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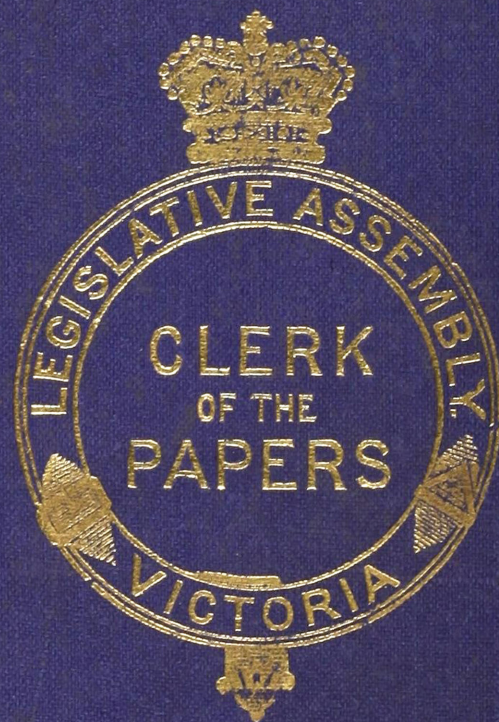


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ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL COMPANY'S BILL: Bill to amend the first schedule to the *Anglo-Persian Oil Company's Act 1920*—(*Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Dec., 1920, p. 23; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 2 Dec., p. 26; debate resumed and adjourned, 9 Dec., p. 34; debate continued—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Dec., p. 35; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 45. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3097.*)

APPROPRIATION: Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one and to appropriate the supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1920, p. 37; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16-17 Dec., p. 48; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 49. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3117.*)

BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of an electric street railway from Black Rock to Beaumaris—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1920, p. 42; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 45; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 48. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3110.*)

COMMONWEALTH POWERS (AIR NAVIGATION): Bill intituled "*An Act to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth certain matters in connexion with Air Navigation*"—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 17 Dec., 1920, p. 48; read a second time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, 17 Dec., p. 48. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3108.*)

COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS): Bill to provide for compulsory voting at elections for the Legislative Assembly—(*Mr. J. W. Billson* for *Mr. Cotter*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 1): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Nine hundred and fifty-nine thousand three hundred and forty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Nov., 1920, p. 8; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Nov., p. 9. (*Assented to 12 November, 1920. Act No. 3083.*)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 2): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Nine hundred and forty-one thousand three hundred and sixty-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 1 Dec., 1920, p. 25; the Council's agreement notified, 8 Dec., p. 32. (*Assented to 10 December, 1920. Act No. 3087.*)

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend 'The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915'*"—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1920, p. 44.—Bill lapsed.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT (BILL No. 2): Bill intituled "*An Act to amend 'The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915'*"—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 17 Dec., 1920, p. 48; read a second time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, 17 Dec., p. 48.—Bill reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, 24 Dec.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT: Bill relating to the reimbursement of expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly and the salaries of responsible Ministers of the Crown—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 7) recommending an appropriation for the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 30 Nov., 1920, p. 22; read a second time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 Dec., p. 41; the Council's agreement notified, 15 Dec., p. 43.—Bill reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, 24 Dec.

DAY BAKING: Bill for the establishment of day baking in the State of Victoria—(*Mr. J. W. Billson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.

ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION: Bill to amend the law relating to the limitation of election expenses—(*Mr. Hannah*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN: Bill to authorize the raising of money for the purposes of works and undertakings of the Electricity Commissioners and to sanction the issue and application of such money for the said purposes—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 10) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 7 Dec., 1920, p. 29; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 14 Dec., p. 40; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 Dec., p. 42; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 48. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3101.*)

FACTORIES AND SHOPS: Bill to amend the *Factories and Shops Act 1915*—(*Mr. Slater*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.

FACTORIES AND SHOPS (BILL No. 2): Bill relating to the appointment of Wages Boards under the *Factories and Shops Acts* by the Governor in Council and to the powers of the Governor in Council with respect thereto—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Dec., 1920, p. 23; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Dec., p. 34; the Council's agreement notified, 15 Dec., p. 43. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3093.*)

FACTORIES AND SHOPS (BILL No. 3): Bill relating to the hours for the closing of shops within the metropolitan district for the sale of fresh uncooked meat—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1920, p. 44; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 47; the Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified; amendment agreed to, 17 Dec., p. 49. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3112.*)

FAIR RENTS: Bill for the establishment of courts for the purpose of fixing fair rents for dwelling-houses—(*Mr. Murphy*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.

GREAT OCEAN ROAD (LANDS SALE): Bill relating to the sale of certain Crown lands in the County of Polwarth for the purposes of the construction of a highway to be known as the Great Ocean Road—(*Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Dec., 1920, p. 23; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Dec., p. 34; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 45. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3094.*)

HOUSING AND RECLAMATION: Bill relating to the providing of dwellings for persons of small means and for the reclamation and improvement of insanitary, low-lying, or over-crowded areas—(*Mr. Lawson*).—

Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 4) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 17 Nov., 1920, p. 12; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 1 Dec., p. 25; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 8 Dec., p. 32; amendments considered—some agreed to, and one agreed to with a consequential amendment, 9 Dec., pp. 34-5; the consequential amendment agreed to by the Council, 14 Dec., p. 40. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3088.*)

INCOME TAX: Bill to declare the rates of income tax for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one and to amend and continue the Income Tax Acts—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time, 8 Dec., 1920, p. 32; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Dec., p. 34; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 42. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3090.*)

JURIES: Bill to amend the law relating to juries—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., p. 26; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 45. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3095.*)

LAND: Bill to amend the law relating to the sale and occupation of Crown lands and for other purposes—(*Mr. Oman*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 3) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 17 Nov., 1920, p. 11; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 44; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 48. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3105.*)

LAND TAX: Bill to declare the rate of land tax for the year ending the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time, 8 Dec., 1920, p. 31; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Dec., p. 34; the Council's agreement notified, 15 Dec., p. 43. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3091.*)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Bill to amend the Local Government Acts—(*Mr. McGregor*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WERRIBEE RATING): Bill relating to the rateability of certain lands in the municipal district of Werribee used for sewage farm and other purposes—(*Mr. Robertson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY: Bill to amend certain provisions of *The Metropolitan Gas Company's Act 1878* with respect to the capital and the borrowing powers of the said company—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1920, p. 42; order for second reading read; Bill ruled a Private Bill; motion, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders, except those relating to the payment of fees, be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—agreed to; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 16 Dec., p. 45; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 46; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 48. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3102.*)

MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS: Bill to amend the Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts—(*Mr. Lawson* for *Mr. Barnes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Dec., p. 34; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 48. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3107.*)

MORWELL BROWN COAL RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a connecting line of railway to the Morwell brown coal workings—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 2 Dec., 1920, p. 25; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., p. 26; the Council's agreement notified, 7 Dec., p. 29. (*Assented to 10 December, 1920. Act No. 3084.*)

MUNICIPALITIES CELEBRATIONS AND WAR MEMORIALS: Bill to authorize and validate certain expenditure by councils of municipalities in connexion with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and memorials in connexion with the recent war—(*Mr. Pennington*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Dec., 1920, p. 23; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., p. 26; the Council's agreement notified, 8 Dec., p. 32. (*Assented to 10 December, 1920. Act No. 3086.*)

NECESSARY COMMODITIES CONTROL: Bill to amend and continue the *Necessary Commodities Control Act 1919*—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Dec., 1920, p. 29; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 15 Dec., p. 42.—Bill lapsed.

NORTH CARLTON LANDS: Bill to revoke the permanent reservation and Crown grant of certain lands situate at North Carlton in the City of Melbourne as a site for market and other municipal purposes and to provide for the closing of a certain right-of-way and of portions of certain streets and certain other rights-of-way at North Carlton aforesaid and to re-vest certain lands in the Crown and for other purposes—(*Mr. Oman*).—Initiated and read a first time, 8 Dec., 1920, p. 30; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Dec., p. 34; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments agreed to, 17 Dec., p. 49. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3114.*)

PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS: Bill to amend the law relating to pharmaceutical chemists and for other purposes—(*Mr. Lawson*).—Initiated and read a first

time, 10 Nov., 1920, p. 6; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 2 Dec., p. 26; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 45; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 49. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3116.*)

POISONS: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Poisons Act 1915' and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. Baird*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1920, p. 42; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 17 Dec., p. 49. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3113.*)

POLICE PENSIONS: Bill for the restoration of police pensions and for other purposes—(*Mr. Farthing*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Bill to repeal section 13 of the *Public Service Act 1920*—(*Mr. Baird*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 6) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 30 Nov., 1920, p. 22; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 2 Dec., p. 25; the Council's agreement notified, 8 Dec., p. 32. (*Assented to 10 December, 1920. Act No. 3085.*)

RAILWAYS: Bill to make provision for the appointment of certain persons temporarily employed in the railway service to permanent offices therein—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Dec., 1920, p. 23; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 16 Dec., p. 45; Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 18) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to; Bill further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., pp. 47-8; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 48. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3111.*)

RAILWAYS (PAYMENTS): Bill relating to the payment of certain moneys during the current financial year for the purposes of the *Railways Classification Board Act 1919* and by reason of the increased cost of coal for the railways—(*Mr. McPherson*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 15) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1920, p. 43; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 45; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 48. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3103.*)

RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE: Bill to amend section 8 of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*—(*Mr. Barnes*).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 16) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the

purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1920, p. 43.—Bill lapsed.

RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE (BILL No. 2): Bill to amend sections 7 and 8 of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*—(Mr. Lawson).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 17) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., 1920, p. 46; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 49. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3115.*)

RIVER MURRAY WATERS: Bill to ratify an agreement for the variation of the agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters and to amend the River Murray Waters Acts—(Mr. Lawson).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Dec., 1920, p. 23; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 15 Dec., p. 43; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 45; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 45. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3096.*)

SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION: Bill to provide for the inspection of scaffolding and for other purposes—(Mr. Hannah).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.

SPOTSWOOD LAND: Bill relating to the sale of certain Crown land near Spotswood railway station—(Mr. Oman).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1920, p. 42; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 45; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 48. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3106.*)

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION: Bill to amend the law relating to the Electricity Commissioners and to electric light and power and for other purposes—(Mr. Barnes).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 12) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1920, p. 33; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 14 Dec., p. 40; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 15 Dec., p. 42; [Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements contained in the letter from Mr. A. G. M. Michell, read to the House by the Honorable Member for Benambra (Mr. Beardmore), 15 Dec., p. 43. See Report from the Committee (D.3) brought up by the Chairman and read by the Clerk, 16 Dec., pp. 46-7]; Bill further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 47; the Council's agreement notified, 17 Dec., p. 48. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3104.*)

STATE PRODUCE AGENCY: Bill for the establishment and regulation of a State produce agency and for purposes incidental thereto—(Mr. Cain for Mr. Bailey).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.

STATE SAVINGS BANK: Bill to provide for advances by the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria to companies for the purposes of certain undertakings in connexion with industries in country districts and to amend the State Savings Bank Acts—(Mr. McPherson).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 13) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1920, p. 33; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 14 Dec., p. 40; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 Dec., p. 41; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 45. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3098.*)

SURPLUS REVENUE: Bill relating to the surplus revenue of the financial year ended on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and twenty—(Mr. McPherson).—Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 9) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 7 Dec., 1920, pp. 28-9; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Dec., p. 33; the Council's agreement notified, 14 Dec., p. 42. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3089.*)

TOTALIZATOR: Bill to legalize the totalizator upon the race-courses of Victoria—(Mr. Hannah).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1920, p. 18; name of Member added to Members appointed to bring in Bill, 14 Dec., p. 39.—Bill lapsed.

TRAGOWEL LAND: Bill to provide for the sale of certain land in the Parish of Tragowel temporarily reserved from sale as a site for public recreation and for the application of part of the proceeds of the sale thereof to the acquisition of certain land in the Parish of Macorna for the purposes of a site for public recreation and a public park—(Mr. Angus).—Initiated and read a first time, 8 Dec., 1920, p. 30; Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 11) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, 9 Dec., pp. 32-3; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Dec., p. 34; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Dec., p. 45. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3099.*)

TRUSTS: Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Law relating to Banking Accounts of Trustees"—(Mr. Lawson).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1920, p. 45; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 17 Dec., p. 48. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3109.*)

UNAUTHORIZED DOCUMENTS: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Unauthorized Documents Acts*"—(Mr. Baird).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 14 Dec., 1920, p. 42; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 16 Dec., p. 46. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3100.*)

VICTORIAN LOAN: Bill to authorize the raising of money for public works and other purposes—(Mr. McPherson).—Message from His Excellency the Lieuten-

ant-Governor (No. 8) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 7 Dec., 1920, p. 28; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 9 Dec., p. 34; the Council's agreement notified, 15 Dec., p. 43. (*Assented to 24 December, 1920. Act No. 3092.*)

SECOND SESSION 1920.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

TWENTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT.

FIRST SESSION (10TH NOVEMBER, 1920, TO 17TH DECEMBER, 1920).

