the said war he is a prisoner of war in the enemy’s country or is interned in the country of a neutral Power.”

9. Clause 12, omit this clause

Disagreed with.

Amendment 4.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Council agree to the amendments of the Assembly on this amendment of the Council.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 13.

The Hon. W. L. Baillieu,
W. J. Beckett,
F. W. Brawn,
F. G. Clarke,
J. H. Disney,
W. H. Edgar,
J. P. Jones,
W. Kendell,
D. L. McNamara,
A. Robinson,
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
A. Hicks.

Noes, 14.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. Angliss,
T. Beggs,
J. D. Brown,
E. J. Crooke,
G. M. Davis,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
A. O. Sachse.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
A. A. Austin.

And so it passed in the negative.

Amendment 5 insisted on.

Amendment 6.—Amendment of the Assembly on this amendment of the Council agreed to.

Amendment 9.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Council do not insist on amendment 9.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 14.

The Hon. W. L. Baillieu,
W. J. Beckett,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
F. G. Clarke,
J. H. Disney,
W. H. Edgar,
J. P. Jones,
W. Kendell,
D. L. McNamara,
A. Robinson,
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
A. Hicks.

Noes, 13.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
T. Beggs,
J. D. Brown,
G. M. Davis,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
A. O. Sachse.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. J. Crooke,
F. W. Hagelthorn.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council do not insist on their amendment to omit clause 12, agree to the amendment of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in line 12 of clause 10, insist on the other amendments of the Council in the said clause 10, and disagree with the amendments of the Assembly on one of such amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.

25. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board to borrow a further sum of Fifty thousand pounds and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
26. METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD LOAN BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
27. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and *Second-hand Dealers Bill—Amendment of the Council disagreed with by the Assembly—To be further considered*, and Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. CORRECTION IN REAL PROPERTY BILL (No. 2).—The President announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying, in conformity with Standing Order No. 299, that he had made the following correction in the Real Property Bill (No. 2), viz. :—
In clause 1, “(No. 2)” has been inserted after “Real Property Act 1918”.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eighteen*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
4. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Clerk Settlement Bill* and acquainting the Council that they insist on their amendments on one of the amendments made and insisted on by the Council in clause 10, and insist on disagreeing with the other amendment made and insisted on by the Council in clause 10 of the said Bill, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration later this day.
6. PAPERS.—The following papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Education Act 1915—Regulations amended (2 papers).
Justices Act 1915—Additional Rule.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time and, debate arising thereupon, it was ordered, on the motion of the Honorable Walter S. Manifold, that the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
9. DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment.
Ordered—That the Report be taken into consideration on Wednesday, the 4th December next.
10. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, on Wednesday, the 4th December next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they had agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—
That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons (other than persons under the jurisdiction of the Fibrous Plasterers Board) employed in the trade of making portable articles of cement or concrete, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday, the 10th December next.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they had agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—
That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the process, trade, or business of—
(a) painting, other than ship painting or painting under the jurisdiction of any Special Board heretofore appointed or hereafter to be appointed;

(b) paperhanging.

Also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the twelfth day of October, 1909, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1909, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the process, trade, or business connected with—

(a) painting of buildings (including renovations);

(b) paperhanging (including renovations),

and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday, the 10th December next.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they had agreed to the following resolution, viz. :— That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons (other than persons under the jurisdiction of the Carpenters, Agricultural Implements, or Picture Frame Boards, or persons engaged in ship or boat building, or the erection of bridges, wharfs, or similar structures) employed as—

(a) carpenters, joiners, or box-makers;

(b) stackers, sorters, loaders or unloaders of sawn timber;

(c) saw-mill, timber yard, box factory, or joiner's workshop employees;

(d) woodworkers making articles not under the jurisdiction of any Special Board heretofore appointed or hereafter to be appointed.

Also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the seventeenth day of June, 1915, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-seventh day of July, 1915, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed as—

(a) carpenters, joiners, or box-makers;

(b) stackers, sorters, loaders or unloaders of sawn timber;

(c) saw-mill, timber yard, box factory, or joiner's workshop employees,

but not including persons under the jurisdiction of the Carpenters, Agricultural Implements, or Picture Frame Boards, or persons engaged in ship-building or the erection of bridges, wharfs, or similar structures, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration on Tuesday, the 10th December next.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Diseases of Vines within the Shire of Mildura and the Protection of Vineyards within the said Shire from such Diseases*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

15. MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. Kendell, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

16. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made and insisted on in this Bill by the Council with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing, or which they have agreed to with amendments on which they insist, having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

4. Clause 10, omit lines 27-43 on page 5, and lines 1-8 on page 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following :—

"10. At the end of section thirty-five of the principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—

(3) Nothing in the Closer Settlement

Acts shall be taken to authorize—

(a) the acquisition by the Board by compulsory process of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, of an owner the unimproved value of whose land does not exceed Two thousand five hundred pounds; or

(b) in the case of an owner of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, who is or has been engaged on war service—the acquisition by the Board from the owner by compulsory process during the period of his war service and a further period of five years after the termination thereof of any such land if held by him during the period of his war service."

Agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendments, viz. :—

Omit the words and figures "lines 27-43 on page 5, and"

Omit the figures and words "10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—"

Omit the figure "(3)" and insert the figure "(4)".

Amendments of the Assembly disagreed with by the Council.

Amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council insisted on by the Assembly.

5. Clause 10, page 6, line 9, omit "(5)" and insert "(4)"

Disagreed with by the Assembly—insisted on by the Council.

Disagreement insisted on by the Assembly.

Amendment 4—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Council do not insist on disagreeing with the amendments of the Assembly on amendment 4.
Debate ensued.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 7.

The Hon. F. G. Clarke,
J. H. Disney,
W. Kendell,
D. L. McNamara,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. P. Jones.

Noes, 11.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
J. G. Aikman,
T. Beggs,
J. D. Brown,
E. J. Crooke,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. K. Merritt,
A. O. Sachse.

Tellers.

The Hon. G. M. Davis,
T. H. Payne.

And so it passed in the negative.

Amendment 5 still insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council still insist on their amendment in clause 10 with which the Assembly insist on disagreeing, and insist on disagreeing with the amendments made and insisted on by the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in the said clause.

17. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.

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

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

18. WATER BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.

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

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

19. SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the amendment made in this Bill by the Council and disagreed with by the Assembly having been read, the said amendment was read, and is as follows:—

Clause 7, line 38, after "licensee" insert "himself but not by any servant agent or other person."

Debate resumed on the question—That the Council do not insist on their amendment in clause 7.

The Honorable W. J. Beckett moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the question:—"but make the following amendment in the clause, viz.:—after 'licence' in line 40 insert 'and unless on his licensed premises not through any servant agent or other person'".

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the Council do not insist on their amendment in clause 7, but make the following amendment in the clause, viz.:—After "licence" in line 40 insert "and unless on his licensed premises not through any servant agent or other person"—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council do not insist on their amendment in clause 7, disagreed with by the Assembly, but have made a further amendment in the said clause, and desiring their concurrence therein.

20. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 and 8 be postponed until after No. 10.

21. ACTS INTERPRETATION (WAR SERVICE) BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.

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

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

22. METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADES BOARD LOAN BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

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

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 23.

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

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

2. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

3. MILDURA VINEYARDS PROTECTION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 24.

TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to extend the Operation of and to amend the Wheat Marketing Acts*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. Kendell, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in the *Mildura Vineyards Protection Bill*.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Second-hand Dealers Bill* and acquainting the Council that they have disagreed with the amendment of the Council to insert certain words after “licence” in clause 7, page 3, line 40, of such Bill.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Closer Settlement Bill*, and acquainting the Council that they still insist on their amendments on one of the amendments made and still insisted on by the Council in clause 10, and still insist on disagreeing with the other amendment made and still insisted on by the Council in clause 10 of the said Bill, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to Municipal Endowment*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
8. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to declare the Rate of Land Tax for the Year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and nineteen and to amend the Land Tax Acts*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
10. LAND TAX BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to further amend the ‘Pilots’ Advance Repayment Act 1898’ and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
12. PILOTS’ ADVANCE REPAYMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the *Acts Interpretation (War Service) Bill* without amendment.
14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Six hundred and ninety-two thousand one hundred and eighty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eighteen and One thousand nine hundred and nineteen*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
15. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered, to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
16. PAPER.—The following paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Local Government Act 1917—Regulations—Supervision of Electric Supply Undertakings.
17. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read, the debate was resumed and, on the motion of the Honorable W. J. Beckett, further adjourned until to-morrow.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 25.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills, viz.:—
Melbourne Harbor Trust Bill.
Water Bill.
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board Loan Bill.
Surplus Revenue Bill.
Mildura Vineyards Protection Bill.
Acts Interpretation (War Service) Bill.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Fisheries Acts—Notice of Intention to issue Proclamation to alter the area closed against netting, &c., at the mouth of the Werribee River.
Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board—Report for the period ending 30th June, 1918.
Trade Unions—Thirty-second Annual Report—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1917; with an Appendix.
University of Melbourne—Annual Report 1917–18; also Statutes and Regulations and Amendments allowed by His Excellency the Governor.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
5. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That so much of the Sessional Order as relates to the hour appointed for the meeting of the Council on Wednesday and Thursday in each week be rescinded, and that during the remainder of the Session the hour of meeting for the despatch of business on Wednesdays and Thursdays shall be half-past two o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. ADDITIONAL DAY OF BUSINESS.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That during the remainder of the Session the Council shall meet for the despatch of business on Fridays, and that half-past two o'clock be the hour of meeting.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 19.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
J. G. Aikman,
J. D. Brown,
F. G. Clarke,
E. J. Crooke,
W. H. Edgar,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
A. Hicks,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. McWhae,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
A. Robinson,
A. O. Sachse,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
W. L. Baillieu.

Noes, '6.

The Hon. G. M. Davis,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
H. F. Richardson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, after further debate, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Justices Bill* and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the same with amendments and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Land at Walook in the Parish and Shire of Portland as a Site for a Shire Hall and certain other purposes and to provide for the Sale of such Land and the Application of the Proceeds towards the Purchase of a Site and the Erection of Buildings for a Shire Hall and certain other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
10. PORTLAND SHIRE HALL BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 26.

THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Employment of Prisoners and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. GAOLS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

4. **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, 1918.
 - Marine Act 1915—Amendment of Provision of Pilot Regulations with respect to issue of Pilotage Exemption Certificates.
 - Public Service Acts—Regulations—
 - Attendance and Conduct of Officers, Chapter XIII.
 - Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—
 - Department of Agriculture.
 - Department of Chief Secretary.
5. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, later this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That chairs be provided on the floor of the Council Chamber for General Pau and Commandant d'André of the French Mission.
Question—put and unanimously resolved in the affirmative.
General Pau and Commandant d'André then entered the chamber and were accommodated with chairs at the right of the President.
The President (the Honorable Sir John Davies) said—General Pau, and Commandant d'André, the Legislative Council is honoured by your being present in this chamber during a sitting of the Council. You have now, I think, visited every part of Australia, and although you have been warmly welcomed everywhere, the State of Victoria has not been behind any State in its sincere welcome to you, and in the friendship it has shown you during your visit. I think it will add to the pleasure of your visit to this part of the world to know that while you have been here an armistice with the enemy has been obtained, and every prospect of a satisfactory peace now exists. You will return to your native land filled with joy and gratification at the fact that this long and terrible war has come to an end, and that the gallant French and their Allies have succeeded in subduing the power of Germany.
7. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Hawkers and Pedlers*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
8. **METROPOLITAN HAWKERS BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after No. 5.
10. **LAND TAX BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
11. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 4 and 6 to 15 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 27.

TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Closing of Portion of a certain Street in the Municipal District of the City of Essendon and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. ESSENDON LAND BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works and Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
5. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
6. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Stamps Acts*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
7. STAMPS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the *Real Property Bill* without amendment.
9. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.—The Honorable J. D. Brown moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the grave danger to the life and health of citizens of Melbourne and the metropolis caused by the maladministration by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works of the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1915*, and six Members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.
10. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 3, and 5 to 19 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
 2. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Indeterminate Sentences Board—Annual Report for the year 1917-18.
Public Service Acts—Amendment of Regulations—Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.
 3. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
 4. **ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That so much of the Sessional Orders as relates to the hour appointed for the meeting of the Council on Thursday and Friday in each week be rescinded, and that during the remainder of the Session the hour of meeting for the despatch of business on Thursdays and Fridays shall be eleven o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 5. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
 6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Dangerous Infectious or Contagious Diseases*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
 7. **HEALTH BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
 8. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Public Service Act 1915 (No. 2)'*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
 9. **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
 10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 21 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
 11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the Council, at forty-seven minutes past ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor informing the Council that he had given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Bills, viz. :—
Land Tax Bill.
Real Property Bill.
Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 4).

3. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.
On the motion of the Honorable Walter S. Manifold, the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clauses 94, 95, and 123.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with further amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was, after debate, read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.
4. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
5. **RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Irrigation Works Water Supply Works Drainage and Flood Protection Works in Country Districts and for Works under the River Murray Waters Acts and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
7. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to authorize the construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Manangatang to Bryden’s Tank*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
9. **MANANGATANG TO BRYDEN’S TANK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable W. Kendell, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. **PILOT’S ADVANCE REPAYMENT BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
12. **MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 8 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
14. **TRANSFER OF LAND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Assembly having been read—

[For these amendments see Minutes No. 21, page 46.]

Debate resumed on the question, That the Council agree to New Clause B.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

New Clause C agreed to.

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

15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 10 and 11 be postponed until Tuesday next.

16. JUSTICES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Assembly having been read, the said amendments were read, and are as follow :—

1. Clause 3, sub-section (1), line 2, omit “of the public service shall” and insert “of the clerical division of the public service shall subject to rules made by the Governor in Council in pursuance of the Justices Acts.”
2. Insert the following New Clause to follow clause 10 :—

AA. In section one hundred and eighty seven of the Principal Act the expression “(IV.) Unnatural offences” and the expression “(VII.) Abduction or defilement of women and girls” are hereby repealed.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Council agreed to the amendments made in this Bill by the Assembly and ordered the Bill to be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 13 to 16 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

18. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.

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

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

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 18 to 23 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Local Government Acts*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

21. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 3).—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

No. 30.

TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The Honorable A. Robinson presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor transmitting to the Council, pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of *The Constitution Act*, the following amendment which he desires to be made in the *Transfer of Land Acts Amendment Bill* :—
 In clause 6, omit the words “Transfer of Land Acts”; substitute “*Transfer of Land Act 1915.*”
 On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Council agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor and ordered the Message to be transmitted to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them accordingly and desiring their concurrence therein.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Piangil to Pine Tank*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
4. PIANGIL TO PINE TANK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. Kendell, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917’ and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
6. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Metropolitan Tramways Bill*, and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to some of the amendments made in such Bill by the Council and have disagreed with others of the said amendments, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
 Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration later this day.
8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to constitute the Forests Commission and to amend the ‘Forests Act 1915’ and for other purposes*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
9. FORESTS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and to be read a second time to-morrow.
10. ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—The President informed the Council that in a Division which took place in Committee on Thursday last the Tellers for the “Ayes” had recorded the name of the Honorable Sir J. M. Davies instead of that of the Honorable G. M. Davis; whereupon the President directed the Clerk to correct the Division List accordingly.
11. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 53.—The Honorable W. H. Edgar moved, That the Council do now adjourn, and said he proposed to speak on the subject of the unsatisfactory reply given by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey to the mover’s question on this day’s Notice Paper, and six Members having risen in their places and required the motion to be proposed, the question was put and, after debate, negatived.

12. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF MEETING.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That so much of the Sessional Orders as relates to the hour appointed for the meeting of the Council on Wednesday in each week be rescinded, and that the hour of meeting for the despatch of business on Wednesday next shall be eleven o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
13. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Friendly Societies—Fortieth Annual Report—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1917, with appendices.
Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust—Eleventh Balance Sheet, as at 30th June, 1918.
14. WHEAT MARKETING BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.
15. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor in the *Transfer of Land Acts Amendment Bill*.
16. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Council and disagreed with by the Assembly having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow:—
2. Clause 4, line 15, after "Act" insert "other than a member appointed in default of election."
 3. " line 41, omit "'Municipal roll' includes citizen roll."
 4. " page 4, lines 23-4, omit "'Subdivision' of a municipal district means ward or riding."
 5. Clause 9, paragraph (a), omit this paragraph.
 6. Clause 10, omit this clause.
 7. Clause 13, omit this clause.
 8. Clause 14, omit this clause.
 9. Clause 15, sub-clauses (2), (3), (4), and (5), omit these sub-clauses.
 10. Clause 17, omit this clause.
 11. Clause 18, omit this clause.
 12. Clause 19, omit this clause.
 13. Clause 20, lines 12-29, omit all words beginning with "and (b) shall" to the end of the clause.
 14. Clause 21, sub-clause (3), omit this sub-clause.
 15. Clause 23, sub-clause (5), omit this sub-clause.
 20. Clause 61, omit this clause.
 22. Clause 95, lines 26-30, after "Board" omit all words beginning with "and any sum" to the end of the clause.
 26. Clause 123, page 74, lines 14-15, omit "compilation of rolls for and the conduct of elections" and insert "election."
 27. Clause 125, line 41, omit "as and" and insert "once every three years."
 28. Clause 132, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause.
 - 28A. Clause 134, omit this clause

INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAUSES:—

To follow clause 9—

29. A. (1) The elective members shall be elected as follows:—One member shall, for each division set forth in the Second Schedule, be elected by the council of the municipality or the councils of the municipalities the municipal district or districts whereof are included in the division; but, in the case of the Melbourne Division, two members shall be elected for that division.

(2) Save as otherwise expressly provided, no person shall be qualified to be elected or to be or continue an elective member of the Board unless he is a member of the council or of one of the councils by which he is elected:

Provided that an elective member of the Board shall not be disqualified to be or continue an elective member of the Board by reason only of his ceasing to be a member of such council or of one of such councils if he is immediately re-elected a member thereof.

(3) The following provisions shall apply with respect to elections of elective members by more councils than one:—

(a) At the time and place appointed as prescribed for any such election every councillor of the councils of the several municipalities in the division may attend and vote by ballot at the election:

Provided that no council shall be represented at the election by more than nine councillors; and in the case of a council consisting of more than nine councillors, the council shall decide by ballot the nine councillors to represent it at the election;

- (b) Each councillor entitled to vote shall have—
 - (i) in the case of a municipality having a population exceeding five thousand— one vote for each five thousand of the population and one additional vote for the remainder of the population ; and
 - (ii) in the case of a municipality having a population of five thousand or less— one vote :

Provided that no such councillor shall have more than ten votes.

- (c) One ballot-paper shall be given to each councillor for each vote to which he is entitled ;
- (d) Notwithstanding anything in this section where any councillor entitled to vote at an election is unable to be present thereat he may nominate in writing another councillor of the same council to receive his ballot-papers and to vote at the election in his stead and the councillor so nominated may receive the ballot-papers and vote accordingly ;
- (e) The Minister shall appoint some person to act as returning officer at each election.

(4) The first election of elective members shall take place on or before a day to be fixed by the Minister so as if practicable to enable the Board to be constituted not later than the thirty-first day of October One thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

- 30. B. Subject to this Act, elective members shall be entitled to hold office for three years from the date of election :

Provided that in the case of members elected at the first election five shall retire at the end of the first year, five at the end of the second year, and five at the end of the third year from the date of the election and the order of retirement shall be determined by lot at the first meeting of the Board or as soon as practicable thereafter ; but so that both members for the Melbourne Division shall not be required to retire at the same time.

- 31. C. (1) Every vacancy in the office of any elective member of the Board shall be filled by the election of an elective member by the council or councils by which the first-mentioned member was elected.

(2) An elective member elected to fill an extraordinary vacancy shall be entitled to hold office for the remainder of the term of his immediate predecessor.

- 32. D. In any case where in the opinion of the Minister there is any unreasonable delay in the election of an elective member the Governor in Council may appoint a person (whether he is or is not a member of any council or councils entitled to elect such member) to be a member of the Board ; and every person so appointed shall be deemed to be and may hold office as if he were qualified to be elected and to be and continue an elective member of the Board.

- 33. E. Notification of every election or appointment of members shall be published in the *Government Gazette* ; and a copy of the *Government Gazette* containing any such notification shall be conclusive evidence of the election or appointment and of the validity thereof.

To follow clause 56—

- 34. F. (1) With the consent of the Governor in Council the Board may acquire or take on lease and the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners (as the case may be) may convey or transfer and dispose of or demise to the Board upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon the whole or any part of the electric street railways known as—

(a) the St. Kilda-Brighton electric street railway authorized to be constructed under the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Act 1904*, the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Extension Act 1905*, and the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Extension Act 1906* ; and

(b) the Sandringham to Black Rock electric street railway authorized to be constructed under the *Sandringham to Black Rock Electric Street Railway Act 1914*.

(2) Any such electric street railway or part thereof conveyed transferred or disposed of to the Board shall vest in the Board and shall be and be deemed to be a tramway undertaking of the Board.

(3) Any such electric street railway or part thereof leased to the Board shall during the continuance of the lease be and be deemed to be a tramway undertaking of the Board ; but the exercise of any powers of the Board in respect thereto shall be subject to any terms covenants and conditions of the lease thereof.