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Allan, John, Esquire	Rodney	11,330	4,003	3,300	7,303	4,760	..	67·87	60·75	64·46
Allison, David, Esquire	Borong	7,707	3,035	2,424	5,459	2,788	..	72·99	68·30	70·83
Angus, The Honorable Henry ¹	Gunbower	8,978	3,697	2,867	6,564	3,708	..	75·23	70·55	73·11
Argyle, Dr. Stanley Seymour	Toorak	24,725	5,962	8,422	14,384	5,528	8,182	61·10	56·27	58·18
Bailey, Henry Stephen, Esquire	Port Fairy	8,028	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Baird, The Honorable Matthew ²	Ballaarat West	10,477	3,307	4,691	7,998	4,567	..	76·76	76·04	76·34
Barnes, The Honorable Samuel ³	Walhalla	6,413	2,078	1,411	3,489	2,212	..	57·53	50·37	54·41
Beardmore, Henry, Esquire	Benambra	6,612	2,211	1,492	3,703	2,928	..	61·38	49·57	56·00
Billson, The Honorable Alfred Arthur	Ovens	5,295	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Billson, The Honorable John William	Fitzroy	14,767	4,103	4,563	8,666	6,162	..	61·41	56·43	58·68
Bourchier, Lieut-Col. Murray William James, C.M.G., D.S.O.	Goulburn Valley	8,666	3,183	2,826	6,009	2,878	..	71·95	66·62	69·34
Bowser, The Honorable John	Wangaratta	7,469	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Brownbill, William, Esquire	Geelong	14,535	5,094	5,729	10,823	5,839	..	76·03	73·12	74·46
Cain, John, Esquire	Jika Jika	34,555	11,296	10,739	22,035	12,993	..	69·38	58·76	63·77
Cameron, Allan Francois, Esquire	Dalhousie	7,051	2,768	2,796	5,564	2,482	2,857	79·52	78·32	78·91
Carlisle, The Honorable John Joseph	Benalla	7,851	2,546	2,111	4,657	2,937	..	63·38	55·06	59·32
Clough, Luke James, Esquire	Bendigo East	8,337	2,635	3,287	5,922	3,409	..	71·64	70·55	71·03
Cotter, Edmund John, Esquire ⁴	Richmond	17,383	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Deany, James Davidson, Esquire	Warrnambool	9,347	3,472	3,286	6,758	2,661	3,575	75·43	69·27	72·30
Downward, The Honorable Alfred ⁵	Mornington	15,798	5,009	3,926	8,935	5,062	..	59·09	53·63	56·56
Dunstan, Albert Arthur, Esquire	Eaglehawk	6,556	2,547	2,553	5,097	1,604	2,441	79·92	75·69	77·74
Eggleston, Frederic William, Esquire	St. Kilda	34,135	8,199	10,523	18,722	4,472	11,065	56·97	53·29	54·85
Everard, William Hugh, Esquire	Evelyn	11,952	4,126	3,679	7,805	3,575	3,805	67·97	62·55	65·30
Farthing, Alfred Alexander, Esquire	East Melbourne	12,025	3,117	3,525	6,642	1,940	3,133	55·86	54·70	55·23
Frost, George Clement, Esquire	Maryborough	6,905	2,594	2,485	5,079	2,319	2,466	75·43	71·70	73·56
Gibson, David Havelock, Esquire	Grenville	4,930	1,984	2,030	4,014	2,048	..	79·45	83·44	81·42
Gordon, John, Esquire	Waranga	7,060	2,738	2,242	4,980	3,102	..	72·36	68·44	70·54
Greenwood, Edmund Wilson, Esquire ⁶	Boroondara	48,523	13,299	16,041	29,340	16,885	..	61·96	59·28	60·47
Groves, Frank, Esquire ⁷	Dandenong	17,564	5,225	4,635	9,860	4,982	..	58·88	53·33	56·13
Hannah, The Honorable Martin ⁸	Collingwood	15,349	5,066	5,590	10,656	2,793	5,017	71·75	67·12	69·24
Hogan, Edmond John, Esquire	Warrenheip	5,620	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Jewell, James Roberts, Esquire	Brunswick	25,420	7,698	7,894	15,592	9,764	..	61·97	58·17	61·34
Lawson, The Honorable Harry Sutherland Wightman ⁹	Castlemaine and Maldon	6,634	2,323	2,519	4,842	3,258	..	76·39	70·70	73·32
Lemmon, The Honorable John	Williamstown	23,281	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Lind, Albert Eli, Esquire	Gippsland East	6,135	2,316	1,674	3,990	1,624	2,272	67·48	61·93	65·04
Livingston, The Honorable Thomas	Gippsland South	9,695	3,326	2,430	5,756	3,212	..	63·70	54·31	59·37
Mackey, The Honorable John Emanuel ¹⁰	Gippsland West	9,571	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Mackrell, Edwin Joseph, Esquire ¹¹	Upper Goulburn	8,167	2,828	2,353	5,181	1,669	2,857	64·35	62·38	63·44
McDonald, James, Esquire	Polwarth	10,983	4,233	3,680	7,913	3,259	4,313	73·63	70·27	72·05

NOTES.

The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1920; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 12 October, 1920, the "day of nomination," and in other cases 21 October, 1920, the "day of polling."

- ¹ The Hon. H. Angus, appointed a member of the Government without office, 4 November, 1920.
- ² The Hon. M. Baird, Chief Secretary, and Minister of Public Health (without salary), from 7 July, 1919; Minister of Labour (without salary) from 7th July, 1919, to 4 November, 1920.
- ³ The Hon. S. Barnes, Minister of Railways, a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, and Minister of Mines (without salary) from 21 March, 1918.
- ⁴ Mr. E. J. Cotter, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 30 November, 1920.
- ⁵ The Hon. A. Downward, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 30 November, 1920.
- ⁶ Mr. E. W. Greenwood, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 30 November, 1920.
- ⁷ Mr. F. Groves, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 30 November, 1920.
- ⁸ The Hon. M. Hannah, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 6 February, 1918.
- ⁹ The Hon. H. S. W. Lawson, Premier from 21 March, 1918; Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey and President of the Board of Land and Works from 21 October, 1919, to 4 November, 1920; Minister of Agriculture from 4 November, 1920.
- ¹⁰ The Hon. J. E. Mackey, Speaker from 29 November, 1917.
- ¹¹ Mr. E. J. Mackrell, unseated on report of Committee of Elections and Qualifications; election declared wholly void, 14 December, 1920; re-elected 27 January, 1921, polling 1,885 first preference votes, and 2,925 votes on final distribution. For particulars see By-Election, p. xxxvii.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—continued.

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls	No. of Electors who Voted.			Votes recorded for each Sitting Member.		Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
			Male.	Female.	Total.	First Preference Votes.	Final Result after Distribution of Votes under The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.	Male.	Female.	Total.
McGregor, The Honorable Robert ¹² ..	Ballaarat East	10,034	3,272	4,226	7,498	3,952	..	75·01	74·51	74·73
McLachlan, James Weir, Esquire ..	Gippsland North	9,140	3,334	3,067	6,401	4,436	..	72·29	67·73	70·03
McLeod, The Honorable Donald ..	Daylesford ..	6,371	2,075	1,948	4,023	2,433	..	66·33	60·03	63·15
McPherson, The Honorable William Murray ¹³	Hawthorn ..	28,940	8,030	10,217	18,256	8,312	10,284	66·44	60·67	63·08
Morley, Edward, Esquire ..	Barwon ..	11,814	4,130	4,057	8,187	3,281	3,912	72·14	66·63	69·30
Murphy, James Lawrence, Esquire ..	Port Melbourne	16,029	5,582	4,568	10,550	7,062	..	63·55	68·57	65·82
Old, Francis Edward, Esquire ..	Swan Hill ..	17,619	5,508	3,452	8,960	6,586	..	54·50	45·95	50·85
Oman, The Honorable David Swan ¹⁴	Hampden ..	11,358	3,789	3,154	6,943	3,992	..	65·17	56·89	61·13
Parker, Alexander Frederick, Esquire	Prahran ..	20,678	5,583	6,991	12,574	6,408	..	65·93	57·26	60·81
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G. ¹⁵	Allandale ..	5,422	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Pennington, The Honorable John Warburton ¹⁶	Kara Kara ..	6,348	2,615	2,373	4,988	2,679	..	79·15	77·96	78·58
Prendergast, The Honorable George Michael	North Melbourne	17,552	5,224	5,783	11,007	7,359	..	64·15	61·46	62·71
Robertson, The Honorable Andrew Robert ¹⁷	Bulla ..	11,360	3,704	2,934	6,638	4,116	..	62·09	54·39	58·43
Rogers, Alexander, Esquire ..	Melbourne ..	8,852	2,679	2,388	5,067	4,037	..	55·52	59·30	57·24
Ryan, Thomas, Esquire ..	Essendon ..	31,344	9,828	10,650	20,478	11,607	..	67·53	63·43	65·33
Slater, William, Esquire ..	Dundas ..	8,250	3,052	2,758	5,810	3,560	..	73·40	67·40	70·42
Smith, The Honorable David ¹⁸	Bendigo West	9,164	3,001	3,574	6,575	2,403	3,173	74·56	69·55	71·75
Snowball, Oswald Robinson, Esquire	Brighton ..	25,969	6,558	7,636	14,194	8,658	..	56·38	53·26	54·66
Solly, Robert Henry, Esquire ¹⁹	Carlton ..	13,443	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Thomas, William Edward, Esquire ..	Glenelg ..	9,031	3,569	3,259	6,828	2,892	3,301	78·98	72·23	75·61
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Stawell and Ararat	8,043	2,801	2,625	5,426	3,135	..	70·15	64·81	67·46
Wallace, Arthur Knight, Esquire ..	Albert Park ..	21,551	6,208	7,038	13,246	7,396	..	63·30	59·93	61·46
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ..	Flemington ..	22,874	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Weaver, Isaac Job, Esquire ..	Korong ..	6,844	2,443	1,915	4,358	3,314	..	67·77	59·12	63·68
Webber, Gordon Charles, Esquire ..	Abbotsford ..	15,408	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Unopposed
Wettenhall, Marcus Edwy, Esquire ..	Lowan ..	9,571	3,592	2,888	6,480	3,426	..	72·42	62·63	67·70

¹² The Hon. R. McGregor, Honorary Chairman of Committees from 5 February, 1918, to 20 August, 1919; Chairman of Committees from 20 August, 1919.

¹³ The Hon. W. M. McPherson, Treasurer from 29 November, 1917.

¹⁴ The Hon. D. S. Oman, Minister of Agriculture from 29 November, 1917, to 4 November, 1920; President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey from 4 November, 1920.

¹⁵ The Hon. Sir A. J. Peacock, Minister of Public Instruction, Minister of Labour (without salary), and Minister of Forests (without salary) from 4 November, 1920.

¹⁶ The Hon. J. W. Pennington, appointed a member of the Executive Council; also a member of the Government without office, 4 November, 1920.

¹⁷ The Hon. A. R. Robertson, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 8 July, 1919.

¹⁸ The Hon. D. Smith, declared duly elected by a majority of 79 votes; and by 115 votes on recount by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, 8 December, 1920.

¹⁹ Mr. R. H. Solly, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 7 October, 1913.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

REPORT AND STATISTICS

RELATING TO THE

GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER, 1920.*

An electoral canvass of the whole State was made by the police in the months of January, February, and March, 1920, and lists of qualified electors were compiled therefrom, and after being subjected to revision by the addition and expungement of names, were proclaimed Rolls in force on the 7th August. Additions to such rolls were made by claims for enrolment up to a day 30 days before the dissolution—being the latest date allowed by law—so that on polling day there were 868,848 electors enrolled. At the General Election held in 1917 there were 828,230 electors enrolled.

In eleven Electoral Districts the candidates nominated were returned without a poll. In eighteen Districts out of fifty-four where contests took place, more than two candidates were nominated, and in those cases the preferential vote operated. In two of such Electoral Districts, namely, Boroondara and Dandenong, the candidates who had the highest number of first preference votes secured an absolute majority, and it was not therefore necessary to count the other preferential votes shown on ballot-papers. In the remaining sixteen Districts, namely, Barwon, Bendigo West, Collingwood, Dalhousie, Eaglehawk, East Melbourne, Evelyn, Gippsland East, Glenelg, Hawthorn, Maryborough, Polwarth, St. Kilda, Toorak, Upper Goulburn, and Warrnambool, no candidate received an absolute majority of first preference votes, and the ballot-papers had to be dealt with under the provisions of section 297 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*. In the Districts of Barwon, Bendigo West, Collingwood, Dalhousie, Eaglehawk, East Melbourne, Gippsland East, Glenelg, Hawthorn, Maryborough, Polwarth, Upper Goulburn,* and Warrnambool three candidates were nominated, and the candidate lowest on the poll in each case was declared a "defeated" candidate, and the second preference votes on such defeated candidate's ballot-papers were transferred to the remaining candidates, in accordance with the expressed wish of voters, when an absolute majority was secured to the elected candidate. In the cases of Evelyn and Toorak there were four candidates; in Toorak it became necessary to declare two of such candidates "defeated" before an absolute majority could be obtained by the candidate duly elected, but in Evelyn an absolute majority was obtained after the first candidate had been declared defeated. In St. Kilda there were six candidates, and four were declared "defeated" before securing an absolute majority to the elected candidate.

It may be observed that in the Electoral Districts of Barwon, Bendigo West, Dalhousie, Evelyn, Gippsland East, Glenelg, Hawthorn, Maryborough, Polwarth, St. Kilda, Toorak, and Warrnambool the candidates who received the highest number of first preference votes were finally elected, and that in Collingwood, Eaglehawk, East Melbourne, and Upper Goulburn the candidates second on the poll on the first count were duly elected as a result of the distribution of the preference votes shown on the defeated candidates' ballot-papers.

Taking the State as a whole, there were 4·39 per cent. of informal votes; 10,659 electors voted by post, representing 2·28 per cent. of the total votes polled.

In the 54 contested Districts, out of a total of 735,054 electors entitled to vote, 468,225, or 63·70 per cent. voted.

Statistics relating to the Election are appended hereto.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Melbourne, 10th December, 1920.

J. GILDER,
Chief Electoral Officer.

* The election for Upper Goulburn having been declared void, a new election was held on 27th January, 1921; for particulars see *By-Election*, p. xxxvii.

APPENDIX No. 1.

REPORT AND STATISTICS RELATING TO THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY, 21st OCTOBER, 1920.

Electoral Districts.	Electors Enrolled.			Candidates' Names.	First Preference Votes recorded for each Candidate.	No. of Electors who Voted.			No. of Informal Ballot-papers.	No. of Electors who Voted by Post.	Percentage of Elec- tors who Voted.																	
	Males.	Females.	Totals.			Males.	Females.	Totals.			Males.	Females.	Totals.															
Abbotsford ..	7,473	7,935	15,408	Gordon Charles Webber	Un- opposed																							
Albert Park ..	9,807	11,744	21,551	{ James Morris	5,705	6,208	7,038	13,246	145	237	63·30	59·93	61·46	{ Arthur Knight Wallace	7,396													
Allandale ..	2,592	2,830	5,422	Alexander James Peacock	Un- opposed																							
Ballaarat East	4,362	5,672	10,034	{ Walter Austin Dalton ..	3,357									3,272	4,226	7,498	189	457	75·01	74·51	74·73	{ Robert Maxwell McGregor	3,952					
Ballaarat West	4,308	6,169	10,477	{ Matthew Baird	4,567	3,307	4,691	7,998	59	564	76·76	76·04	76·34									{ Charles Lloyd Brind ..	3,372					
Barwon ..	5,725	6,089	11,814	{ Herbert Addison Lumb ..	1,739																	4,130	4,057	8,187	424	247	72·14	66·63
Benalla ..	4,017	3,834	7,851	{ Edward Morley†	3,281									2,546	2,111	4,657	208	64	63·38	55·06	59·32							
Benambra ..	3,602	3,010	6,612	{ Robert Percy Lewers ..	1,512	2,211	1,492	3,703	320	26	61·38	49·57	56·00															
Bendigo East	3,678	4,659	8,337	{ Edward Clutterbuck* ..	455																	2,635	3,287	5,922	103	296	71·64	70·55
Bendigo West†	4,025	5,139	9,164	{ Edwin George Ham	2,410									3,001	3,574	6,575	308	330	74·56	69·55	71·75							
Boroondara ..	21,465	27,058	48,523	{ Thomas Michael Jude ..	2,322	13,299	16,041	29,340	1,876	531	61·96	59·28	60·47															
Borong	4,158	3,549	7,707	{ Edmund Wilson Greenwood	16,885																	3,035	2,424	5,459	114	147	72·99	68·30
Brighton ..	11,632	14,337	25,969	{ Wm. Charles C. Wilcock	3,858									6,558	7,636	14,194	851	187	56·38	53·26	54·66							
Brunswick ..	11,849	13,571	25,420	{ William Hutchinson ..	2,557	7,698	7,894	15,592	165	170	64·97	58·17	61·34															
Bulla ..	5,966	5,394	11,360	{ Robert Griffiths G. Stevenson	4,685																	3,704	2,934	6,638	490	122	62·09	54·39
Carlton ..	6,489	6,954	13,443	{ James Roberts Jewell ..	9,764									Un- opposed	2,323	2,519	4,842	53	221	76·39	70·70							
Castlemaine and Maldon	3,041	3,563	6,604	{ Andrew Robert Robertson	4,116	5,066	5,590	10,656	714	77	71·75	67·12	69·24															
Collingwood ..	7,061	8,328	15,389	{ Christopher J. Bennett ..	1,531																	2,768	2,796	5,564	280	413	79·52	78·32
Dalhousie ..	3,481	3,570	7,051	{ Harry Evans	2,417									5,225	4,635	9,860	864	171	58·88	53·33	56·13							
Dandenong ..	8,874	8,690	17,564	{ Thomas Anthony McAllen	4,732	2,075	1,948	4,023	171	120	66·38	60·03	63·15															
Daylesford ..	3,126	3,245	6,371	{ Robert Michell	875																	3,052	2,758	5,810	287	246	73·40	67·40
Dundas ..	4,158	4,092	8,250	{ George R. A. Beardsworth	2,236									2,547	2,550	5,097	224	290	79·92	75·69	77·74							
Eaglehawk ..	3,187	3,369	6,556	{ Frank Groves	4,982	3,117	3,525	6,642	474	100	55·86	54·70	55·23															
East Melbourne	5,581	6,444	12,025	{ Henry Norbert Taylor ..	1,419																	9,828	10,650	20,478	210	349	67·53	63·43
Essendon ..	14,553	16,791	31,344	{ William Slater	3,560									4,126	3,679	7,805	520	126	67·97	62·55	65·30							
Evelyn ..	6,070	5,882	11,952	{ Thomas Tunnecliffe ..	2,302	4,103	4,563	8,666	208	25	61·41	56·43	58·68															
Fitzroy ..	6,681	8,086	14,767	{ Michael Collins	2,506																	5,094	5,729	10,823	513	602	76·03	73·12
Flemington ..	11,198	11,676	22,874	{ George Washington Kemp	1,722									2,316	1,674	3,990	242	44	67·48	61·93	65·04							
Geelong ..	6,700	7,835	14,535	{ John William Billson ..	6,162	3,326	2,430	5,756	198	40	63·70	54·31	59·37															
Gippsland East	3,432	2,703	6,135	{ William Hugh Everard†	3,575																	3,334	3,067	6,401	382	189	72·29	67·73
Gippsland North	4,612	4,528	9,140	{ James Rouget	1,096									2,316	1,674	3,990	242	44	67·48	61·93	65·04							
Gippsland South	5,221	4,474	9,695	{ John William Billson ..	6,162	3,326	2,430	5,756	198	40	63·70	54·31	59·37															
Gippsland West	5,277	4,294	9,571	{ Thos. James McGilliard	2,346																	Un- opposed	Un- opposed	Un- opposed	Un- opposed	Un- opposed	Un- opposed	Un- opposed

APPENDIX No. 2.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BENDIGO WEST.

RECOUNT BY THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS,
HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER, 1920.

Result.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Andrew.	Jude.	Smith.	
First count—First preference votes	1,531	2,301	2,399	6,231
Distribution of ballot-papers of Andrew, defeated candidate .. .. .	..	757	774	1,531
Final count .. .. .	..	3,058	3,173	6,231

PREFERENTIAL COUNT.

GENERAL ELECTION, 21ST OCTOBER, 1920.

DETAILS OF THE PREFERENTIAL COUNT IN EACH DISTRICT WHERE
AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY WAS NOT OBTAINED ON THE FIRST
COUNT BY ANY CANDIDATE.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BARWON.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Lumb.	McLennan.	Morley.	
First count—First preference votes	1,739	2,743	3,281	7,763
Distribution of ballot-papers of Lumb, defeated candidate .. .. .	..	1,108	631	1,739
Final count .. .. .	..	3,851	3,912	7,763

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BENDIGO WEST.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Andrew.	Jude.	Smith.	
First count—First preference votes	1,537	2,322	2,408	6,267
Distribution of ballot-papers of Andrew, defeated candidate .. .. .	..	772	765	1,537
Final count .. .. .	..	3,094	3,173	6,267

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF COLLINGWOOD.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Evans.	Hannah.	McAllen.	
First count—First preference votes	2,417	2,793	4,732	9,942
Distribution of ballot-papers of Evans, defeated candidate .. .. .	..	2,224	193	2,417
Final count .. .. .	..	5,017	4,925	9,942

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF DALHOUSIE.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Cameron.	Michell.	Paterson.	
First count—First preference votes	2,482	875	1,927	5,284
Distribution of ballot-papers of Michell, defeated candidate	375	..	500	875
Final count	2,857	..	2,427	5,284

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF EAGLEHAWK.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Dunstan.	Tunnecliffe.	Watkins.	
First count—First preference votes	1,604	2,302	967	4,873
Distribution of ballot-papers of Watkins, defeated candidate	837	130	..	967
Final count	2,441	2,432	..	4,873

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF EAST MELBOURNE.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Collins.	Farthing.	Kemp.	
First count—First preference votes	2,506	1,940	1,722	6,168
Distribution of ballot-papers of Kemp, defeated candidate	529	1,193	..	1,722
Final count	3,035	3,133	..	6,168

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF EVELYN.

	Candidates.				Totals.
	Everard.	Jones.	Rouget.	Williams.	
First count—First preference votes	3,575	1,098	1,096	1,516	7,285
Distribution of ballot-papers of Rouget, first defeated candidate	230	79	..	787	1,096
Final count	3,805	1,177	..	2,303	7,285

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF GIPPSLAND EAST.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Cameron.	Lind.	Rickards.	
First count—First preference votes	1,352	1,624	772	3,748
Distribution of ballot-papers of Rickards, defeated candidate	124	648	..	772
Final count	1,476	2,272	..	3,748

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF GLENELG.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Campbell.	Thomas.	Williamson.	
First count—First preference votes	2,121	2,892	1,538	6,551
Distribution of ballot-papers of Williamson, defeated candidate	1,129	409	..	1,538
Final count	3,250	3,301	..	6,551

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF HAWTHORN.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Brack.	McPherson.	Smith.	
First count—First preference votes	3,996	8,312	4,365	16,673
Distribution of ballot-papers of Brack, defeated candidate .. .. .	..	1,972	2,024	3,996
Final count .. .. .	..	10,284	6,389	16,673

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MARYBOROUGH.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Frost.	Laidlaw.	Outtrim.	
First count—First preference votes	2,319	806	1,649	4,774
Distribution of ballot-papers of Laidlaw, defeated candidate	147	..	659	806
Final count	2,466	..	2,308	4,774

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF POLWARTH.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Black.	Linahan.	McDonald.	
First count—First preference votes	1,583	2,729	3,259	7,571
Distribution of ballot-papers of Black, defeated candidate .. .. .	..	529	1,054	1,583
Final count .. .. .	..	3,258	4,313	7,571

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF TOORAK.

	Candidates.				Totals.
	Argyle.	Barrett.	Darroch.	Stout.	
First count—First preference votes	5,528	2,519	2,381	2,968	13,396
Distribution of ballot-papers of Darroch, first defeated candidate	755	1,170	..	456	2,381
Second count	6,283	3,689	..	3,424	13,396
Distribution of ballot-papers of Stout, second defeated candidate	1,899	1,525	..	..	3,424
Final count	8,182	5,214	..	..	13,396

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF ST. KILDA.

	Candidates.						Totals.
	Barnet.	Eggleston.	Gorman.	Morley.	O'Dwyer.	Sculthorpe.	
First count—First preference votes	2,859	4,472	3,782	3,317	1,371	1,621	17,422
Distribution of ballot-papers of O'Dwyer, first defeated candidate	341	200	726	55	..	49	1,371
Second count	3,200	4,672	4,508	3,372	..	1,670	17,422
Distribution of ballot-papers of Sculthorpe, second defeated candidate	178	315	50	1,127	..	..	1,670
Third count	3,378	4,987	4,558	4,499	..	..	17,422
Distribution of ballot-papers of Barnet, third defeated candidate .. .. .	..	2,107	460	811	..	..	3,378
Fourth count .. .. .	..	7,094	5,018	5,310	..	..	17,422
Distribution of ballot-papers of Gorman, fourth defeated candidate .. .. .	..	3,971	..	1,047	..	..	5,018
Final count .. .. .	..	11,065	..	6,357	..	..	17,422

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF UPPER GOULBURN.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Gleeson.	Mackrell.	Whiting.	
First count—First preference votes	1,746	1,669	1,499	4,914
Distribution of ballot-papers of Whiting, defeated candidate	311	1,188	..	1,499
Final count	2,057	2,857	..	4,914

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF WARRNAMBOOL.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Clark.	Deany.	Heather.	
First count—First preference votes	1,318	2,661	2,415	6,394
Distribution of ballot-papers of Clark, defeated candidate .. .. .	..	914	404	1,318
Final count .. .. .	..	3,575	2,819	6,394

BY-ELECTION, 27TH JANUARY, 1921.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF UPPER GOULBURN.

	Candidates.			Totals.
	Gleeson.	Mackrell.	Whiting.	
First count—First preference votes	1,960	1,885	1,266	5,111
Distribution of ballot-papers of Whiting, defeated candidate	226	1,040	..	1,266
Final count	2,186	2,925	..	5,111

LICENSING ACTS.

Result of the Local Option Poll held on the 21st October, 1920.