(4) The provisions of any of the Acts specified in sub-section (1) of this section and of the *Railways Act 1915* applying to any such electric street railway or part thereof so vested in or leased to the Board shall cease to apply thereto accordingly :

Provided that—

(i) the Board shall upon such vesting or during the continuance of such lease (as the case may be) have the like powers of supplying electricity for lighting or power purposes within the like area and subject to the like conditions as the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners pursuant to any Act relating to such electric street railway or part thereof had immediately before such vesting or the commencement of such lease ; and

(ii) the Victorian Railways Commissioners shall supply to the Board and the Board shall take from the said commissioners upon such terms and under such conditions as are agreed upon the supply of electricity requisite for the operation of such electric street railway or part thereof and for the other purposes of this section.

(5) For the purposes of this section the expression "electric street railway" includes as well as the electric street railways aforesaid all or any lands (including any easement right or privilege in over or affecting such lands) and all or any buildings rolling-stock machinery and plant appertaining thereto respectively or used in connexion therewith by the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners for or in connexion with the supply of electricity pursuant to any of the said Acts (as the case requires) but does not include any sub-station or sub-stations and land appropriate thereto used for the conversion and supply of electric power to such electric street railways.

(6) For the purposes of this section the Governor in Council may by Order apportion settle adjust or determine any property estates rights powers liabilities obligations matters or things whatsoever as between or among the Board and the Board of Land and Works and the Victorian Railways Commissioners and any municipality and any persons or bodies of persons affected or all or any of them; and every such Order shall be final conclusive and binding.

To follow clause 23—

35. G. (1) The superintending engineer, the traffic superintendent, the chief inspector, the accountant, and the branch inspector, and a representative of the officers and employes of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board (to be appointed by the Governor in Council) shall constitute a board to be called the "Board of Discipline."

(2) The board of discipline may investigate hear and determine any charge brought against any officer or employé for a breach of any by-law (including any rule or regulation thereunder) to be made in that behalf, or for misconduct, and may suspend such officer or employé, or, if he has been already suspended may further suspend him for a period not exceeding six months, without salary or wages, or may inflict a fine to be deducted from his pay, or may reduce him in position or pay or both, or may dismiss him.

(3) (a) Any officer or employé who has been suspended or fined or reduced in rank position or grade and pay under by-laws (including rules and regulations thereunder) to be made in that behalf for breach of any such by-law rule or regulation or for misconduct may appeal as hereinafter provided to the board of discipline which shall hear and determine the same.

(b) Every such appeal shall be lodged with the secretary within seven days after the date of the decision appealed against and shall be heard by the board of discipline within thirty days from the date of the appeal being so lodged.

(4) Three members of the board of discipline shall form a quorum; and all powers of the board of discipline may be exercised by a majority of the members present at any meeting, and in case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote; and the members present at each meeting of the board of discipline shall appoint one of their number to act as chairman at such meeting.

(5) No member of the board of discipline shall take part in the hearing of any charge against or appeal by any officer or employé in the branch of which such member is the head.

(6) The secretary shall convene all meetings of the board of discipline.

(7) (a) At the hearing of a charge against or appeal by any officer or employé, any member of the board of discipline may administer an oath to any witness at such hearing.

(b) If the offence as to which the charge or appeal is made is one involving dismissal or reduction of rank position grade or pay, the appellant or officer or employé charged shall be entitled to have all witnesses examined on oath, and also to be represented by a barrister and solicitor of agent, who may examine witnesses and address the board of discipline on his behalf.

(c) The board of discipline may confirm or modify any decision appealed against or make such order therein as it thinks fit.

(8) Every decision of the board of discipline shall be final and conclusive, unless punishment is thereby imposed involving dismissal or reduction of rank position grade or pay in which event the accused may within seven days after being informed of such decision appeal therefrom to a board of appeal consisting of the chairman the secretary and the general manager of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board; and thereupon the board of appeal may hear confirm modify or otherwise finally determine such appeal and such determination shall be final and conclusive; and in the hearing of such appeal the appellant shall have the like rights and privileges as he had before the board of discipline, and the board of appeal or any member thereof may administer an oath to any witness at such hearing.

In the Schedules—

41. Second Schedule, page 79, in the sixth line of the Schedule omit "or wards."

42. " " page 79, in the seventh line of the Schedule omit "or wards."

43. " " page 80, after "*Melbourne Division*" omit all words beginning with "The Gipps ward" and ending with "city of Melbourne" (where they occur for the second time) and insert "The municipal district of Melbourne."

Amendment 2.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council do not insist on amendment 2.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. D. Brown,
F. G. Clarke,
J. H. Disney,
D. L. McNamara,
A. Robinson,
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Hicks,
J. P. Jones.

Noes, 14.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. Angliss,
A. Bell,
E. J. Crooke,
W. H. Edgar,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
T. H. Payne,
H. F. Richardson,
A. O. Sachse,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
J. K. Merritt.

And so it passed in the negative—Amendment 2 insisted on.

Amendments 3 to 13, after debate, insisted on.

Amendment 14.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council insist on amendment 14.
Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 17.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
J. D. Brown,
F. G. Clarke,
W. H. Edgar,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. McWhae,
H. F. Richardson,
A. Robinson,
A. O. Sachse,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. J. Crooke,
T. H. Payne.

Noes, 8.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
A. Hicks,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara,
J. K. Merritt.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
J. Sternberg.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative—Amendment 14 insisted on.

Amendments 15 and 20 insisted on.

Amendment 22.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council do not insist on amendment 22.
Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 14.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
W. J. Beckett,
A. Bell,
F. G. Clarke,
J. H. Disney,
A. Hicks,
J. P. Jones,
W. Kendell,
D. L. McNamara,
J. McWhae,
A. Robinson,
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. D. Brown,
H. F. Richardson.

Noes, 11.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
E. J. Crooke,
W. H. Edgar,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
A. O. Sachse.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson
E. J. White.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Amendment 22 not insisted on.

Amendment 26 insisted on.

Amendment 27, after debate, not insisted on.

Amendment 28 insisted on.

Amendments 28A to 33, after debate, insisted on.

Amendment 34, after debate, not insisted on.

Amendments 35 and 41 to 43 insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council do not insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly and do insist on others of the said amendments.

17. ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—The President informed the Council that in a Division which took place in Committee on Thursday last the Tellers for the “Ayes” had recorded the name of the Honorable J. P. Jones instead of that of the Honorable F. W. Hagelthorn; whereupon the President directed the Clerk to correct the Division List accordingly.

18. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made and still insisted on in this Bill by the Council with which the Assembly still insist on disagreeing, or which they have agreed to with amendments on which they still insist, having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

4. Clause 10, omit lines 27-43 on page 5, and lines 1-8 on page 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following :—

“ 10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—

(3) Nothing in the Closer Settlement Acts shall be taken to authorize—

(a) the acquisition by the Board by compulsory process of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, of an owner the unimproved value of whose land does not exceed Two thousand five hundred pounds ; or

(b) in the case of an owner of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, who is or has been engaged on war service—the acquisition by the Board from the owner by compulsory process during the period of his war service and a further period of five years after the termination thereof of any such land if held by him during the period of his war service.”

Agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendments, viz. :—

Omit the words and figures “ lines 27-43 on page 5, and ”.

Omit the figures and words “ 10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :— ”

Omit the figure “ (3) ” and insert the figure “ (4) ”.

Amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council disagreed with by the Council and insisted on by the Assembly.

Amendments of the Assembly still disagreed with by the Council and still insisted on by the Assembly.

5. Clause 10, page 6, line 9, omit “(5)” and insert “(4)” { Disagreed with by the Assembly.

Insisted on by the Council, and disagreement insisted on by the Assembly.

Still insisted on by the Council, and disagreement still insisted on by the Assembly.

Amendment 4.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Council now agree to the amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in clause 10.

The Honorable Walter S. Manifold moved as an amendment, That all the words after “ Council ” be omitted with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the following words :—“ do not now insist on disagreeing with the amendments made and still insisted on by the Assembly on the amendment of the Council in clause 10, but agree to the said amendments with the following modification, viz. :—

In clause 10, sub-clause 2, after “ meeting of Parliament ” insert :—

“ Provided that—

(a) Within the time notified by the Board to the owner as aforesaid the owner may serve upon the Board and upon the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker

of the Legislative Assembly a notice in writing of intention to appeal forthwith to a special appeal board constituted as hereinafter provided against the proposed compulsory acquisition of the said land upon the ground that the use to which the said land is then being put by the owner is of such importance that the compulsory acquisition thereof for the purposes of the Closer Settlement Acts would not be to the advantage of the State;

- (b) The Governor in Council may within fourteen days after the receipt of the notice by the Closer Settlement Board or as soon thereafter as practicable by Order constitute for the purposes of this section a special appeal board consisting of six persons, namely :—
 - (i) three members of the Legislative Council nominated by the President of the Council ; and
 - (ii) three members of the Legislative Assembly nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly ;
- (c) The President and Speaker respectively may nominate such persons whether Parliament is or is not sitting ;
- (d) The members of the special appeal board shall appoint one of their number to be the chairman thereof, and the chairman shall have a deliberative but not a casting vote;
- (e) The decision of the majority of a special appeal board shall prevail ;
- (f) A special appeal board so constituted—
 - (i) may allow or disallow the appeal ;
 - (ii) may sit at such times and places and adopt such procedure as it thinks fit ;
 - (iii) may act notwithstanding the absence of the owner or any person who has been summoned to appear ; and
 - (iv) may make such order as to costs as it thinks fit and such costs may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction.
- (g) If the special appeal board does not disallow the appeal no further steps shall be taken under the Closer Settlement Acts for the compulsory acquisition of the said land for a period of at least five years after the date of the determination ; but if the said Board disallows the appeal the Governor in Council may proceed forthwith to acquire the land by compulsory process in accordance with the Closer Settlement Acts ; and
- (h) Every determination of a special appeal board shall be final and conclusive, and shall not be challenged appealed against reviewed questioned or called in question in any court on any account whatsoever :

Provided further that where an owner has given notice of intention to appeal to a special appeal board under this section the notification referred to in sub-section (2) of this section shall not be published in the *Government Gazette* unless and until the appeal is not allowed."

The Honorable J. D. Brown moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The Council divided.

Ayes, 10.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
F. G. Clarke,
J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones,
W. Kendell,
D. L. McNamara,
A. Robinson,
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Hicks,
J. K. Merritt.

Noes, 12.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. Angliss,
A. A. Austin,
A. Bell,
J. D. Brown,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
H. F. Richardson,
A. O. Sachse.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. J. Crooke,
T. H. Payne.

And so it passed in the negative.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The main question was then put and agreed to.
Amendment 5 not now insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council do not now insist on their amendment in clause 10 with which the Assembly still insist on disagreeing, and do not now insist on disagreeing with the amendments made and still insisted on by the Assembly on the other amendment of the Council in the said clause, but agree to the said amendments with a modification, and desiring their concurrence therein.