Licensing District.	No. on Roll.	Votes Polled.			Informal.	Votes Polled.			Result.*
		Continuance. 1.	Reduction. 2.	No Licence. 3.		Males.	Females.	Total.	
Collingwood East	6,315	2,362	138	876	37	1,715	1,698	3,413	C.
North Richmond	9,093	3,406	159	1,203	57	2,313	2,512	4,825	C.
Beaconsfield	8,570	3,279	482	1,356	173	2,504	2,786	5,290	C.
Canterbury	12,981	4,446	587	2,738	210	3,737	4,244	7,981	C.
Clunes	1,508	475	79	486	7	466	581	1,047	R.
Creswick	1,637	538	46	447	16	482	565	1,047	C.
Dowling Forest	1,853	627	43	304	14	505	483	988	C.
Lexton	424	160	3	43	3	127	82	209	C.
Ballaarat East	10,034	3,340	283	3,525	266	3,211	4,203	7,414	R.
Ballaarat West	10,477	3,576	531	3,652	188	3,299	4,648	7,947	R.
Barrarbool	2,536	679	138	803	39	881	778	1,659	R.
Lara	2,040	736	108	520	42	772	634	1,406	C.
Newtown and Chilwell	3,963	1,199	241	1,360	90	1,271	1,619	2,890	R.
Queenscliff	3,275	1,204	203	738	70	1,185	1,030	2,215	C.
Benalla	3,176	1,010	125	568	40	931	812	1,743	C.
Mokoan	1,786	482	100	416	30	575	453	1,028	R.
Yarrowonga	2,889	1,146	118	565	43	1,033	839	1,872	C.
Towong	3,210	930	113	658	44	1,086	659	1,745	C.
Wodonga	1,505	589	168	80	31	498	370	868	C.
Yackandandah	1,897	648	73	322	47	626	464	1,090	C.
Barkly (Bendigo)	4,755	1,880	176	1,286	110	1,481	1,971	3,452	C.
Darling (Bendigo)	2,654	1,063	89	626	63	831	1,010	1,841	C.
Strathfieldsaye	928	393	41	150	20	314	290	604	C.
Golden Square	6,664	2,294	259	2,168	143	2,133	2,731	4,864	R.
Kangaroo Flat	2,500	783	96	684	79	849	793	1,642	C.
Boroondara	14,358	2,626	783	5,845	208	4,217	5,245	9,462	N.L.
Caulfield East	14,355	2,981	548	4,049	158	3,646	4,090	7,736	R.
Malvern East	13,426	2,715	583	4,527	156	3,354	4,627	7,981	R.
Nunawading	4,298	820	177	1,844	57	1,317	1,581	2,898	N.L.
Oakleigh	2,086	543	65	612	35	633	622	1,255	R.
Birchip	1,848	604	70	527	46	706	541	1,247	C.
Dunmunkle	2,334	855	78	634	40	930	677	1,607	C.
Warracknabeal	3,525	1,081	176	1,220	84	1,378	1,183	2,561	R.
Brighton	7,941	1,968	451	2,295	84	2,184	2,614	4,798	R.
Elsternwick	6,659	1,294	232	1,520	66	1,359	1,753	3,112	R.
Moorabbin	11,369	2,460	434	3,262	147	3,019	3,284	6,303	R.
Brunswick	25,420	8,270	898	6,048	343	7,717	7,842	15,559	C.
Bacchus Marsh	1,773	666	94	435	30	696	529	1,225	C.
Broadmeadows	2,541	708	76	497	27	715	593	1,308	C.
Gisborne	1,871	681	89	359	25	642	512	1,154	C.
Melton	3,053	983	145	567	36	958	773	1,731	C.
Wyndham	2,122	654	90	438	23	684	521	1,205	C.
Cardigan	6,826	2,582	113	710	48	1,633	1,820	3,453	C.
Princes Hill	6,617	2,879	93	787	47	1,806	2,000	3,806	C.
Castlemaine	3,373	1,289	173	1,026	62	1,208	1,342	2,550	C.
Fryers	731	293	29	192	18	263	269	532	C.
Maldon	1,326	334	61	502	21	423	495	918	R.
Taradale	1,174	367	48	399	12	424	402	826	R.
Barkly (Collingwood)	3,730	1,714	117	694	76	1,237	1,364	2,601	C.
Clifton Hill (Collingwood)	6,598	2,619	293	1,523	103	2,155	2,383	4,538	C.
Darling	5,061	2,186	245	987	69	1,594	1,893	3,487	C.
Kilmore	1,757	740	90	425	45	677	623	1,300	C.
Kyneton	3,328	1,517	169	933	69	1,258	1,430	2,688	C.
Lancfield	1,485	571	100	444	37	608	544	1,152	C.
Pyalong	481	247	21	84	10	201	161	362	C.
Berwick	4,458	1,271	206	1,011	76	1,447	1,117	2,564	C.
Dandenong	6,261	1,613	230	1,575	125	1,840	1,703	3,543	R.
Mulgrave	4,304	886	121	1,228	49	1,155	1,129	2,284	R.
Scoresby	2,541	584	102	751	28	788	677	1,465	R.
Bullarook	588	152	25	107	12	172	124	296	C.
Daylesford	1,666	632	71	387	23	499	614	1,113	C.
Franklin	1,667	635	63	358	27	573	510	1,083	C.
Newstead	813	297	33	215	4	297	252	549	C.
Trentham	1,637	595	93	262	16	525	441	966	C.
Arapiles	1,381	317	53	422	26	478	340	818	R.
Balmoral	633	257	34	138	17	251	195	446	C.
Edenhope	1,951	656	138	465	56	745	570	1,315	C.
Hamilton	4,285	1,539	155	1,415	113	1,574	1,648	3,222	R.
Bridgewater	1,482	584	79	386	43	591	501	1,092	C.
Eaglehawk	2,759	982	111	1,026	75	981	1,213	2,194	R.
Huntly	1,713	671	73	473	52	680	589	1,269	C.
Runnymede	602	281	25	141	19	270	196	466	C.
Gipps	2,410	919	86	376	46	830	597	1,427	C.

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Licensing District.	No. on Roll.	Votes Polled.			Informal.	Votes Polled.			Result.*	
		Continuance. 1.	Reduction. 2.	No-Licence. 3.		Males.	Females.	Total.		
Otway	1,555	467	62	417	32	615	363	978	R.	
Winchelsea	2,007	653	112	595	44	766	638	1,404	R.	
Koroit	2,733	1,039	46	475	28	883	705	1,588	C.	
Minhamite	940	283	13	224	8	299	229	528	C.	
Penshurst	1,558	402	30	363	22	455	362	817	C.	
Port Fairy	2,797	1,118	38	261	17	803	631	1,434	C.	
Emerald Hill	8,149	3,815	275	1,014	143	2,750	2,497	5,247	C.	
Port Melbourne	7,880	3,562	331	1,240	169	2,826	2,476	5,302	C.	
Prahran	9,145	3,130	483	1,827	150	2,600	2,990	5,590	C.	
South Yarra	11,533	3,531	888	2,362	144	2,955	3,970	6,925	C.	
Central Richmond	10,914	3,843	235	1,587	51	2,738	2,978	5,716	C.	
South Richmond	6,469	2,331	177	1,077	57	1,877	1,765	3,642	C.	
Echuca	2,356	821	75	438	59	706	687	1,393	C.	
Mooroopna	3,869	1,080	171	1,147	76	1,347	1,127	2,474	R.	
Rochester	3,231	1,000	137	911	80	1,159	969	2,128	R.	
Rochester East	1,874	651	73	545	37	788	518	1,306	C.	
Ararat	2,113	857	107	496	39	737	762	1,499	C.	
Glenorchy	1,727	595	72	364	40	623	448	1,071	C.	
Moyston	1,747	614	94	364	28	620	480	1,100	C.	
Stawell	2,456	1,075	76	516	77	812	932	1,744	C.	
Balaclava	10,019	2,962	581	2,061	118	2,578	3,144	5,722	C.	
Caulfield	10,791	2,301	567	3,017	103	2,662	3,326	5,988	R.	
St. Kilda East	6,067	1,779	392	1,088	80	1,410	1,929	3,339	C.	
St. Kilda West	7,258	2,059	484	1,057	68	1,571	2,097	3,668	C.	
Corong	5,047	1,534	118	982	111	1,699	1,046	2,745	C.	
Mildura	6,530	1,419	68	928	89	1,538	966	2,504	C.	
Swan Hill	6,042	1,957	146	1,496	128	2,279	1,448	3,727	R.	
Armadale	10,803	2,694	691	2,525	178	2,652	3,436	6,088	C.	
Malvern	7,305	1,848	457	2,203	102	1,870	2,740	4,610	R.	
Toorak	6,617	1,587	544	1,474	75	1,393	2,287	3,680	R.	
Alexandra	2,162	724	161	387	45	774	543	1,317	C.	
Mansfield	1,769	713	68	359	40	676	504	1,180	C.	
Seymour	1,718	553	102	358	52	567	498	1,065	C.	
Strathbogie	1,094	331	60	352	37	445	335	780	R.	
Yea	1,424	449	49	273	29	448	352	800	C.	
Narracan	2,574	708	80	665	55	884	624	1,508	R.	
Walhalla	1,242	390	54	249	26	405	314	719	C.	
Wood's Point	2,597	719	62	455	40	796	480	1,276	C.	
Oxley	1,903	544	27	278	24	529	344	873	C.	
Peechelba			No Poll held							
Rutherglen	2,138	1,240	48	141	21	796	654	1,450	C.	
Wangaratta	3,074	1,220	52	511	22	994	811	1,805	C.	
Goulburn	2,702	1,053	95	683	59	1,010	890	1,890	C.	
Heathcote	2,036	780	89	410	40	727	592	1,319	C.	
Rushworth	2,322	970	156	498	69	974	719	1,693	C.	
Ballan	1,888	737	45	209	15	567	439	1,006	C.	
Bungaree	1,931	649	22	319	20	543	467	1,010	C.	
Meredith	673	251	8	112	7	212	166	378	C.	
Warrenheip	1,128	480	9	116	11	333	283	616	C.	
Allansford	2,642	824	101	861	72	1,022	836	1,858	R.	
Cobden	2,279	689	91	603	52	804	631	1,435	R.	
Warnambool	4,426	1,624	218	1,496	86	1,640	1,784	3,424	R.	
Footscray	11,389	4,021	204	2,470	63	3,583	3,175	6,758	C.	
North Williamstown	6,485	2,129	158	1,700	31	2,100	1,918	4,018	C.	
South Williamstown	5,407	1,921	124	1,199	33	1,695	1,582	3,277	C.	
Totals	868,848	278,707	36,025	212,254	13,648	270,068	270,566	540,634		
Percentages		52.89%	6.84%	40.28%	2.52%	64.60%	60.02%	62.22%		

* C. denotes Continuance.—R. denotes Reduction.—N.L. denotes No Licence.

Total Number of Districts Voted Continuance (Resolution 1)	..	..	143
" " " " Reduction (" 2)	71
" " " " No Licence (" 3)	2
" " " " where no Poll was held	1

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

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

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

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

PROCLAMATION

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

I, THE Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation fix Wednesday, the tenth day of November, 1920, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

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

(L.S.)

W. H. IRVINE.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. S. W. LAWSON.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Several of the Members repaired to their seats.

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

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

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

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

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

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

Then the said Letters Patent were read as follows :—

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

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

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

W. H. IRVINE.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. S. W. LAWSON.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 29, page 57, this sixth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

W. A. CALLAWAY.

And then His Honour Mr. Justice Cussen said—

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

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

And the Members of the Assembly being returned—

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

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

TO LEO FINN BERNARD CUSSEN, Judge of Our Supreme Court in Our said State of Victoria,

GREETING :

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

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

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

(L.S.)

W. H. IRVINE.

By His Excellency's Command,
H. S. W. LAWSON.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 29,
page 58, this sixth day of November, One thousand
nine hundred and twenty.

W. A. CALLAWAY.

4. WRITS.—The Clerk announced that he had received a letter from the Official Secretary to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor forwarding 65 Writs issued under the hand of His Excellency for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, and that by the returns indorsed on the several Writs it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly elected for the districts set opposite their respective names, viz. :—

Abbotsford	...	...	Gordon Charles Webber, of No. 7 Leslie-street, North Richmond, secretary.
Albert Park	...	...	Arthur Knight Wallace, of 49 Dundas-place, Albert Park.
Allandale	...	...	Alexander James Peacock, legal manager, of Creswick.
Ballaarat East	...	...	Mr. Robert Maxwell McGregor.
Ballaarat West	...	...	Matthew Baird, solicitor, Carlton-street, Ballarat.
Barwon	...	...	Edward Morley, of Ryrie-street, Geelong, secretary.
Benalla...	...	...	John Joseph Carlisle.
Benambra	...	...	Henry Beardmore, of Wodonga, grazier.
Bendigo East	...	...	Luke James Clough, Langston-street, Bendigo, bootmaker.
Bendigo West	...	...	David Smith, blacksmith, of Belle-vue-road, Golden Square.
Boroondara	...	...	Edmund Wilson Greenwood.
Borong...	...	...	David Allison, of Watchupga.
Brighton	...	...	Oswald Robinson Snowball, "Wolsingham," Boxshall-street, Brighton, solicitor.
Brunswick	...	...	James Roberts Jewell.
Bulla	...	...	Andrew Robert Robertson, of "Hilton," Bacchus Marsh.
Carlton...	...	...	Robert Henry Solly.
Castlemaine and Maldon	...	...	Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson.
Collingwood	...	...	Martin Hannah, of 15 McCracken-avenue, Northcote (bricklayer).
Dalhousie	...	...	Allan Francis Cameron.
Dandenong	...	...	Frank Groves.
Daylesford	...	...	Donald McLeod, of Daylesford, accountant.
Dundas...	...	...	William Slater.
Eaglehawk	...	...	Albert Arthur Dunstan, farmer, 308 Barnard-street, Bendigo, Victoria.
East Melbourne	...	...	Alfred Alexander Farthing.
Essendon	...	...	Thomas Ryan.
Evelyn...	...	...	William Hugh Everard, of 133 Wellington-street, Kew, tea merchant.
Fitzroy...	...	...	John William Billson.
Flemington	...	...	Edward Coughlan Warde.
Geelong	...	...	William Brownbill.
Gippsland East	...	...	Albert Eli Lind.
Gippsland North...	...	...	James Weir McLachlan, of Sale, saddler.
Gippsland South	...	...	Thomas Livingston, 126 Hambleton-street, Middle Park, Victoria.
Gippsland West	...	...	John Emanuel Mackey, University lecturer, Monomeith-avenue, Canterbury.
Glenelg	...	...	William Edward Thomas.
Goulburn Valley...	...	...	Murray William James Bouchier, Woodlands Park, Strathmerton, farmer and grazier.
Grenville	...	...	David Havelock Gibson.
Gunbower	...	...	Henry Angus, of Mystic Park, farmer and grazier.
Hampden	...	...	David Swan Oman, farmer, of Lismore.
Hawthorn	...	...	William Murray McPherson.
Jika Jika	...	...	John Cain.
Kara Kara	...	...	John Warburton Pennington, of Bealiba, merchant.

Korong	...	...	Isaac Job Weaver.
Lowan	...	...	Marcus Edwy Wettenhall.
Maryborough	...	...	George Clement Frost, of Maryborough, orchardist.
Melbourne	...	...	Alexander Rogers.
Mornington	...	...	Alfred Downward, grazier.
North Melbourne	...	...	George Michael Prendergast.
Ovens	...	...	Alfred Arthur Billson.
Polwarth	...	...	James McDonald, orchardist, of Inverleigh.
Port Fairy	...	...	Henry Stephen Bailey, of Port Fairy, manager.
Port Melbourne	...	...	James Lawrence Murphy.
Prahran	...	...	Alexander Frederick Parker.
Richmond	...	...	Edmund John Cotter, cooper, 236 Mary-street, Richmond.
Rodney	...	...	John Allan, of Wyuna South, farmer.
St. Kilda	...	...	Frederic William Eggleston.
Stawell and Ararat	...	...	Richard Frederick Toutcher, of "Ararat," Victoria-street, Elsternwick, estate agent.
Swan Hill	...	...	Francis Edward Old.
Toorak	...	...	Stanley Seymour Argyle.
Upper Goulburn	...	...	Edwin Joseph Mackrell, of Strathbogie, farmer.
Walhalla	...	...	Samuel Barnes.
Wangaratta	...	...	John Bowser, Wangaratta, journalist.
Waranga	...	...	John Gordon, farmer and grazier, Nagambie.
Warrenheip	...	...	Edmond John Hogan, farmer, Ballan.
Warrnambool	...	...	James Davidson Deany.
Williamstown	...	...	John Lemmon.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—G. C. Webber, Esq., A. K. Wallace, Esq., The Honorable Sir Alexander James Peacock, K.C.M.G., The Honorable R. McGregor, The Honorable M. Baird, E. Morley, Esq., The Honorable J. J. Carlisle, H. Beardmore, Esq., L. J. Clough, Esq., The Honorable D. Smith, E. W. Greenwood, Esq., D. Allison, Esq., O. R. Snowball, Esq., The Honorable A. R. Robertson, R. H. Solly, Esq., The Honorable H. S. W. Lawson, The Honorable M. Hannah, A. F. Cameron, Esq., F. Groves, Esq., The Honorable D. McLeod, W. Slater, Esq., A. A. Dunstan, Esq., A. A. Farthing, Esq., W. H. Everard, Esq., E. C. Warde, Esq., W. Brownbill, Esq., A. E. Lind, Esq., The Honorable J. E. Mackey, W. E. Thomas, Esq., M. W. J. Bouchier, Esq., D. H. Gibson, Esq., The Honorable H. Angus, The Honorable D. S. Oman, The Honorable W. M. McPherson, J. Cain, Esq., The Honorable J. W. Pennington, I. J. Weaver, Esq., M. E. Wettenhall, Esq., G. C. Frost, Esq., The Honorable A. Downward, The Honorable G. M. Prendergast, The Honorable A. A. Billson, J. McDonald, Esq., H. S. Bailey, Esq., J. L. Murphy, Esq., A. F. Parker, Esq., E. J. Cotter, Esq., J. Allan, Esq., F. W. Eggleston, Esq., R. F. Toutcher, Esq., F. E. Old, Esq., Dr. S. S. Argyle, E. J. Mackrell, Esq., The Honorable S. Barnes, The Honorable J. Bowser, J. Gordon, Esq., E. J. Hogan, Esq., J. D. Deany, Esq., and the Honorable J. Lemmon took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

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

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

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

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

Then Mr. Lawson and Mr. Prendergast congratulated Mr. Speaker.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Lawson stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker in the Library, at the State Parliament House, this day, at a quarter to Two o'clock.
8. Mr. Speaker left the Chair at fifty-six minutes past Eleven o'clock, and resumed it at Two o'clock.
9. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day proceeded to the Library, State Parliament House, and that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as the choice of the Legislative Assembly, and that His Excellency had been pleased to address him in the following terms:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I have pleasure in congratulating you upon your election for the second time to the high and distinguished office of Speaker. I feel sure that you will continue to fulfil the duties of your office with that ability and tact which you have displayed in the past.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 10th November, 1920.

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

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

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

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

GREETING :

WHEREAS by the thirty-second section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, No. 2632, it is enacted that no Member either of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly shall be permitted to sit or vote therein respectively until he has taken and subscribed before the Governor, or some person authorized by the Governor in that behalf, the Oath set out in the Second Schedule to the aforesaid Act: Now therefore I, the Lieutenant-Governor aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you from time to time, in the State Parliament House, in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne, to administer the said Oath to such Members of the said Legislative Assembly as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said Legislative Assembly.

(L.S.) Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State, at Melbourne, in the said State this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty, and in the eleventh year of His Majesty's reign.

W. H. IRVINE.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. S. W. LAWSON.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 29, page 59, this tenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

W. A. CALLAWAY.

12. MEMBERS SWORN.—J. R. Jewell, Esq., T. Ryan, Esq., and the Honorable J. W. Billson took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

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

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VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1920-21.

W. H. IRVINE,

Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the month of November, in the year 1920-21, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

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Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimate, to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

14. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance, 1919-20.—Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1920, accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General and by the Documents specified in the Fifty-sixth Section of the Audit Act.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

15. PAPERS.—Mr. Barnes presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—

Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—Annual Report of the Victorian Coal Miners' Accidents Relief Board for the year 1919.

Mr. Lawson presented—

Phosphate Co-operative Company of Australia Limited—Site desired at Newport.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 31st August, 1920.

Mr. Baird presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Public Health Department during the period from 1st July, 1919, to 30th June, 1920.

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:—

Goods Act 1918.—Regulations.—Order in Council.

Health Act 1919.—Commission of Public Health.—Regulations relating to Notifiable Infectious Disease.—Order in Council.

Land Acts.—Report for the financial year ended 30th June, 1920, with Appendix.

Land Tax Act 1915.—Alteration in Schedules A and B.—Order in Council.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1915.—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet; together with Schedule of Contracts for year ended 30th June, 1920.

Neglected Children's and Reformatory Schools Department.—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1919.

River Murray Waters Act 1915.—Report of the River Murray Commission for the year 1919-1920; with Appendices.

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Fifteenth Annual Report, 1919-20.

State Savings Bank Act 1915.—The State Savings Bank of Victoria.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1920.

State Savings Bank Acts—

Rule 43 of General Order No. 26 as amended by General Order No. 27 repealed, new Rule made.

Rule 47 of General Order No. 26 repealed, new Rule made.

Supreme Court.—Rules of the Supreme Court of Victoria.—New Rule 10 (a) added to Chapter 3 (Probate and Administration Rules) of the Rules of the Supreme Court 1916.

16. PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS BILL.—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. Baird, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Pharmaceutical Chemists and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
17. COMMITTEES OF SUPPLY AND WAYS AND MEANS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed forthwith (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
18. SUPPLY.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
19. WAYS AND MEANS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and agreed to.
20. HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

I avail myself of the earliest opportunity, after the return of the writs for the general elections, of seeking your assistance in certain matters requiring immediate attention.

The necessary annual provision for the Public Service must be made.

While this Session will be principally occupied in making provision for the services of the year and with financial measures, there are several urgent legislative proposals which must be dealt with. My Advisers will accordingly submit, *inter alia*, the following measures:—

Murray Rivers Agreement Amendment Bill.

Country Industries Advances Bill.

Factories and Shops Act Amendment Bill. }

Housing Bill.

Electricity Commissioners Bill.

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.

University Bill.

Necessary Commodities Control Bill.

Public Service Act Amendment Bill.

Railways Act Amendment Bill.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

The Estimates of Expenditure for the year will be laid before you for your immediate consideration.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I beg to express the earnest hope that under the blessing of Divine Providence your labours will promote the welfare of the State.

Government Offices,
10th November, 1920.

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

21. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Motion made and question proposed—That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and do take precedence of all other business.

22. ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Motion made, by leave, and question, That the Honorable Member for East Melbourne, Mr. Alfred Alexander Farthing, act as Chairman of Committees for this day (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

23. SUPPLY.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

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

24. SUPPLY.—Mr. Farthing reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £959,341 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1920-21, viz. :—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	96
2.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	980
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	79
4.	Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	291
5.	The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	72
6.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	212
7.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	450
8.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,330
9.	„ „ Pensions, &c.	10,112
10.	„ „ Grants	500
11.	Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	434
12.	Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	593
13.	State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	217
14.	Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	446
15.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	164
16.	The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	40
17.	Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	126
18.	Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	379
19.	Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	408
20.	Mercantile Marine—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	130
21.	Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	274
22.	Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	557
23.	Agent-General—Staff and Office	612
24.	Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,390
25.	Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,220
26.	Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	36,800
27.	Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	20,855
28.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,584
29.	Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	46,585
30.	Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,535
31.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	267
32.	Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,745
33.	Immigration and Labour Bureau	712
34.	Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	132,800
35.	„ Pensions, &c.	35
36.	„ Works and Buildings	800
37.	„ Endowments and Grants	7,500
38.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	3
39.	Attorney-General—Salaries	7,328
40.	„ „ Pensions, &c.	18
41.	„ „ Ordinary Expenditure	2,433

Division No.	£
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	5,029
43. „ „ Ordinary Expenditure	1,569
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,280
45. „ Transport, &c.	417
46. „ Unforeseen Expenditure	417
47. „ Allowances to Railway Department	1,000
49. „ Pensions, &c.	34
50. „ Exceptional Expenditure	8,000
52. Taxation Office—Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,195
53. „ „ Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,260
54. „ „ Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	144
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	450
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,728
57. „ „ Exceptional Expenditure	100
58. „ „ Advertising	400
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,125
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	47
61. „ „ Grants	561
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	887
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,659
64. Works and Buildings	324
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	1,269
66. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	4,904
67. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,066
68. „ „ Works, &c...	3,000
70. Electricity Commissioners—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,850
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	14,700
72. „ „ Roads, Works, and Bridges	500
73. „ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	500
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,026
76. „ Furtherance of Mining Industry	1,899
77. „ Brown Coal Mine	8,333
78. „ Exceptional Expenditure	1,750
79. State Forests—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,019
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	20,113
81. Agriculture, Administrative—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	990
82. „ Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,552
84. Stock and Dairy—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,680
85. Export Development—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,761
86. Public Health—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,226
88. Railways—Working Expenses, &c.	502,742
89. „ Pensions	1,373
90. „ Railway Construction Branch	705
91. State Coal Mine	35,645
Total	£959,341

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

25. WAYS AND MEANS.—Motion made and question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (*Mr. McPherson*)—put and agreed to.

House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1920–21 the sum of £959,341 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

27. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Nine hundred and fifty-nine thousand three hundred and forty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

28. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

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

H. H. NEWTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.—TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MEMBERS SWORN. J. W. McLachlan, Esquire, the Honorable T. Livingston, and A. Rogers, Esquire, took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—
Acquainting the Assembly that they have appointed a Committee of six members to join with a Committee of the Assembly to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments.
Agreeing to the Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 1) without amendment.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Lawson, and the same was read :—

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 2.

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

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Nine hundred and fifty-nine thousand three hundred and forty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th November, 1920.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to the provisions of the three hundred and forty-sixth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, I do hereby appoint John Allan, Esquire, Frederic William Eggleston, Esquire, The Honorable Donald McLeod, The Honorable George Michael Prendergast, Oswald Robinson Snowball, Esquire, Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, and Edward Coughlan Warde, Esquire, to be members of a Committee to be called “The Committee of Elections and Qualifications.”

Given under my hand, this sixteenth day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

J. E. MACKKEY,
Speaker.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Baird presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
Penal Establishments, Gaols, and Reformatory Prisons.—Report and Statistical Tables for the year 1919.

Mr. Lawson presented—

Phosphate Co-operative Company of Australia Limited.—Site offered by Geelong Harbor Trust.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 31st August, 1920.

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 :—

Coal Mines Regulation Act 1915.—State Coal Mines.—Annual Report of the General Manager of State Coal Mines; including the State Coal Mines Balance sheet, and Statement of Accounts duly audited, &c., for the year 1919–20.

Factories and Shops.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Shops for the year 1919.

Fire Brigades Act 1915.—Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the year ending 30th June, 1920, together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities for that period.

Friendly Societies Act 1915 and Trade Unions Act 1915.—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1919.

Marine Act 1915.—Marine Board of Victoria—

Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year 1919.

Regulations for the Examination of Engineers for Certificates of Competency.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Act 1918.—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board for the year ended 30th June, 1920.

Poisons Act 1915.—Proclamation amending Part I. and Part II. of the Second Schedule.

Public Service Acts—

Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of George Leslie Wood from the Fifth to the Fourth Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.

Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of John Edward Hunter from the Fifth to the Fourth Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.

Regulations.—Appointment to the General Division, Chapter V.—Department of Chief Secretary.

Regulations.—Classification of General Division, Chapter VI.—

Department of Public Instruction.

Department of Treasurer (4 papers).

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances, Chapter IX. Part II.—Allowances to certain Officers—

Department of Law and Department of Public Instruction.

Department of Agriculture.

Regulations.—Appointment, Promotion, &c., of certain Officers of the General Division, Chapter XI.—Reformatory and Probationary Schools and Receiving Depôts.

Regulations.—Stores and Transport, Chapter XV.—Addition to Clause 4.

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Sale and Occupation of Crown Lands and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th November, 1920.

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

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the providing of Dwellings for Persons of Small Means and for the Reclamation and Improvement of Insanitary Low-lying or Overcrowded Areas.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th November, 1920.

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

9. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 7 *ante*); debate resumed.

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Robertson*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

Resolved—after debate, That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.—WEDNESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—

Lands Compensation Act 1915.—Return under Section 37, showing in detail the particulars connected with the Purchase of Land at Morwell and Amount paid therefor by the Electricity Commissioners, for the period ending 31st October, 1920.

3. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—Motion made and question proposed—That the Member for Ballarat East, the Honorable Robert McGregor, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House (*Mr. Lawson*).

Motion made and question proposed—That the Honorable Member for Richmond, Mr. Edmund John Cotter, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House (*Mr. Prendergast*).

Question—That the Member for Ballarat East, the Honorable Robert McGregor, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Mackrell,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Old,
Lieut.-Col. Bouchier,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Carlisle,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Dunstan,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Eggleston,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Gibson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Groves,
Mr. Lind,	Mr. Pennington.