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

20. PORTLAND SHIRE HALL BILL.—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to this Bill and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable F. G. Clarke 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 in Committee.

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

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

21. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

22. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

23. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

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

House in Committee.

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

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

25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 15 to 21 inclusive, *Discharged Soldiers Settlement Bill—Second reading*, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 31.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Council in the *Wheat Marketing Bill*.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
4. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, later this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until later this day.

- 6. **DISCHARGED SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
- 7. **METROPOLITAN HAWKERS BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly, with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
- 8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4 be postponed until later this day.
- 9. **HEALTH BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
- 10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 9 inclusive, be postponed until later this day.
- 11. **FORESTS BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.
Resolved—That the Council will, later this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
- 12. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they desire a Free Conference on the subject-matter of the amendments made and insisted on by the Council in the *Metropolitan Tramways Bill*, and that they have appointed seven Members of the Assembly to be Managers of the said Conference.
The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the desire of the Assembly for a Free Conference on the Metropolitan Tramways Bill be complied with.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable Walter S. Manifold moved, That the following Members be appointed Managers of the Conference:—The Honorables W. A. Adamson, J. G. Aikman, A. A. Austin, E. J. Crooke, D. E. McBryde, A. Robinson, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable Walter S. Manifold moved, That the Conference meet at a quarter to eight o'clock this day in the Conference Room.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have appointed seven Members to confer with a like number of Members of the Assembly on the Metropolitan Tramways Bill, and have named the Conference Room as the place, and a quarter to eight o'clock this day as the time, of meeting of such Conference.
- 13. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL—FREE CONFERENCE.**—The Managers then went to the Conference, and being returned—
The Honorable Walter S. Manifold reported on behalf of the Managers for the Council that they had met the Managers for the Assembly at the Free Conference and, after discussion, had adjourned until to-morrow at half-past eleven o'clock when the said Conference would be resumed.
- 14. **FORESTS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill, in Committee of the whole having been read—
The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Honorable J. D. Brown perform the duties of Chairman of Committees.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable J. D. Brown having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

15. **CARDIGAN LAND BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, was read and, the question being put was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable J. D. Brown having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2, 4, 6 to 9, and 12 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
17. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 32.

THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Part V. of the 'Goods Act 1915'*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
3. **GOODS BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
4. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Railways—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1918.
5. **METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL—FREE CONFERENCE.**—The Clerk read the names of the Honorable Members appointed as Managers for the Council, who thereupon proceeded to the place named for the meeting of the Conference, and being returned—
The Honorable Walter S. Manifold reported, on behalf of the Managers for the Council, that the Conference had again met and, after further discussion, had adjourned until later this day.
6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have disagreed with the amendment made by the Council to omit the words "or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part" and to insert in place thereof the word "pianos" in the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in manufacturing or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part," but have made an amendment in the said resolution by omitting the words "or tuning", and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration later this day.
7. **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 1917 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.
Country Roads Board—Fifth Annual Report.
8. **PIANGIL TO PINE TANK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
9. **MANANGATANG TO BRYDEN'S TANK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.

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

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse reported that the committee had agreed to the following resolutions:—

That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendments in the Bill, viz.:—

Clause 2, page 2, line 5, omit “may” and insert “shall.”

Clause 3, line 35, omit “may” and insert “shall.”

„ sub-clause (6), at the end of the sub-clause insert the following new sub-clause:—

(7) The duty payable on a sale of real property shall be borne by the purchaser at such sale and any contract or agreement whereby he seeks to relieve himself from liability therefor shall be ineffective to relieve him from such liability or to impose upon any other person any liability therefor or any obligation to recoup such purchaser or to indemnify or keep him indemnified against the payment thereof or any part thereof—

and asked leave to sit again.

On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Report was adopted.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly, with a Message suggesting that the Assembly amend the same as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

Resolved—That the Council will, later this day, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 6 inclusive be postponed until later this day.

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

House in Committee.

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

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

13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 3).—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to the Constitution of a Body of Electricity Commissioners and the Powers and Duties thereof and to amend the Law relating to Electric Light and Power*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

15. ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

16. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Stamps Bill*, and acquainting the Council that the Assembly have considered the Message of the Council suggesting, on the consideration of the Bill in Committee, that the Assembly make certain amendments in such Bill, and that the Assembly have made the suggested amendments.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of the whole on the *Stamps Bill*.

17. STAMPS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read—the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill (including the amendments made in the said Bill by the Assembly, which were suggested by the Council) without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same (including the amendments made in the said Bill by the Assembly, which were suggested by the Council) without amendment.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Closer Settlement Bill*, and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the further amendment made in clause 10 of such Bill by the Council with amendments, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be now taken into consideration.

18A. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The said further amendment was read and is as follows:—

Amendment made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

4. Clause 10, omit lines 27-43 on page 5, and lines 1-8 on page 6, and insert in lieu thereof the following:—

“10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections:—

(3) Nothing in the Closer Settlement Acts shall be taken to authorize—

(a) the acquisition by the Board by compulsory process of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, of an owner the unimproved value of whose land does not exceed Two thousand five hundred pounds; or

(b) in the case of an owner of any land, whether freehold or leasehold, who is or has been engaged on war service—the acquisition by the Board from the owner by compulsory process during the period of his war service and a further period of five years after the termination thereof of any such land if held by him during the period of his war service.”

Agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendments, viz. :—

Omit the words and figures “lines 27-43 on page 5, and”.

Omit the figures and words “10. At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections:—”

Omit the figure “(3)” and insert the figure “(4)”.

Amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council disagreed with by the Council.

Amendments of the Assembly insisted on by the Assembly.

Amendments of the Assembly still disagreed with by the Council.

Amendments of the Assembly still insisted on by the Assembly.

Amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council now agreed to by the Council, but the following further amendment made in the clause:—

In clause 10, sub-clause (2), after “meeting of Parliament” insert “Provided that—(a) Within the time notified by the Board to the owner as aforesaid the owner may serve upon the Board and upon the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly a notice in writing of intention to appeal forthwith to a special appeal board constituted as hereinafter provided against the proposed compulsory acquisition of the said land upon the ground that the use to which the said land is then being put by the owner is of such importance that the compulsory acquisition thereof for the purposes of the Closer Settlement Acts would not be to the advantage of the State;

(b) The Governor in Council may within fourteen days after the receipt of the notice by the Closer Settlement Board or as soon thereafter as practicable by Order constitute for the purposes of this section a special appeal board consisting of six persons, namely:—

(i) three members of the Legislative Council nominated by the President of the Council; and

(ii) three members of the Legislative Assembly nominated by the Speaker of the Assembly;

(c) The President and Speaker respectively may nominate such persons whether Parliament is or is not sitting;

(d) The members of the special appeal board shall appoint one of their number to be the chairman thereof, and the chairman shall have a deliberative but not a casting vote;

(e) The decision of the majority of a special appeal board shall prevail;

(f) A special appeal board so constituted—

(i) may allow or disallow the appeal;

(ii) may sit at such times and places and adopt such procedure as it thinks fit;

(iii) may act notwithstanding the absence of the owner or any person who has been summoned to appear; and

(iv) may make such order as to costs as it thinks fit, and such costs may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction;

(g) If the special appeal board does not disallow the appeal no further steps shall be taken under the Closer Settlement Acts for the compulsory acquisition of the said land for a period of at least five years after the date of the determination; but if the said board disallows the appeal the Governor in Council may proceed forthwith to acquire the land by compulsory process in accordance with the Closer Settlement Acts; and

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

(h) Every determination of a special appeal board shall be final and conclusive, and shall not be challenged, appealed against, reviewed, questioned or called in question in any court on any account whatsoever :

Provided further that where an owner has given notice of intention to appeal to a special appeal board under this section the notification referred to in sub-section (2) of this section shall not be published in the *Government Gazette* unless and until the appeal is not allowed."

Further amendment of the Council in clause 10 agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendments :—

In paragraph (b)—

After " Governor in Council " insert " by Order ".
 After " practicable " omit " by Order ".

In paragraph (g)—

Omit " does not disallow " and insert " allow ".
 Omit " five " and insert " four ".
 After " Acts ; and " insert " if the said board does not determine the appeal within two months after the date of the Order constituting the said board, the appeal shall be deemed to have been disallowed by the said board ; and ".

In the second proviso omit " not allowed " and insert " disallowed ".

On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Council agreed to the amendments of the Assembly in paragraph (b) of the further amendment of the Council in clause 10.

The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That the Council agree to the amendments of the Assembly in paragraph (g) of the said further amendment of the Council.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable Walter S. Manifold 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.

19. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize a Deviation on the Murchison and Rushworth Railway*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
20. MURCHISON AND RUSHWORTH RAILWAY DEVIATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
21. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL—FREE CONFERENCE.—The Clerk read the names of the Honorable Members appointed as Managers for the Council, who thereupon proceeded to the place named for the meeting of the Conference, and being returned—
 The Honorable Walter S. Manifold reported, on behalf of the Managers for the Council, that the Conference had again met and, after further discussion, certain resolutions had been agreed to. The detailed amendments which had been drafted to give effect to these resolutions had also been considered and agreed to. The recommendations of the Conference would be taken into consideration in the Assembly, where the Bill and the amendments made therein by the Council were at present, and the Council would now await a Message from the Assembly when the matter had been dealt with there.
22. GOODS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly, with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
23. MURCHISON AND RUSHWORTH RAILWAY DEVIATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
 House in Committee.
 The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
24. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 10 inclusive, be postponed until later this day.

25. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Metropolitan Tramways Bill*, and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the recommendations of the Free Conference on the subject-matter of the amendments made and insisted on by the Council in this Bill, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be now taken into consideration.

25A. METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—The said recommendations were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
2. Clause 4, line 15, after "Act" insert "other than a member appointed in default of election."		2. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 4.
3. „ line 41, omit " 'Municipal roll' includes citizen roll."		3. } These amendments made by the Council in clause 4 to be agreed to.
4. „ page 4, lines 23-4, omit " 'Subdivision' of a municipal district means ward or riding."		4. }
5. Clause 9, paragraph (a), omit this paragraph.		5. This amendment made by the Council in clause 9 to be agreed to.
6. Clause 10, omit this clause.		6. }
7. Clause 13, omit this clause.		7. }
8. Clause 14, omit this clause.		8. }
9. Clause 15, sub-clauses (2), (3), (4), and (5), omit these sub-clauses.		9. } These amendments made by the Council to be agreed to.
10. Clause 17, omit this clause.		10. }
11. Clause 18, omit this clause.		11. }
12. Clause 19, omit this clause.		12. }
13. Clause 20, lines 12-29, omit all words beginning with "and (b) shall" to the end of the clause.		13. This amendment made by the Council in clause 20 to be agreed to.
14. Clause 21, sub-clause (3), omit this sub-clause.		14. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 21.
15. Clause 23, sub-clause (5), omit this sub-clause.		15. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 23.
20. Clause 61, omit this clause.		20. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly; and Council not to insist on this amendment.
26. Clause 123, page 74, lines 14-15, omit " compilation of rolls for and the conduct of elections " and insert " election."	Disagreed with by Assembly.— Insisted on by Council.	26. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly; and Council not to insist on this amendment in clause 123.
28. Clause 132, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause.		28. This amendment made by the Council in clause 132 to be agreed to.
28A. Clause 134, omit this clause.		28A. This amendment made by the Council to be agreed to.

INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAUSES :—

To follow clause 9—

29. A. (1) The elective members shall be elected as follows:—One member shall, for each division set forth in the Second Schedule, be elected by the council of the municipality or the councils of the municipalities the municipal district or districts whereof are included in the division; but, in the case of the Melbourne Division, two members shall be elected for that division.

(2) Save as otherwise expressly provided, no person shall be qualified to be elected or to be or continue an elective member of the Board unless he is a member of the council or of one of the councils by which he is elected :

Provided that an elective member of the Board shall not be disqualified to be or continue an elective member of the Board by reason only of his ceasing to be a member of such council or of one of such councils if he is immediately re-elected a member thereof.

(3) The following provisions shall apply with respect to elections of elective members by more councils than one :—

(a) At the time and place appointed as prescribed for any such election every councillor of the councils of the several municipalities in the division may attend and vote by ballot at the election :

29. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly; and Council not to insist on new clause A.

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Recommendations of Free Conference.

Provided that no council shall be represented at the election by more than nine councillors; and in the case of a council consisting of more than nine councillors, the council shall decide by ballot the nine councillors to represent it at the election;

- (b) Each councillor entitled to vote shall have—
- (i) in the case of a municipality having a population exceeding five thousand—one vote for each five thousand of the population and one additional vote for the remainder of the population; and
 - (ii) in the case of a municipality having a population of five thousand or less—one vote:

Provided that no such councillor shall have more than ten votes.

- (c) One ballot-paper shall be given to each councillor for each vote to which he is entitled;
- (d) Notwithstanding anything in this section where any councillor entitled to vote at an election is unable to be present thereat he may nominate in writing another councillor of the same council to receive his ballot-papers and to vote at the election in his stead and the councillor so nominated may receive the ballot-papers and vote accordingly;
- (e) The Minister shall appoint some person to act as returning officer at each election.

(4) The first election of elective members shall take place on or before a day to be fixed by the Minister so as if practicable to enable the Board to be constituted not later than the 31st day of October One thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

30. B. Subject to this Act, elective members shall be entitled to hold office for three years from the date of election:

Provided that in the case of members elected at the first election five shall retire at the end of the first year, five at the end of the second year, and five at the end of the third year from the date of the election and the order of retirement shall be determined by lot at the first meeting of the Board or as soon as practicable thereafter; but so that both members for the Melbourne Division shall not be required to retire at the same time.

31. C. (1) Every vacancy in the office of any elective member of the Board shall be filled by the election of an elective member by the council or councils by which the first-mentioned member was elected.

(2) An elective member elected to fill an extraordinary vacancy shall be entitled to hold office for the remainder of the term of his immediate predecessor.

32. D. In any case where in the opinion of the Minister there is any unreasonable delay in the election of an elective member the Governor in Council may appoint a person (whether he is or is not a member of any council or councils entitled to elect such member) to be a member of the Board; and every person so appointed shall be deemed to be and may hold office as if he were qualified to be elected and to be and continue an elective member of the Board.

33. E. Notification of every election or appointment of members shall be published in the *Government Gazette*; and a copy of the *Government Gazette* containing any such notification shall be conclusive evidence of the election or appointment and of the validity thereof

Disagreed with by Assembly.— Insisted on by Council.

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Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly; and Council not to insist on new clauses B, C, D, E.

To follow clause 23—

35. G. (1) The superintending engineer, the traffic superintendent, the chief inspector, the accountant, and the branch inspector, and a representative of the officers and employees of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board (to be appointed by the Governor in Council) shall constitute a Board to be called the "Board of Discipline."

(2) The board of discipline may investigate hear and determine any charge brought against any officer or employee for a breach of any by-law (including any rule or regulation thereunder) to be made in that behalf, or for misconduct, and may suspend such officer or employee, or, if he has been already suspended may further suspend him for a period not exceeding six months, without salary or wages, or may inflict a fine to be deducted from his pay, or may reduce him in position or pay or both, or may dismiss him.

(3) (a) Any officer or employee who has been suspended or fined or reduced in rank position or grade and pay under by-laws (including rules and regulations thereunder) to be made in that behalf for breach of any such by-law rule or regulation or for misconduct may appeal as hereinafter provided to the board of discipline which shall hear and determine the same.

(b) Every such appeal shall be lodged with the secretary within seven days after the date of the decision appealed against and shall be heard by the board of discipline within thirty days from the date of the appeal being so lodged.

(4) Three members of the board of discipline shall form a quorum; and all powers of the board of discipline may be exercised by a majority of the members present at any meeting, and in case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote; and the members present at each meeting of the board of discipline shall appoint one of their number to act as chairman at such meeting.

(5) No member of the board of discipline shall take part in the hearing of any charge against or appeal by any officer or employee in the branch of which such member is the head.

(6) The secretary shall convene all meetings of the board of discipline.

(7) (a) At the hearing of a charge against or appeal by any officer or employee, any member of the board of discipline may administer an oath to any witness at such hearing.

(b) If the offence as to which the charge or appeal is made is one involving dismissal or reduction of rank position grade or pay, the appellant or officer or employee charged shall be entitled to have all witnesses examined on oath, and also to be represented by a barrister and solicitor or agent, who may examine witnesses and address the board of discipline on his behalf.

(c) The board of discipline may confirm or modify any decision appealed against or make such order therein as it thinks fit;

(8) Every decision of the board of discipline shall be final and conclusive unless punishment is thereby imposed involving dismissal or reduction of rank position grade or pay in which event the accused may within seven days after being informed of such decision appeal therefrom to a board of appeal consisting of the chairman the secretary and the general manager of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board; and thereupon the board of appeal may hear confirm modify or otherwise finally determine such appeal and such determination shall be final and conclusive; and

35. Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly; and Council not to insist on new clause G.

Disagreed with by Assembly.— Insisted on by Council.

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
in the hearing of such appeal the appellant shall have the like rights and privileges as he had before the board of discipline, and the board of appeal or any member thereof may administer an oath to any witness at such hearing.		
41. Second Schedule, page 79, in the sixth line of the Schedule omit "or wards."	Disagreed with by Assembly.— Insisted on by Council.	41. } 42. } Disagreement to be insisted on by Assembly; and Council not to insist on these amendments. 43. }
42. " " page 79, in the seventh line of the Schedule omit "or wards."		
43. " " page 80, after " <i>Melbourne Division</i> " omit all words beginning with "The Gipps ward" and ending with "city of Melbourne" (where they occur for the second time) and insert "The municipal district of Melbourne."		

Recommendations of Free Conference—continued.

The following amendments to be made in the Bill:—

Clause 3, line 35, omit "election and."

Clause 4, lines 25-29, omit the words beginning with "Election means" and ending with "Act."

Clause 5, line 26, omit "elected or."

Clause 7, lines 1-3, after "of" omit all words to the end of the clause, and insert "seven members, who shall be appointed by the Governor in Council."

Insert the following new clauses to follow clause 7:—

7A. The Governor in Council may appoint one of such members to be the chairman, and may at any time accept the resignation of or remove the chairman or any other member, and may from time to time, as any vacancy occurs in the office of chairman or other member, appoint some person to fill the vacancy.

7B. Subject to this Act, members (other than the chairman) shall be entitled to hold office for three years from the date of their appointment; but any such member appointed to fill a vacancy (other than a vacancy caused by the retirement of a member, on the expiry of the period for which he was appointed) shall be entitled to hold office for the remainder of the term of his immediate predecessor.

7C. The Board shall, during the period of six years next after the appointed day, be constituted by the appointment of the members thereof in the manner provided in this Act:

Provided that the constitution of the Board shall be reviewed by Parliament before the expiration of that period:

Provided, however, that if no Act is passed before the expiration of that period, altering the constitution of the Board, the Board shall (until Parliament otherwise provides) continue to be constituted, as provided in this Act, until the end of the next ensuing Session of Parliament; and, notwithstanding any alteration in the constitution of the Board, the Board shall be deemed to be the same corporation before and after such alteration, and no action or other matter or thing shall be affected or abated thereby.

Clause 8, omit this clause.

Clause 9, omit this clause.

Clause 12, page 7, line 16, before "save" insert "being or continuing a member of the council of any municipality or."

" page 7, line 20, omit "or of the council of any municipality."

Clause 15, sub-section (1), paragraph (a), omit this paragraph.

" sub-section (1), paragraph (b), line 7, omit "being an appointed member."

Clause 16, line 44, omit "re-elected or."

Clause 20; omit this clause.

Clause 21, line 30, omit "elected and."

" line 37, omit "elected and."

Clause 22, sub-sections (1), (2), (3), (4), omit these sub-sections.

" sub-section (5), paragraph (a), line 21, omit "Board at any meeting" and insert "Minister."

" sub-section (5), paragraph (b), omit this paragraph.

" sub-section (5), paragraph (c), line 28, after "unless" omit "so."

" sub-section (5), paragraph (d), lines 39-40, omit "or of the council of any municipality."

" sub-section (5), paragraph (e), line 43, after "the" omit "Board" and insert "Governor in Council."

Clause 123, sub-sections (3) and (4), omit these sub-sections.

Clause 132, sub-section (2), lines 19-20, omit "or the first election of the members thereof."

" sub-section (2), line 21, omit "Minister" and insert "Governor in Council."

" sub-section (2), lines 25-26, omit "election or."

Clause 133, line 32, omit "election and."

In the Third Schedule—

PART A, clause 2, sub-section (2), page 80:—

In the fourth line of the sub-section, omit "election or."

In the seventh line of the sub-section, omit "elected or."

PART B, clause 3, sub-section (1), page 81, in the last line of the sub-section, omit "nine" and insert "four."

" sub-section (2), omit "nine" and insert "four."

" clause 8, page 82, in the fifth line of the clause, omit "three" and insert "two."

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the recommendations of the Free Conference.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

26. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 13 inclusive—

Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board—Message from Assembly amending the Council's amendment in resolution for a proposed Board—To be taken into consideration.

Electricity Commissioners Bill—Second reading,

and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

27. **ADJOURNMENT.**—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

R. W. V. McCALL,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

No. 33.

FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1918.