Noes, 19.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Brownbill,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Frost,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Webber.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Parker,	Mr. Lemmon.
Mr. Prendergast,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways :—Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Solly, Mr. Toutcher, and Mr. Weaver (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day (*to take precedence*):—

Address in Reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech—Motion for—Resumption of debate,

and Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3

6. LAND BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 3.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Sale and Occupation of Crown Lands and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Oman then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Sale and Occupation of Crown Lands and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 4.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the providing of Dwellings for Persons of Small Means and for the Reclamation and Improvement of Insanitary Low-lying or Over-crowded Areas.

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

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

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the providing of Dwellings for Persons of Small Means and for the Reclamation and Improvement of Insanitary Low-lying or Over-crowded Areas*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 7 *ante*); debate resumed

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Everard*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 1 and Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until to-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.—THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Wheat Marketing Act 1915.—Statements of Accounts of the Victorian Wheat Commission for season 1915-16, season 1916-17, season 1917-18, season 1918-19, and season 1919-20, made up to 30th June, 1920, respectively; with Balance-sheet as at 30th June, 1920.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 7 *ante*); debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Murphy*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next; that Mr. Murphy have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed; and that the debate do take precedence of all other business.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.—TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. McPherson presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—Charitable Institutions.—Statistics for the year ended 30th June, 1920.
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 September, 1920.
University Act 1915.—Annual Report, 1919–20, with Statutes and Regulations and Amendments allowed by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.
3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 7 *ante*); debate resumed.
Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“and we desire to inform Your Excellency that the Government does not possess the confidence of this House” (*Mr. Allan*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow; that Mr. Prendergast have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed; and that the debate do take precedence of all other business.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.—WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—MEMBERS SWORN.—John Allan, Esquire, Frederic William Eggleston, Esquire, the Honorable George Michael Prendergast, Oswald Robinson Snowball, Esquire, Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, and Edward Coughlan Warde, Esquire, who had been appointed members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, took the Oath at the Table of the House, before the Clerk.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Public Service Acts—
Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of William Trevor Long from the Fifth to the Fourth Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.
Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of Harold Spencer Williams from the Fifth to the Fourth Class, in the Department of Lands and Survey.

4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 7 *ante*), and on the amendment—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—"and we desire to inform Your Excellency that the Government does not possess the confidence of this House"; debate resumed.

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the proposed amendment:—"because it has failed to make provision for the payment of 10s. per week for boarded-out children, it has failed to make reasonable provision for equality of voting power for electors, and has failed to take an equitable view for the settlement of industrial disputes" (*Mr. Prendergast*)—and, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allison,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Morley,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Brownbill,	Mr. Old,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Parker,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Frost,	Mr. Webber.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Lind,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mackrell,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Lieut.-Col. Bouchier,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bowser,	Sir Alexander Peacock
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Dunstan,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Eggleston,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Everard,	
Mr. Gibson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on the amendment to add words to the proposed Address continued.

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the proposed amendment:—

"for the following reasons, viz.:—

1. Failing to take reasonable steps to protect the people of the State against the operations of the profiteers;
2. Failing to provide proper facilities for primary education throughout the State, together with all necessary requisites" (*Mr. Bailey*)—and, after debate—

Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and do take precedence of all other business.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

H. H. NEWTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

J. E. MACKEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.—THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—MEMBER SWORN.—The Honorable Donald McLeod, who had been appointed a member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, took the Oath at the Table of the House, before the Clerk.
3. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

4. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—FIRST MEETING.—Mr. Speaker appointed Wednesday next at Twelve o'clock as the time, and Committee Room No. 1 as the place, of the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

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

Public Works Loan Application Act 1911.—Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Victoria Dock Cool Stores ; together with the Report of the Manager thereof on the Operations of the Stores, for the financial year 1919-20.

6. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 7 *ante*), and on the amendment—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“ and we desire to inform Your Excellency that the Government does not possess the confidence of this House,” and on the following further amendment :—That the following words be added to the proposed amendment :—

“ for the following reasons, viz. :—

1. Failing to take reasonable steps to protect the people of the State against the operations of the profiteers ;
2. Failing to provide proper facilities for primary education throughout the State, together with all necessary requisites ” ; debate resumed.

Further amendment proposed—That after the word “ profiteers,” in paragraph 1 of the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment, the words “ in foodstuffs, clothing, machinery, chemicals, and all other manufacturing products ” be inserted (*Mr. J. W. Billson*)—and, after debate—

Question—That the words “ in foodstuffs, clothing, machinery, chemicals, and all other manufacturing products ” be inserted after the word “ profiteers ” in the said proposed further amendment—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Angus,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Morley,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Brownbill,	Mr. Parker,
Mr. Cain,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Eggleston,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Frost,	Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Webber.
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. McLachlan,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Old,
Lieut.-Col. Bouchier,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Downward,	
Mr. Dunstan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gibson,	
Mr. Lind,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Mackrell,	Mr. Everard.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Further amendment proposed—That after the word “ requisites,” in paragraph 2 of the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment, the words—

“and to introduce measures to establish free secondary, technical, agricultural, and university education in connexion with a bursary system ;

3. Failing to make provision for the extension of wages boards determinations to all parts of the State ;
4. Failing to take the necessary steps so that the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly be reduced to three for each Federal electorate, to be elected by the system of proportional representation, and the general adoption of the Federal method of enfranchisement ”

be added (*Mr. Slater*)—and, after debate—

Question—That the words—

“ and to introduce measures to establish free secondary, technical, agricultural, and university education in connexion with a bursary system ;

3. Failing to make provision for the extension of wages boards determinations to all parts of the State ;
4. Failing to take the necessary steps so that the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly be reduced to three for each Federal electorate, to be elected by the system of proportional representation, and the general adoption of the Federal method of enfranchisement ”

be added after the word “ requisites ” in the said proposed further amendment, as amended—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Allan,	Mr. Mackrell,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Old,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McPherson,	Lieut.-Col. Bouchier,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Morley,	Mr. Bowser,	
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Downward,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Oman,	Mr. Dunstan,	Mr. Carlisle
Mr. Brownbill,	Mr. Parker,	Mr. Gibson,	Mr. Everard.
Mr. Cain,	Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Lind,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Pennington,		
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Prendergast,		
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Robertson,		
Mr. Deany,	Mr. Rogers,		
Mr. Eggleston,	Mr. Slater,		
Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Smith,		
Mr. Frost,	Mr. Snowball,		
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Solly,		
Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Toutcher,		
Mr. Groves,	Mr. Wallace,		
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde,		
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Webber.		
Mr. Jewell,			
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Bailey,		
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Lemmon.		
Mr. McGregor,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the words—

“ for the following reasons, viz. :—

1. Failing to take reasonable steps to protect the people of the State against the operations of the profiteers in foodstuffs, clothing, machinery, chemicals, and all other manufacturing products ;
2. Failing to provide proper facilities for primary education throughout the State, together with all necessary requisites, and to introduce measures to establish free secondary, technical, agricultural, and university education in connexion with a bursary system ;
3. Failing to make provision for the extension of wages boards determinations to all parts of the State ;
4. Failing to take the necessary steps so that the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly be reduced to three for each Federal electorate, to be elected by the system of proportional representation, and the general adoption of the Federal method of enfranchisement ”

be added to the proposed amendment—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Allan,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Brownbill,	Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Allison,	Mr. Lind,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Slater,	Mr. Angus,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Solly,	Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mackrell,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Baird,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Frost,	Mr. Warde,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Webber.	Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Hogan,		Lieut.-Col. Bouchier,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Morley,
Mr. McLachlan,	Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Old,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Lemmon.	Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Parker,		Mr. Deany,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
		Mr. Downward,	Mr. Smith,
		Mr. Dunstan,	Mr. Snowball,
		Mr. Eggleston,	Mr. Toutcher,
		Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Weaver.
		Mr. Gibson,	
		Mr. Gordon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Everard,
		Mr. Groves,	Mr. Pennington.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on the amendment to add words to the proposed Address resumed.

Question—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—“ and we desire to inform Your Excellency that the Government does not possess the confidence of this House ”—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.		Noes, 41.	
Mr. Allan,	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Angus,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Old,	Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLachlan,
Lieut.-Col. Bouchier,	Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Solly,	Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Morley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Weaver.	Mr. Brownbill,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Dunstan,		Mr. Cain,	Mr. Parker,
Mr. Gibson,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Hogan,		Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Lind,	Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Deany,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Mackrell,	Mr. Carlisle.	Mr. Eggleston,	Mr. Rogers,
		Mr. Everard,	Mr. Slater,
		Mr. Farthing,	Mr. Smith,
		Mr. Frost,	Mr. Snowball,
		Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Toutcher,
		Mr. Greenwood,	Mr. Warde,
		Mr. Groves,	Mr. Webber.
		Mr. Hannah,	
		Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Lawson,	
		Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Lemmon,
		Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Pennington.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That an Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House (for Address see p. 7 *ante*)—put, and Address agreed to.

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

7. **DAYS OF BUSINESS.**—Motion made and question—That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business; that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, Three o'clock on Wednesday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Thursday; that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business during each sitting day; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after Ten o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
8. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Deany, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Slater, and Mr. Wallace; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
9. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.**—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Allan, Mr. Bailey, Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. Cain, Mr. Farthing, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McLeod, Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Snowball; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
10. **PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.**—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Clough, Mr. Jewell, Mr. McGregor, and Mr. Old; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
11. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beardmore, Lieut.-Col. Bouchier, Mr. Brownbill, Mr. Dunstan, Mr. McGregor, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Parker, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Thomas; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
12. **REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.**—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council:—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cotter, Mr. Everard, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Rogers; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
13. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.**—Motion made and question—That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session:—Mr. Bailey, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Groves, Mr. Lemmon, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Webber; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

14. **STATUTE LAW REVISION COMMITTEE.**—Motion made and question—That, in compliance with the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Consolidation of the Laws adopted by this House on the 16th June, 1915, a Committee be appointed, consisting of six Members, to join with a Committee of the Legislative Council to deal with anomalies in the law and make recommendations as to statutory amendments, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailey, Mr. Eggleston, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Snowball, and Mr. Wettenhall, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; five to be the quorum (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution.
15. **JURIES BILL.**—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. Baird, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Juries*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
16. **MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL.**—Mr. Barnes, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Lawson, obtained leave, with Mr. Angus, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Mildura Irrigation Trusts Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
17. **DAY BAKING BILL.**—Mr. J. W. Billson obtained leave, with Mr. Cain and Mr. Brownbill, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Establishment of Day Baking in the State of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
18. **TOTALIZATOR BILL.**—Mr. Hannah obtained leave, with Mr. Everard, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to legalize the Totalizator upon the Race-courses of Victoria*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
19. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WERRIBEE RATING) BILL.**—Mr. Robertson obtained leave, with Mr. Morley and Mr. Beardmore, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Rateability of certain Lands in the Municipal District of Werribee used for Sewage Farm and other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
20. **STATE PRODUCE AGENCY BILL.**—Mr. Bailey, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. Cain, obtained leave, with Mr. Hogan and Mr. Murphy, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Establishment and Regulation of a State Produce Agency and for purposes incidental thereto*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
21. **COMPULSORY VOTING (ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS) BILL.**—Mr. Cotter, pursuant to motion moved on his behalf by Mr. J. W. Billson, obtained leave, with Mr. Rogers, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for Compulsory Voting at Elections for the Legislative Assembly*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
22. **POLICE PENSIONS BILL.**—Mr. Farthing obtained leave, with Mr. Everard, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Restoration of Police Pensions and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
23. **ALDERMEN ABOLITION BILL.**—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. Solly, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Brownbill, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Corporation of the City of Melbourne and the City of Geelong by abolishing the Office of Alderman and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
24. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.**—Mr. McGregor obtained leave, with Mr. Webber, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Local Government Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
25. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL.**—Mr. Slater obtained leave, with Mr. Cain, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Factories and Shops Act 1915'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
26. **ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION BILL.**—Mr. Hannah obtained leave, with Mr. Smith, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Limitation of Election Expenses*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
27. **FAIR RENTS BILL.**—Mr. Murphy obtained leave, with Mr. Wallace, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Establishment of Courts for the purpose of fixing Fair Rents for Dwelling-houses*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
28. **SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION BILL.**—Mr. Hannah obtained leave, with Mr. J. W. Billson and Mr. McGregor, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Inspection of Scaffolding and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

29. FINES UNDER DAIRY, HEALTH (PURE FOOD), FACTORIES, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, AND BAKERS AND MILLERS ACTS.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return up to the 30th September, 1920, in continuation of the previous return, showing separately all fines imposed under (a) The Dairy Supervision Act; (b) The pure food provisions of the Health Act; (c) The Factories and Shops Act; (d) The Weights and Measures Acts; (e) The Bakers and Millers Act, specifying—

Name of Person or Firm fined.	Nature of Offence.	Amount of Fine.	Locality where Offence committed.

Together with totals and with summary of offences, fines, &c., under each Act, as furnished in the return presented to this House on the 2nd December, 1919 (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.

30. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
31. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.—TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria numbered 4A, I do hereby nominate Edmund John Cötter, Esquire, The Honorable Alfred Downward, Edmund Wilson Greenwood, Esquire, Frank Groves, Esquire, The Honorable Martin Hannah, The Honorable Andrew Robert Robertson, and Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees whenever requested so to do by the Chairman of Committees.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

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

Closer Settlement Act 1918.—Copy of the Notification published in the *Government Gazette* of the Acquisition by Compulsory Process of the undermentioned Estates for the purposes of closer settlement :—

Konongwootong North, near Coleraine ; McMillan's, near Hazelwood.

Discharged Soldiers Settlement Act 1917—

Copy of the Notification published in the *Government Gazette* of the Acquisition by Compulsory Process of the undermentioned Estate for the purposes of the Discharged Soldiers Settlement Acts :—

North Woodlands, near Navarre.

Report of the Minister on acquiring Lands in the undermentioned Estates where the State Land Tax Valuations or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the Price recommended by the Closer Settlement Board :—

Narrapumalap, near Wickliffe and Willaura ; Hilgay, near Coleraine.

Water Acts.—Declaration of the Minister of Water Supply under the Acts with reference to the constitution of the proposed Echuca North Irrigation and Water Supply District, together with Plan showing the area.

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

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VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1920-21.

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 5.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1920-21, in lieu of the Estimate of Expenditure for the first five months of the year 1920-21, transmitted on the 30th June, 1920, the 7th September, 1920, and on the 10th November, 1920, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 24th November, 1920.

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

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to repeal Section Thirteen of the *Public Service Act 1920*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th November, 1920.

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

6. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 6.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to repeal Section Thirteen of the *Public Service Act 1920*.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Baird and Sir Alexander Peacock do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Baird then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to repeal Section Thirteen of the 'Public Service Act 1920'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Reimbursement of Expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Salaries of Responsible Ministers of the Crown.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th November, 1920.

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

8. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 7.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Reimbursement of Expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Salaries of Responsible Ministers of the Crown.

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

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

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Reimbursement of Expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Salaries of Responsible Ministers of the Crown*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKAY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.—WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1920.

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

2. MORWELL BROWN COAL MINE RAILWAY. —Motion made, by leave, and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway to the proposed township site and power house site at the Morwell Brown Coal Mine (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.

3. LINES OF RAILWAY REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the following questions be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report:

- (1) The question of providing cross-country connexions between the lines from Donald to Ouyen and from Murtoa to Hopetoun, together with the connexion of the districts of Patchewollock and Pine Plains, with the existing railway system.
- (2) The question of connecting the forest areas in the valleys of the Upper Yarra, Upper Latrobe, Loch, Tanjil, Tyers, Steavenson, and Acheron rivers and contiguous country with the existing railway system by broad or narrow gauge railways to improve timber supplies.
- (3) The question of connecting the districts of Dreeite, Alvie, Cororooke, and Warrions with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway or tranway.
- (4) The question of connecting the district of Laanecoorie with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway.
- (5) The question of connecting the districts of Baynton and Glenhope with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway.
- (6) The question of connecting the districts of Minimay, Boorookpi, Edenhope, Kadnook, and Wombelano with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway.
- (7) The question of connecting the district of Peechelba with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway.

—(*Mr. Barnes*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.

4. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL.—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Mr. Angus, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to ratify an Agreement for the Variation of the Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of New South Wales Victoria and South Australia respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other Waters and to amend the River Murray Waters Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. ANGLO PERSIAN OIL COMPANY'S BILL. —Mr. Oman obtained leave, with Mr. Barnes, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the First Schedule to the 'Anglo Persian Oil Company's Act 1920'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. GREAT OCEAN ROAD (LANDS SALE) BILL. —Mr. Oman obtained leave, with Mr. Pennington, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Sale of certain Crown Lands in the County of Polwarth for the purposes of the Construction of a Highway to be known as the Great Ocean Road*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 2).—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Baird, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Appointment of Wages Boards under the Factories and Shops Acts by the Governor in Council and to the Powers of the Governor in Council with respect thereto*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. RAILWAYS BILL. —Mr. Barnes obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the Appointment of certain Persons temporarily employed in the Railway Service to Permanent Offices therein*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. MUNICIPALITIES CELEBRATIONS AND WAR MEMORIALS BILL. —Mr. Pennington obtained leave, with Mr. Angus, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize and validate certain Expenditure by Councils of Municipalities in connexion with the Visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Memorials in connexion with the Recent War*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. SUPPLY. —The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply; resolution to be reported this day.

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

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £941,362 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1920-21, viz:—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	96
2. Legislative Assembly—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	927
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	79
4. Refreshment Rooms—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	178
5. The Library—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	72
6. The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	154
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	517
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,279
9. " " Pensions, &c.	150
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines—Salaries and Ordinary Expen- diture	366
12. Explosives—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	471
13. State Accident Insurance Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	224
14. Fisheries and Game—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	372
15. Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	103
16. The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure	28
17. Herbarium—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ... ..	.92
18. Inebriates Institution—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	353
19. Marine Board—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	398
20. Mercantile Marine—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	103
21. Observatory—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	265
22. Premier's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	287
23. Agent-General—Staff and Office	612
24. Audit Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,482
25. Government Statist—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,979
26. Hospitals for the Insane—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure... ..	29,702
27. Neglected Children, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	23,585
28. Penal and Gaols—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,084
29. Police—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	43,487
30. Public Library, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,546
31. Public Service Commissioner—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	282
32. Department of Labour—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,927
33. Immigration and Labour Bureau	910
34. Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	134,615
35. " Pensions, &c.	35
36. " Works and Buildings	800
37. " Endowments and Grants	1,000
39. Attorney-General—Salaries	7,328
40. " " Pensions, &c.	18
41. " " Ordinary Expenditure	3,033
42. Solicitor-General—Salaries	5,029
43. " " Ordinary Expenditure	1,469
44. Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,260
45. " Transport, &c.	417
46. " Unforeseen Expenditure	417
47. " Allowances to Railway Department	1,000
48. " Charitable Grants	20,000
49. " Pensions, &c.	34
50. " Exceptional Expenditure	1,500
52. Taxation Office—Income Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure ...	1,816
53. " " Land Tax—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,450
54. " " Death Duties—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	128
55. Curator—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	450
56. Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	11,628
58. " " Advertising	400
59. Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,850
60. Public Parks, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	58
62. Botanic, &c., Gardens—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	945
63. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,456
64. Works and Buildings	208
65. Crown Lands—Exceptional Expenditure	173
66. Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,000
67. Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,928
68. " " Works, &c....	3,000
70. Electricity Commissioners—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	1,960
71. Public Works—Works and Buildings	13,370
75. Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	2,305
76. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	1,700
77. " Brown Coal Mine	7,000
78. " Exceptional Expenditure	350

Division No.	£
79. State Forests --Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,019
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	13,333
81. Agriculture, Administrative--Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	996
82. ,, Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	5,053
84. Stock and Dairy --Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,843
85. Export Development --Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	3,762
86. Public Health--Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,762
87. ,, ,, Grants	262
88. Railways--Working Expenses, &c.	502,742
90. ,, Railway Construction Branch	705
91. State Coal Mine	35,645
Total	£941,362

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

12. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1920–21 the sum of £941,362 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

14. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Nine hundred and forty-one thousand three hundred and sixty-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time, after debate.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. **HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 9 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.—THURSDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **MORWELL BROWN COAL RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Mr. Barnes obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Connecting Line of Railway to the Morwell Brown Coal Workings*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
3. **PUBLIC SERVICE BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

4. PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Baird*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
5. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That a Chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable Henry Newman Barwell, M.H.A., Premier and Attorney-General of South Australia (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
6. ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL COMPANY'S BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Oman*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and that Mr. Prendergast have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
7. MUNICIPALITIES CELEBRATIONS AND WAR MEMORIALS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. JURIES BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; as amended, considered, and amendment agreed to; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. MORWELL BROWN COAL RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 14 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT.—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.—TUESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. REPRESENTATION OF UPPER GOULBURN—PETITION.—Mr. Speaker laid before the House the following Petition that had been presented to him on Monday, 6th December instant:—

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

The Humble Petition of WILLIAM HOSKIN WHITING, of Alexandra, in the State of Victoria, Auctioneer,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

1. That your Petitioner, William Hoskin Whiting, was a duly qualified and nominated candidate at the election of one Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria for the Electoral District of Upper Goulburn, held on the 21st day of October, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

2. That at such election Edwin Joseph Mackrell purported to be a candidate, and his name was printed as a candidate on the ballot-papers used at the said election.

3. That Christopher Samuel Gleeson was also a candidate at the said election.

4. That the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell was declared duly elected by the Returning Officer, and has taken his seat as a Member of the said Legislative Assembly.

5. That the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell did not become or be a candidate at the said election within the meaning of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915*, Number 2632, and/or the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell was not nominated in manner required by the provisions of the said Act inasmuch as he was not nominated by not less than ten persons entitled to vote at the said election in manner required by the said Act, viz. : After the issue of the Writ and before noon on the day of nomination, the twelfth day of October, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty, there was not delivered to the Returning Officer a nomination paper in the form of the Twentieth Schedule to the said Act naming the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell as a candidate at the election, and signed by not less than ten persons entitled to vote thereat, and nominating the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell as a candidate at the election, and having at the foot thereof a statement under the hand of the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell that he consented to such nomination, nor was any nomination paper so delivered as required by the provisions of the said Act, and further, the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell did not nor did any person for him or on his behalf within the time aforesaid, and at the time of the delivery of such paper to the Returning Officer, pay to the Returning Officer the sum of Fifty pounds as provided by section 206 of the said Act to be dealt with as in the said Act provided.

6. That by reason of the facts aforesaid the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell was not duly elected as a Member for the said Electoral District of Upper Goulburn, and the return of the Returning Officer returning him was invalid.

7. That the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell, so returned as duly elected, was unqualified at the time of such election.

8. That your Petitioner, William Hoskin Whiting, was the person having the next greatest number of votes at the said election.

9. That your Petitioner, William Hoskin Whiting, received the greatest number and an absolute majority of first preference votes at the said election in that he received the greatest number of and an absolute majority of votes thereat after the first preference votes cast in favour of the said unqualified candidate Edwin Joseph Mackrell are excluded, and after what purport to be second preference votes in such cases, but are in fact by reason of such exclusion first preference votes, are distributed and counted.

Your Petitioner therefore prays :

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

And further prays :

(a) That a declaration be made that the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell was not duly nominated as a candidate at the said election and that he has not been duly elected as a Member of the said Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Upper Goulburn.

(b) That the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell be declared to have been unqualified at the time of such election and incapable of being elected or returned for the said Electoral District and of sitting as a Member for the said Electoral District.

- (c) That a declaration be made that your Petitioner, William Hoskin Whiting, was the person having the greatest number of votes and an absolute majority of first preference votes at the said election.
- (d) That it be declared that your Petitioner, William Hoskin Whiting, ought to have been returned as Member for the said Electoral District, and should be so declared, and also should be declared duly elected for such Electoral District, and that any recount necessary should be made.
- (e) That the return for such Electoral District be amended accordingly.
- (f) Alternatively, that the said election be declared null and void.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

As witness the hand of the said William Hoskin Whiting, and dated this fourth day of December, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

W. H. WHITING.

Witness—EDW. C. RIGBY, Solicitor, 60 Market-street, Melbourne.

3. UPPER GOULBURN ELECTION PETITION—REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.—Motion made and question—That the Petition of William Hoskin Whiting, complaining of the return of Edwin Joseph Mackrell, which was presented to the House by Mr. Speaker this day, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

4. 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 prohibit all Fishing in or the taking of Fish from the Shady Creek and its Tributaries in the Parishes of Neerim, Neerim East, Darnum, and Yarragon until 1st September, 1922.

Notice of Intention to allow Netting in Lake Hindmarsh.

Notice of Intention *re* Cleaning, &c., of Murray Cod.

Public Service Acts.—Regulations.—Attendance and Conduct of Officers, Chapter XIII.—Part I.—Attendance of Officers.—New Clause substituted for Clause 10 (Overtime).

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1920.

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

6. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 8.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes.

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for Public Works and other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1920.

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

8. **SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 9.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. **LIMITATION OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session, so as to allow fresh business to be called on at any time (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

10. **ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That during the remainder of the Session this House shall meet on Friday, in addition to the present days of sitting; that half-past Ten o'clock shall be the hour of meeting on that day; that Government Business shall have precedence of all other business; and that fresh business may be called on at any hour (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.

11. **NECESSARY COMMODITIES CONTROL BILL.**—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend and continue the 'Necessary Commodities Control Act 1919'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

12. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.

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

W. H. IRVINE,

Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message, No. 10.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the Electricity Commissioners and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money for the said purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1920.

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

14. **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 10.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the Electricity Commissioners and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money for the said purposes.

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

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

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for the purposes of Works and Undertakings of the Electricity Commissioners and to sanction the Issue and Application of such Money for the said purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

15. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the Morwell Brown Coal Railway Construction Bill without amendment.

16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

J. E. MACKAY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12.—WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT FROM.—Mr. Snowball, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications upon the application of Thomas Michael Jude for a Recount of the Votes at the Election for the Electoral District of Bendigo West, together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

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

REPORT.

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

1. That the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly laid before your Committee an application from Thomas Michael Jude, which was lodged with the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Bendigo West, asking for a recount of the votes at the election for the said district, held on the 21st October, 1920.

2. Your Committee have the honour to further report—

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

David Smith	...	...	...	...	...	3,173
Thomas Michael Jude	...	...	...	...	...	3,058
						115
Majority for David Smith	...	...	...	...	...	115

3. Your Committee direct the attention of your honorable House to the uncertainty under the Act and authorities as to the method of legalizing ballot-papers to be used at elections, and recommend that *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* be amended so as to make it clear that the signature or initials of the Returning Officer, or his substitute or deputy, be on the face of the ballot-paper and not on the back thereof.

4. Your Committee further recommend that, in view of the different conception of the duties of Returning Officers, steps be taken by the Chief Secretary's Department to fully and concisely instruct such officials upon their duties, and that special effort be made by the Department to see that effect be given to the instructions so issued.

Legislative Assembly,
Committee Room, 8th December, 1920.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.

3. NORTH CARLTON LANDS BILL.—Mr. Oman obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Lands situate at North Carlton, in the City of Melbourne as a Site for Market and other Municipal Purposes and to provide for the closing of a certain Right-of-way and of Portions of certain Streets and certain other Rights-of-way at North Carlton aforesaid and to re-vest certain Lands in the Crown and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. TRAGOWEL LAND BILL.—Mr. Angus obtained leave, with Mr. Oman, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Sale of certain Land in the Parish of Tragowel temporarily reserved from Sale as a Site for Public Recreation and for the Application of Part of the Proceeds of the Sale thereof to the Acquisition of certain Land in the Parish of Macorna for the Purposes of a Site for Public Recreation and a Public Park*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
6. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. **WAYS AND MEANS—LAND TAX.**—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means ; resolution to be reported this day.