1. The President took the Chair and read the Prayer.
2. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Council in the *Local Government Bill* (No. 3).
3. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to increase the Borrowing Powers of the Fitzroy Northcote and Preston Tramways Trust*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
4. **FITZROY NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON TRAMWAYS BILL.**—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.
5. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Wheat Marketing Act 1915—Victorian Wheat Commission—Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1918, and Statement of Accounts to that date of the 1915-16, 1916-17, and 1917-18 Seasons.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until later this day.
7. **COUNTRY ROADS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read, the President left the Chair.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable A. O. Sachse having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and desiring their concurrence therein.
8. **DEVELOPMENTAL ROADS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole having been read, the Report was adopted, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same without amendment.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4 be postponed until later this day.
10. **ESSENDON LAND BILL.**—The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to this Bill and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Honorable F. G. Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
The Honorable Walter S. Manifold 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 later this day.

11. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the amendments of the Assembly on the further amendment of the Council in clause 10 of this Bill having been read—
[For these amendments see Minutes No. 32, pages 72-3.]

Debate resumed on the question—That the Council agree to the amendments of the Assembly in paragraph (g) of the further amendment of the Council.

The Honorable Walter S. Manifold moved, as an amendment, That the following words be omitted from the amendments of the Assembly in paragraph (g) of the further amendment of the Council: “deemed to have been disallowed by the said board; and”, with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the following words: “forthwith referred to a judge of county courts nominated by the Governor in Council and such judge shall hear and decide the same and for that purpose shall have and may exercise all or any of the powers and authorities of the said board and his decision shall be deemed to be the determination of the said board; and”.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted from the amendments of the Assembly stand part of such amendments—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 10.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. J. Beckett,
J. D. Brown,
F. G. Clarke,
J. H. Disney,
J. K. Merritt,
A. Robinson,
J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

The Hon. F. W. Brawn,
F. W. Hagelthorn.

Noes, 7.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
E. J. Crooke,
Walter S. Manifold,
A. O. Sachse,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
G. M. Davis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Walter S. Manifold 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 later this day.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “An Act to confer certain Powers on the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

13. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “An Act relating to the Municipalities of Moorabbin and Sandringham” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MOORABBIN AND SANDRINGHAM) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable F. G. Clarke, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

16. ESSENDON LAND BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read—

Debate resumed.

The Honorable W. J. Beckett moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 8.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. D. Brown,
J. H. Disney,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. L. McNamara,
A. O. Sachse.

Tellers.

The Hon. F. W. Brawn,
A. Hicks.

Noes, 13.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. Angliss,
F. G. Clarke,
G. M. Davis,
W. H. Edgar,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
W. Kendell,
J. McWhae,
J. K. Merritt,
A. Robinson,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
E. J. Crooke.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

The Honorable W. J. Beckett 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 later this day.

17. CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the amendments of the Assembly on the further amendment of the Council in clause 10 of this Bill having been read—

[For these amendments see Minutes No. 32, pages 72-3.]

Debate resumed on the question, That the Council agree to the amendments of the Assembly in paragraph (g) of the further amendment of the Council.

The Honorable Walter S. Manifold moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be inserted after the word "board" where it occurs the third time in the amendments of the Assembly in paragraph (g) of the further amendment of the Council: "This provision that the appeal shall be deemed to have been disallowed if the said board does not determine the appeal within two months after the date of the Order constituting the said board shall have no further effect or operation after the expiration of four years from the passing of this Act."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the amendments of the Assembly be so inserted—put and negatived.

Question—That the Council agree to the amendments of the Assembly in paragraph (g) of the further amendment of the Council—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment of the Assembly in the second proviso of the further amendment of the Council agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the amendments of the Assembly on the further amendment of the Council in clause 10 of the said Bill.

18. ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

19. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Venereal Diseases Act 1916' and for other purposes*" and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

20. VENEREAL DISEASES BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

21. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons (other than persons under the jurisdiction of the Fibrous Plasterers Board) employed in the trade of making portable articles of cement or concrete," having been read—

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

22. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 9, be postponed until after No. 11.

23. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in the process, trade, or business of—

(a) painting, other than ship painting or painting under the jurisdiction of any Special Board heretofore appointed or hereafter to be appointed;

(b) paperhanging.

Also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the twelfth day of October, 1909, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1909, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the process, trade, or business connected with—

(a) painting of buildings (including renovations);

(b) paperhanging (including renovations)," having been read—

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

24. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—“That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons (other than persons under the jurisdiction of the Carpenters, Agricultural Implements, or Picture Frame Boards, or persons engaged in ship or boat building, or the erection of bridges, wharfs, or similar structures) employed as—

- (a) carpenters, joiners, or box-makers ;
- (b) stackers, sorters, loaders or unloaders of sawn timber ;
- (c) saw-mill, timber yard, box factory, or joiner's workshop employees ;
- (d) woodworkers making articles not under the jurisdiction of any Special Board heretofore appointed or hereafter to be appointed ;

Also that this resolution be substituted for the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the seventeenth day of June, 1915, and by the Legislative Council on the twenty-seventh day of July, 1915, declaring that it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed as—

- (a) carpenters, joiners, or box-makers ;
- (b) stackers, sorters, loaders or unloaders of sawn timber ;
- (c) saw-mill, timber yard, box factory, or joiner's workshop employees,

but not including persons under the jurisdiction of the Carpenters, Agricultural Implements, or Picture Frame Boards, or persons engaged in shipbuilding or the erection of bridges, wharfs, or similar structures,” having been read—

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council concur with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in agreeing to the foregoing resolution.

25. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have disagreed with the amendment made by the Council to omit the words “or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part” and to insert in place thereof the word “pianos” in the following resolution, viz. :—“That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any persons employed in manufacturing or tuning any musical instrument of which wood forms a part,” but have made an amendment in the said resolution by omitting the words “or tuning” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein, having been read—

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council do not insist on their amendment in the foregoing resolution and agree to the amendment of the Assembly in the same.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council do not insist on their amendment in the foregoing resolution and agree to the amendment of the Assembly in the same.

26. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to State School Teachers*” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

27. TEACHERS BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time later this day.

28. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MOORABBIN AND SANDRINGHAM) BILL.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to this Bill and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

House in Committee.

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

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

29. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly acquainting the Council that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Council in the *Electricity Commissioners Bill*.

30. FITZROY NORTHCOTE AND PRESTON TRAMWAYS BILL.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to this Bill and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable A. Robinson 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 in Committee.

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

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

31. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

32. SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the further amendment made in clause 7 of this Bill by the Council and disagreed with by the Assembly having been read, the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Amendment made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.				
4. Clause 7, line 38, after “licensee” insert “him- self but not by any servant agent or other person.”	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="font-size: 3em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td style="vertical-align: middle;">Disagreed with by the Assembly. Not insisted on by the Council but the following further amendment made in the clause :—After “licence,” in line 40, insert “and unless on his licensed premises not through any servant agent or other person.”</td> <td style="font-size: 3em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td style="vertical-align: middle;">Further amend- ment disagreed with by the Assembly.</td> </tr> </table>	}	Disagreed with by the Assembly. Not insisted on by the Council but the following further amendment made in the clause :—After “licence,” in line 40, insert “and unless on his licensed premises not through any servant agent or other person.”	}	Further amend- ment disagreed with by the Assembly.
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The Honorable A. Robinson moved, That the Council do not insist on their further amendment in clause 7.

The Honorable W. J. Beckett moved, as an amendment, That all the words after “ Council ” be omitted with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words “ insist on their further amendment in clause 7 but amend the same by inserting the words “ or at auction ” after the word “ premises.”

Debate ensued.

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

The main question was then put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council do not insist on their further amendment in clause 7 disagreed with by the Assembly.

33. ESSENDON LAND BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That this Bill be now read a second time, having been read, the debate was resumed and, on the motion of the Honorable W. J. Beckett, further adjourned until later this day.

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

House in Committee.

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

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

35. VENEREAL DISEASES BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

36. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly transmitting a Bill intituled “ *An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nineteen and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament* ” and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.

37. APPROPRIATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, was, after debate, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

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

SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1918.

House in Committee.

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

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

38. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.—The President announced the receipt of a Message from the Assembly returning the *Country Roads Bill* and acquainting the Council that they have agreed to one of the amendments made in such Bill by the Council and have agreed to the other of the said amendments with amendments, and desiring the concurrence of the Council therein.
 Ordered—That the foregoing Message be now taken into consideration.

38A. COUNTRY ROADS BILL.—The said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Amendment made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.

Insert the following new clause :—

B. (1) The sums named in section six of the Principal Act as salaries for the chairman and other members of the Board are hereby increased to such sums as the Governor in Council determines, but not exceeding—

(a) for the salary of the chairman One thousand pounds ; and

(b) for the salary of each of the other members of the Board Eight hundred pounds.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the said section six the salaries of the chairman and of each of the other members of the Board holding office at the commencement of this Act may be increased by the Governor in Council to such sums respectively as the Governor in Council determines not exceeding the several sums aforesaid ; and such increase of salaries shall take effect as from such day after the twenty-fifth day of March One thousand nine hundred and eighteen as the Governor in Council appoints.

(3) In the said section six for the words " Eight hundred pounds " there shall be substituted the words " One thousand pounds " ; and for the words " Six hundred pounds " there shall be substituted the words " Eight hundred pounds ".

Agreed to with the following amendments :—

In sub-section (1), paragraph (b), omit " Eight " and insert " Seven ".

In sub-section (2), omit " twenty-fifth day of March One thousand nine hundred and eighteen " and insert " first day of January One thousand nine hundred and nineteen ".

In sub-section (3), omit " Eight " where last occurring and insert " Seven "

On the motion of the Honorable A. Robinson the Council agreed to the amendments of the Assembly on the amendment of the Council to insert new clause B and ordered the Bill to be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them accordingly.

39. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 and 7, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, the 21st January next.

40. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable A. Robinson moved, by leave, That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, the 21st January next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at six minutes to one o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday, the 21st January next.

R. W. V. McCALL,
 Clerk of the Legislative Council.



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The following Bills were assented to by His Excellency the Governor on the dates mentioned hereunder, viz. :—

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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 twenty-first day of January, 1919 :
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 eighteenth day of February, 1919.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and in the ninth 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.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS
(JOINT).

APPOINTED (SEE ACT No. 2717) 4TH DECEMBER, 1917.

The Hon. A. Hicks

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The Hon. D. Melville.

APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION 1918.

No. 1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Appointed (by President's Warrant) 9th July, 1918.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman A. A. Austin J. D. Brown J. P. Jones		The Hon. Walter S. Manifold D. E. McBryde E. J. White.
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No. 2.—ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Appointed 9th July, 1918.

The Hon. F. W. Brawn A. Hicks W. A. Adamson W. L. Baillieu		The Hon. W. J. Beckett F. W. Hagelthorn D. E. McBryde.
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No. 3.—STANDING ORDERS.

Appointed 10th July, 1918.

The Hon. the President W. L. Baillieu J. D. Brown F. G. Clarke E. J. Crooke		The Hon. Walter S. Manifold D. E. McBryde T. H. Payne A. O. Sachse J. Sternberg.
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No. 4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

Appointed 10th July, 1918.

The Hon. the President A. A. Austin J. P. Jones		The Hon. J. K. Merritt A. Robinson.
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No. 5.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

Appointed 10th July, 1918.

The Hon. the President T. Beggs F. W. Brawn		The Hon. F. W. Hagelthorn D. Melville.
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No. 6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

Appointed 10th July, 1918.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson J. G. Aikman W. J. Beckett		The Hon. A. Hicks H. F. Richardson.
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No. 7.—PRINTING.

Appointed 10th July, 1918.

The Hon. the President W. Angliss A. Bell G. M. Davis J. H. Disney		The Hon. W. H. Edgar W. Kendell D. L. McNamara J. McWhae E. J. White.
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No. 8.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

Appointed 10th July, 1918.

The Hon J. D. Brown F. G. Clarke E. J. Crooke		The Hon. J. P. Jones Walter S. Manifold A. Robinson.
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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1918.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—CRIMES BILL.—Clause 10—

10. Whenever any person is being proceeded against for receiving any property knowing it to have been stolen, for the purpose of proving guilty knowledge there may be given in evidence at any stage of the proceedings—

- (a) the fact that other property stolen within the period of twelve months preceding the date of the offence charged was or had been in his possession ;
- (b) the fact that within the five years preceding the date of the offence charged he was convicted of any offence involving fraud or dishonesty.

This last-mentioned fact may not be proved unless—

- (i) seven days' notice in writing has been given to the said person that proof of such previous conviction is intended to be given ; and
- (ii) evidence has been given that the property in respect of which the said person is being tried was or had been in his possession—(*Hon. A. Robinson*).

Motion made and question put—That clause 10 stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
J. D. Brown,
F. G. Clarke,
E. J. Crooke,
W. H. Edgar,
A. Hicks,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. K. Merritt,
H. F. Richardson,
A. Robinson,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
A. Bell.

Noes, 3.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett.

Tellers.

The Hon. J. H. Disney,
J. P. Jones.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—CRIMES BILL.—Proposed new clause A—

A. In sections three and sixty-five of the Principal Act for the words "suffer death as a felon" there shall be substituted the words "be imprisoned for life."—(*Hon. J. D. Brown*).

Motion made and question put—That new clause A be added to the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

The Hon. J. D. Brown,
J. P. Jones.

Tellers.

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

Noes, 14.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
W. Angliss,
A. Bell,
F. G. Clarke,
E. J. Crooke,
A. Hicks,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. K. Merritt,
A. Robinson,
E. J. White.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. H. Edgar,
H. F. Richardson.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1918.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 2.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1918.

No. 1.—CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Clause 10—

10. (1) For sub-section (1) of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following sub-section :—

“(1) Where in pursuance of the Closer Settlement Acts an offer to purchase any land for the Crown has been made to the owner thereof by the Board and has not been accepted by such owner within the time notified by the Board to such owner the Governor in Council may direct that the whole or any part of the land may be acquired by the Board from the owner by compulsory process.”

(2) At the end of section thirty-five of the Principal Act there shall be inserted the following sub-sections :—

“(3) A copy of the notification shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the publication thereof if Parliament is then sitting and if Parliament is not then sitting then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament

* * * * *

—(Hon. F. G. Clarke).

Amendment proposed—That all the words from the beginning of the clause down to and including the words “ next meeting of Parliament ” be omitted—(Hon. Walter S. Manifold).

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

- Ayes, 11.
- The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
- A. Bell,
- F. W. Brawn,
- F. G. Clarke,
- J. H. Disney,
- J. P. Jones,
- W. Kendell,
- H. F. Richardson,
- A. Robinson.

Tellers.

- The Hon. W. H. Edgar,
- A. Hicks.

- Noes, 12.
- The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
- W. Angliss,
- A. A. Austin,
- J. D. Brown,
- E. J. Crooke,
- Sir J. M. Davies,
- F. W. Hagelthorn,
- Walter S. Manifold,
- D. E. McBryde,
- T. H. Payne.

Tellers.

- The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
- T. Beggs.

No. 2.—CLOSER SETTLEMENT BILL.—Clause 12—

12. Section thirty-nine of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows :—

- (a) The said section thirty-nine shall apply only to land on which there is a homestead ;
 (b) In sub-section (1) of the said section thirty-nine—
- (i) after the words “ taken compulsorily ” there shall be inserted the words “ and on which there is a homestead ” ;
 - (ii) after the words “ for the purposes of residence or business land ” there shall be inserted the words “ (comprising the homestead) ” ; and
 - (iii) after the word “ homestead ” the words “ (if any) ” are hereby repealed—
(Hon. F. G. Clarke).

Motion made and question put—That clause 12 stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
 F. W. Brawn,
 F. G. Clarke,
 J. H. Disney,
 W. H. Edgar,
 W. Kendell,
 A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
 A. Hicks.

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 10.

The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
 A. A. Austin,
 T. Beggs,
 J. D. Brown,
 E. J. Crooke,
 F. W. Hagelthorn,
 Walter S. Manifold,
 T. H. Payne.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
 H. F. Richardson.

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No. 3.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—SECOND-HAND DEALERS BILL.—Clause 21—

21. (1) A second-hand dealer—

(a) shall keep all second-hand wares purchased or received by him without changing the form in which they were when so received or offered to him for purchase or receiving and without disposing of the same in any way for a period of five days after they have been purchased or received; and, if within such period a notice signed by a member of the police force above the rank of sergeant has been served on him stating that a member of the police force has reason to believe that certain of such wares described in the notice have been stolen, such second-hand dealer shall keep the wares so described for a further period not exceeding five days after the expiration of the first-mentioned five days;—(Hon. A. Robinson).

Amendment proposed—That the word "five" in the fourth line be omitted, with a view to insert in lieu thereof the word "four"—(Hon. W. J. Beckett).

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

- The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
- A. A. Austin,
- J. D. Brown,
- E. J. Croke,
- D. E. McBryde.
- H. F. Richardson,
- A. Robinson.

Tellers.

- The Hon. A. Hicks,
- T. H. Payne.

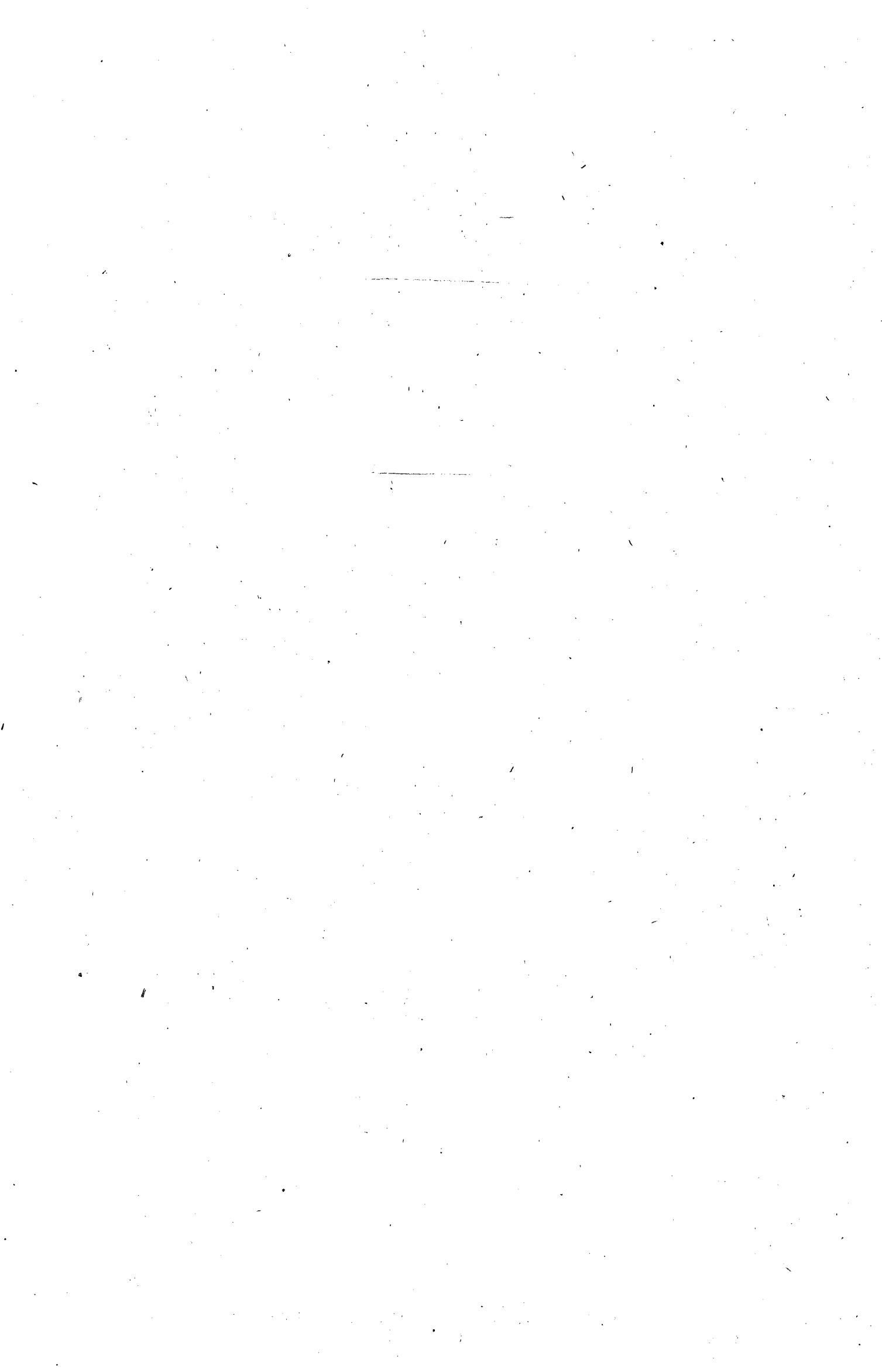
Noes, 10.

- The Hon. W. Angliss,
- W. J. Beckett,
- A. Bell,
- G. M. Davis,
- J. H. Disney,
- J. P. Jones,
- Walter S. Manifold,
- D. L. McNamara.

Tellers.

- The Hon. F. W. Brawn,
- J. K. Merritt.

And so it passed in the negative.



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No. 4.

Extracted from the Minutes.

THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Clause 4—

4. (1) In this Act unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

“Appointed member” means a member of the Board appointed or to be appointed by the Governor in Council pursuant to this Act.

“Board” means the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board constituted under this Act.

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—(Hon. A. Robinson).

Amendment proposed—That the words “Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board constituted under this Act” be omitted with a view to insert in lieu thereof the words “Commissioners of Railways for the time being in conjunction with the appointed member who must be a tramway expert”—(Hon. W. J. Beckett).

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

- The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
- W. Angliss,
- W. L. Baillieu,
- J. D. Brown,
- F. G. Clarke,
- Sir J. M. Davies,
- F. W. Hagelthorn,
- W. Kendell,
- Walter S. Manifold,
- J. K. Merritt.
- A. Robinson.

Tellers.

- The Hon. A. Bell,
- A. Hicks.

Noes, 6.

- The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
- J. H. Disney,
- J. P. Jones,
- R. B. Rees.

Tellers.

- The Hon. G. M. Davis,
- D. L. McNamara.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.



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No. 5.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Clause 9—

9. Subject to this Act—

- (a) members elected at the first election and at every ordinary election shall be entitled to hold office until the day appointed for the next ordinary election ; and
- (b) appointed members shall be entitled to hold office for five years after the date of appointment. —(Hon. A. Robinson.)

Amendment proposed—That paragraph (a) be omitted.—(Hon. Walter S. Manifold.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

- The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
- J. H. Disney,
- J. P. Jones,
- A. Robinson,
- J. Sternberg.

Tellers.

- The Hon. J. D. Brown,
- D. L. McNamara.

Noes, 15.

- The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
- J. G. Aikman,
- W. Angliss,
- A. A. Austin,
- T. Beggs,
- A. Bell,
- F. W. Brawn,
- Sir J. M. Davies,
- G. M. Davis,
- W. H. Edgar,
- Walter S. Manifold
- J. K. Merritt,
- T. H. Payne.

Tellers.

- The Hon. E. J. Crooke,
- H. F. Richardson.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER.

No. 2.—METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Clause 21—

21. (1) The members first elected and appointed or the major part of them shall hold their first meeting on such day and at such time and place as the Governor in Council by Order published in the Government Gazette appoints in that behalf and shall proceed to put this Act into execution.

(2) On the appointed day (whether the whole of the members have been elected and appointed or not) the Board shall be and be deemed to be duly and legally constituted a body corporate in pursuance of this Act.

(3) Every member (other than the chairman) shall for his services as a member be entitled to receive an attendance fee of Two pounds two shillings for each meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present, but not more than one fee shall be paid to any such member in respect of any one day, and no such member shall be entitled to receive or be paid in any one year more than One hundred and twenty pounds.

—(Hon. A. Robinson.)

Amendment proposed—That sub-clause (3) be omitted.—(*Hon. W. A. Adamson.*)

Question—That sub-clause (3) proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
G. M. Davis,
A. Hicks,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara,

Tellers.

The Hon. A. Bell,
J. Sternberg.

Noes, 19.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
J. G. Aikman,
A. A. Austin,
T. Beggs,
J. D. Brown,
F. G. Clarke,
E. J. Crooke,
Sir J. M. Davies,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
R. B. Rees,
H. F. Richardson,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. F. W. Brawn,
W. H. Edgar.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Clause 31—

31. (1) Any sums standing to the credit of the guarantee fund or the superannuation fund shall be invested in Victorian Government securities.

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(4) Without prejudice to any other mode of investment the Board may lodge any moneys not immediately required for the purposes of this Act—

- (a) on deposit with the Treasurer of Victoria on such terms and conditions and at such rates of interest as are mutually agreed upon ; or
(b) at interest on fixed deposit or otherwise as it thinks most advantageous in any one or more of the banks carrying on business in the city of Melbourne (including the State Savings Bank of Victoria).

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—(*Hon. A. Robinson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “any one or more of the banks carrying on business in the city of Melbourne (including” in paragraph (b) of sub-clause (4) be omitted with the view of inserting in lieu thereof the words “the Commonwealth Bank of Australia or”.—(*Hon. W. J. Beckett.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
J. G. Aikman,
A. A. Austin,
A. Bell,
F. W. Brawn,
J. D. Brown,
F. G. Clarke,
Sir J. M. Davies,
W. H. Edgar,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
A. Hicks,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. McWhae,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
R. B. Rees,
H. F. Richardson,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. E. J. Crooke,
G. M. Davis.

Noes, 4.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. P. Jones.

Tellers.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER.

No. 4.—METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Clause 95—

95. If in any year there is a surplus from the revenues of the tramway undertakings of the Board after all past or future liabilities properly chargeable to that year (including liabilities for principal interest and sinking fund in respect of any debentures or stock) have been satisfied or provided for, the Board—

- (a) may carry to the credit of the following year so much of such surplus as it thinks fit but not exceeding Ten thousand pounds ; and
- (b) shall distribute the whole or the remainder (as the case may be) of the surplus among the municipalities to which this Division refers, in accordance with any scheme of distribution from time to time adopted by the Board, and any sum received by any such municipality pursuant to this section shall be applied by it towards such purposes as the Governor in Council approves and not otherwise. —(Hon. A. Robinson.)

Amendment proposed—That all the words in paragraph (b) beginning with “and any sum” to the end of the clause be omitted. —(Hon. Walter S. Manifold.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

- The Hon. A. A. Austin,
- W. L. Baillieu,
- W. J. Beckett,
- J. D. Brown,
- E. J. Crooke,
- G. M. Davis,
- J. H. Disney,
- F. W. Hagelthorn,
- J. P. Jones,
- D. L. McNamara.
- H. F. Richardson.

Tellers.

- The Hon. A. Bell,
- A. Hicks.

Noes, 12.

- The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
- W. Angliss,
- Sir J. M. Davies,
- W. H. Edgar,
- W. Kendell,
- Walter S. Manifold,
- D. E. McBryde,
- J. K. Merritt,
- R. B. Rees,
- A. Robinson.

Tellers.

- The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
- T. H. Payne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Proposed new clause F—

To follow clause 56—

F. (1) With the consent of the Governor in Council the Board may acquire or take on lease and the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners (as the case may be) may convey or transfer and dispose of or demise to the Board upon such terms and conditions as are agreed upon the whole or any part of the electric street railways known as—

- (a) the St. Kilda-Brighton electric street railway authorized to be constructed under the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Act 1904*, the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Extension Act 1905*, and the *St. Kilda and Brighton Electric Street Railway Extension Act 1906* ; and
- (b) the Sandringham to Black Rock electric street railway authorized to be constructed under the *Sandringham to Black Rock Electric Street Railway Act 1914*.

(2) Any such electric street railway or part thereof conveyed transferred or disposed of to the Board shall vest in the Board and shall be and be deemed to be a tramway undertaking of the Board.

(3) Any such electric street railway or part thereof leased to the Board shall during the continuance of the lease be and be deemed to be a tramway undertaking of the Board ; but the exercise of any powers of the Board in respect thereto shall be subject to any terms covenants and conditions of the lease thereof.

(4) The provisions of any of the Acts specified in sub-section (1) of this section and of the *Railways Act 1915* applying to any such electric street railway or part thereof so vested in or leased to the Board shall cease to apply thereto accordingly :

Provided that—

- (i) the Board shall upon such vesting or during the continuance of such lease (as the case may be) have the like powers of supplying electricity for lighting or power purposes within the like area and subject to the like conditions as the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners pursuant to any Act relating to such electric street railway or part thereof had immediately before such vesting or the commencement of such lease ; and
- (ii) the Victorian Railways Commissioners shall supply to the Board and the Board shall take from the said commissioners upon such terms and under such conditions as are agreed upon the supply of electricity requisite for the operation of such electric street railway or part thereof and for the other purposes of this section.

(5) For the purposes of this section the expression "electric street railway" includes as well as the electric street railways aforesaid all or any lands (including any easement right or privilege in over or affecting such lands) and all or any buildings rolling-stock machinery and plant appertaining thereto respectively or used in connexion therewith by the Board of Land and Works or the Victorian Railways Commissioners for or in connexion with the supply of electricity pursuant to any of the said Acts (as the case requires) but does not include any sub-station or sub-stations and land appropriate thereto used for the conversion and supply of electric power to such electric street railways.

(6) For the purposes of this section the Governor in Council may by Order apportion settle adjust or determine any property estates rights powers liabilities obligations matters or things whatsoever as between or among the Board and the Board of Land and Works and the Victorian Railways Commissioners and any municipality and any persons or bodies of persons affected or all or any of them; and every such Order shall be final conclusive and binding.
—(Hon. W. A. Adamson.)

Motion made and question put—That new clause F be added to the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
J. G. Aikman,
W. Angliss,
J. D. Brown,
Sir J. M. Davies,
W. H. Edgar,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
A. Hicks,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
D. E. McBryde,
J. K. Merritt,
R. B. Rees,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. A. A. Austin,
G. M. Davis.

Noes, 4.

The Hon. W. J. Beckett,
J. P. Jones.

Tellers.

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

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6.—METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BILL.—Clause 95 (on recommittal)—

[For this clause see Division No. 4, page 11.]

—(Hon. A. Robinson.)

Amendment proposed—That all the words in paragraph (b) beginning with "and any sum" to the end of the clause be omitted.
—(Hon. Walter S. Manifold.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

The Hon. W. L. Baillieu,
W. J. Beckett,
J. H. Disney,
F. W. Hagelthorn,
A. Hicks,
J. P. Jones,
D. L. McNamara,
R. B. Rees.

Tellers.

The Hon. G. M. Davies,
J. Sternberg.

Noes, 13.

The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
J. G. Aikman,
A. A. Austin,
J. D. Brown,
Sir J. M. Davies,
W. H. Edgar,
W. Kendell,
Walter S. Manifold,
J. K. Merritt,
T. H. Payne,
A. Robinson.

Tellers.

The Hon. W. Angliss,
E. J. Croke.

And so it passed in the negative.

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No. 6.

Extracted from the Minutes.

THURSDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1918.

No. 1.—LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 3).—Proposed new clause A—

A. Notwithstanding anything in any Act the name of any person liable to be rated to any municipality (including the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong) in respect to any rateable property shall not be omitted from any list or roll of ratepayers, voters, burgesses, or citizens of the municipality by reason only that any rates in respect of the property have not been paid.

—(Hon. D. L. McNamara.)

Motion made and question put—That new clause A be added to the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

- The Hon. W. L. Baillieu,
- W. J. Beckett,
- F. W. Hagelthorn,
- D. L. McNamara,
- J. K. Merritt.

Tellers.

- The Hon. J. H. Disney,
- J. P. Jones.

Noes, 16.

- The Hon. W. A. Adamson,
- J. G. Aikman,
- W. Angliss,
- A. A. Austin,
- F. G. Clarke,
- E. J. Croke,
- W. H. Edgar,
- W. Kendell,
- J. McWhae,
- T. H. Payne,
- H. F. Richardson,
- A. Robinson,
- J. Sternberg,
- E. J. White.

Tellers.

- The Hon. A. Hicks,
- D. E. McBryde.

And so it passed in the negative.



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