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

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

Resolved—That the rates of the duties of income tax which shall pursuant to the Income Tax Acts be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the Consolidated Revenue for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one are hereby declared to be as follows (that is to say) :—

(a) On all income derived by any person (not being a company) from personal exertion—

(i) where such income does not exceed Five hundred pounds—

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Threepence ; and

(ii) where such income exceeds Five hundred pounds—

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Fourpence ;

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Fivepence ;

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Sixpence ; and

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Sevenpence ;

(b) On all income derived by any person (not being a company) from the produce of property—

(i) where such income does not exceed Five hundred pounds—

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Sixpence ; and

(ii) where such income exceeds Five hundred pounds—

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Eightpence ;

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Tenpence ;

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Twelvence ; and

for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Fourteenpence ;

(c) On the income of a company (including a life assurance company) for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Twelvence :

Provided that a person (not being a company) whose income from personal exertion and the produce of property during the year immediately preceding the year of assessment did not exceed Two hundred pounds shall not unless otherwise provided in the Income Tax Acts be liable to tax :

Provided further that where any person (not being a company) derives income both from personal exertion and from the produce of property and the total income so derived exceeds Five hundred pounds, then for the purposes of this resolution the rate for every pound sterling of the taxable amount of income derived from each source shall be the same as if the income from each such source exceeded Five hundred pounds.

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

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

11. **INCOME TAX BILL.**—Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one and to amend and continue the Income Tax Acts* ”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
12. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.
13. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment:—
Public Service Bill.
Municipalities Celebrations and War Memorials Bill.
Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 2).
14. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Returning the Housing and Reclamation Bill with amendments.
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 15 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow:—
Land Tax Bill—Second reading.
Income Tax Bill—Second reading.
16. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.—THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Lawson presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Returns of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the following Department during the period from 1st July, 1919, to 30th June, 1920.
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.
State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (the River Murray Agreement).
3. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Angus, and the same was read:—

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 11.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the Sale of certain Land in the Parish of Tragowel temporarily reserved from Sale as a Site for Public Recreation and for the Application of Part of the Proceeds of the Sale thereof to the Acquisition of certain Land in the Parish of Macorna for the Purposes of a Site for Public Recreation and a Public Park.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1920.

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

4. **TRAGOWEL LAND BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 11.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the Sale of certain Land in the Parish of Tragowel temporarily reserved from Sale as a Site for Public Recreation and for the Application of Part of the Proceeds of the Sale thereof to the Acquisition of certain Land in the Parish of Macorna for the Purposes of a Site for Public Recreation and a Public Park.

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

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 12.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Electricity Commissioners and to Electric Light and Power and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1920.

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

6. **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 12.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Electricity Commissioners and to Electric Light and Power and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. Barnes then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Electricity Commissioners and to Electric Light and Power and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 13.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for Advances by the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria to Companies for the purposes of certain Undertakings in connexion with Industries in Country Districts and to amend the State Savings Bank Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1920.

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

8. **STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 13.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for Advances by the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria to Companies for the purposes of certain Undertakings in connexion with Industries in Country Districts and to amend the State Savings Bank Acts.

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for Advances by the Commissioners of the State Savings Bank of Victoria to Companies for the purposes of certain Undertakings in connexion with Industries in Country Districts and to amend the State Savings Bank Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. **SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.**—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

10. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until after Nos. 4 and 5.
12. INCOME TAX BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. LAND TAX BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 6 be postponed until after No. 7.
15. GREAT OCEAN ROAD (LANDS SALE) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3, 6, and 8 to 10 inclusive be postponed until after No. 11.
17. ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL COMPANY'S BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day, and that *Mr. Prendergast* have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3, 6, and 8 be postponed until after Nos. 9, 10, and 12.
19. TRAGOWEL LAND BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
20. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUSTS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
21. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.
22. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 6 be postponed until after No. 8.
23. NORTH CARLTON LANDS BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
24. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered that the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3, 6, and 13 be postponed until after No. 14.
25. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 2).—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
26. HOUSING AND RECLAMATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments are as follow:—
1. Clause 24, sub-clause (1), at the end of the sub-clause add "Provided that if any land proposed to be taken compulsorily as aforesaid comprises portion only of land forming one contiguous area the owner thereof shall have the right to require that the whole of the area shall be taken."
 2. Clause 25, paragraph (a), line 36, omit "land so purchased or taken" and insert "such land."
 3. Clause 61, line 29, omit "or" and insert "and."
 4. Clause 69, sub-clause (1), line 28, omit "on demand" and insert "after demand."

5. Clause 69, sub-clause (1), at the end of the sub-clause add “; and the betterment charge may be redeemed as provided in sub-section (4) of this section.”
6. “ sub-clause (3), line 6, omit “thereof” and insert “of the betterment charge or the annual charge (as the case may be).”
7. “ sub-clause (4), paragraph (b), omit this paragraph and insert the following paragraph in lieu thereof :—
 “ (b) shall be entitled to redeem the betterment charge on payment to the council of any arrears then due of the annual charge (if any) in respect thereof without interest thereon ; and
 (i) of a sum equal to eighteen times the amount of the annual charge ; or
 (ii) of ten quarterly payments each equal to one-tenth of the betterment charge without further annual charge.”
8. “ sub-clause (5), line 27, after “after” insert “the completion of.”
9. Clause 82, sub-clause (1), line 38, after “1915” insert “the Electricity Commissioners.”

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendment 1 agreed to.

Amendment 2 agreed to with the following consequential amendment :—Clause 24, sub-clause (1), line 26, after “municipal district” insert “or may use or dispose of any lands vested in the municipality not being lands used as pleasure grounds public schools libraries museums gymnasiums gardens or places of public resort or recreation or for any public purpose (whether of a like kind to the foregoing or not) or lands granted to the municipality by the Crown.”

Amendments 3 to 9 inclusive agreed to.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them accordingly.

27. **ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL COMPANY'S BILL.**—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.

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

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

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

FRIDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1920.

Resolutions to be reported this day.

29. **SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1920-21.**—Mr. McGregor reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolutions :—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1920-21 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Division No.	£	£
1. Legislative Council	591	
2. Legislative Assembly... ..	5,416	
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	474	
4. Refreshment Rooms	876	
5. The Library	428	
6. The Library, State Parliament House	834	
7. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	1,983	
8. Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	6,479	
9. “ “ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensations, &c.	2,288	
10. “ “ Grants	5,925	
11. Board for the Protection of the Aborigines	1,781	
12. Explosives	2,679	
13. State Accident Insurance Office	6,595	
14. Fisheries and Game	1,886	
15. Government Shorthand Writer... ..	538	
16. The Governor's Office	171	
17. Herbarium	480	
18. Inebriates Institution	2,068	
19. Marine Board	2,444	
20. Mercantile Marine	623	
21. Observatory	1,587	
22. Premier's Office	1,416	
23. Agent-General	3,725	
24. Audit Office	8,637	
25. Government Statist	10,887	
26. Hospitals for the Insane	168,786	
27. Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	132,217	
28. Penal Establishments and Gaols	32,583	
29. Police	245,075	
30. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria	12,866	
31. Public Service Commissioner	1,614	
		663,952

II.—MINISTER OF LABOUR.

Division No.		£	£
32.	Department of Labour	11,667	
33.	Immigration and Labour Bureau	5,497	
			17,164

III.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

34.	Education—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	799,515	
35.	„ Pensions, Gratuities, and Compensation	206	
36.	„ Works and Buildings	4,100	
37.	„ Endowments and Grants	49,905	
			853,726

IV.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

39.	Attorney-General—Salaries	43,927	
40.	„ Pension	104	
41.	„ Ordinary Expenditure	8,376	
41A.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	21	
			52,428

V.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

42.	Solicitor-General—Salaries	29,992	
43.	„ Ordinary Expenditure	8,035	
43A.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	40	
			38,067

VI.—TREASURER.

44.	Treasury—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,514	
45.	„ Transport, Samples, and Marine Insurance	2,500	
46.	„ Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	2,500	
47.	„ Payments to Railway Department	100,334	
48.	„ Grants	62,100	
49.	„ Pensions, Compensations, and Gratuities, &c.	200	
50.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	9,375	
52.	Taxation Office—Income Tax Branch	11,823	
53.	„ „ Land Tax Branch	15,293	
54.	„ „ Death Duties Branch	818	
55.	Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	2,612	
56.	Government Printer—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	54,055	
57.	„ „ Exceptional Expenditure	500	
58.	„ „ Advertising, &c.	640	
			276,264

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

59.	Survey, Land Settlement, Closer Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands	31,644	
60.	Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	356	
61.	Grants	2,981	
62.	Botanic and Domain Gardens	6,457	
63.	Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	19,736	
64.	Works and Buildings	1,249	
65.	Exceptional Expenditure	3,884	
			66,307

VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

66.	Public Works—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	31,882	
67.	Ports and Harbors—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	20,409	
68.	„ „ Works, &c.	22,150	
69.	„ „ Exceptional Expenditure	3,204	
70.	Electricity Commissioners	15,722	
71.	Public Works—Works and Buildings	149,822	
72.	„ „ Road Works and Bridges	6,500	
73.	„ „ Endowments and Grants, Municipalities, &c.	5,895	
74.	„ „ Exceptional Expenditure	385	
			255,969

IX.—MINISTER OF MINES.

75.	Mines—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	13,522	
76.	„ Furtherance of Mining Industry	8,942	
77.	„ Brown Coal Mine	50,000	
78.	„ Exceptional Expenditure	2,330	
			74,794

X.—MINISTER OF FORESTS.

79.	Forests Commission		40,415
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XI.—MINISTER OF WATER SUPPLY.

Division No.	£	£
80. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	79,734

XII.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

81. Department of Agriculture—Administrative	5,921	
82. Agriculture—Salaries and Ordinary Expenditure	73,079	
83. „ Grants	1,853	
83A. „ Exceptional Expenditure	2,887	
84. Stock and Dairy	19,336	
85. Export Development and Produce Inspection	38,641	
		141,717

XIII.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

86. Public Health—Salaries, Ordinary Expenditure, &c.	40,443	
87. „ „ Grants	1,013	
		41,456

XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

88. Victorian Railways—Salaries and Working Expenses of all Lines during the year 1920–21	3,521,166	
89. „ „ Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	2,315	
90. „ „ Construction Branch	6,721	
91. „ „ State Coal Mines	186,283	
		3,716,485

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

30. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means; resolution to be reported this day.

31. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Hannah reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1921, the sum of £6,018,478 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

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

33. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—*Ordered*—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 6 and Nos. 15 to 20 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

34. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past two o'clock (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.—TUESDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—
Mr. Speaker reported that, as directed by this Honorable House, he had that day waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 25th November last in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament. His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King I thank you for your expression 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.

W. H. IRVINE,

Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

14th December, 1920.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. McPherson presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return of Machinery, Goods, and Material manufactured or produced outside the Commonwealth, and purchased for the use of the Treasurer's Department during the period from 1st July, 1919, to 30th June, 1920.

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 Act 1915.—Regulation, Clauses added, Clause substituted.—Regulation XXI.—Scholarships.—Order in Council.

Electricity Commissioners Act 1918—

Report of the Electricity Commissioners for the period 7th March, 1919, to 30th June, 1920; together with Statement of Accounts.

Report of the Electricity Commissioners on the Kiewa Hydro-Electric Scheme: together with Report of A. G. M. Michell, M.C.E.

Fisheries Acts—

Notice of Intention *re* Restrictions on Netting, Lorne Jetty.

Notice of Intention *re* Definition of the Mouth of the Erskine River, Lorne, and Restrictions on Netting in the Vicinity.

Friendly Societies Act 1915.—Form AR, Application for a Certificate of Birth or Death, altered.—Order in Council.

Friendly Societies—Forty-second Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1919, to which are appended Valuations of Societies, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.

Mental Treatment Act 1915.—Amendment of Regulations, Regulation (1).—Order in Council.

Public Service Acts—Regulations—

Chapter VI., Classification of General Division, repealed, new Chapter made.

Chapter IX., Travelling Allowances, repealed, new Chapter made.

Stock Foods Act 1915.—Regulations.—Order in Council.

Trade Unions—Thirty-fourth Annual Report on.—Report of the Government Statist for the year 1919, with an Appendix.

4. TOTALIZATOR BILL.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That Mr. Morley be added to the Members appointed to bring in the Totalizator Bill (*Mr. Hannah*)—put and agreed to.

5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Cotter rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The victimization of a senior constable at Richmond."

Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—

Motion made and question—That the House do now adjourn (*Mr. Cotter*)—put and, after debate, negatived.

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 14.

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

“An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Connecting Line of Railway to the Morwell Brown Coal Workings.”

“An Act to repeal Section Thirteen of the ‘Public Service Act 1920.’”

“An Act to authorize and validate certain Expenditure by Councils of Municipalities in connexion with the Visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Memorials in connexion with the Recent War.”

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Nine hundred and forty-one thousand three hundred and sixty-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.”

The Government Offices,
Melbourne, 10th December, 1920.

7. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. McPherson*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
8. 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.
9. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. McPherson*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Hannah*)—put and agreed to. Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day, and that Mr. Hannah have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
10. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Barnes*).
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to. Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
11. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the consequential amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in clause 24 of the Housing and Reclamation Bill.
12. ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE—REPORT FROM.—Mr. Snowball, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications upon the Petition of William Hoskin Whiting against the return of Edwin Joseph Mackrell for the Electoral District of Upper Goulburn, together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

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

REPORT.

The Committee of Elections and Qualifications have fully considered the Petition of William Hoskin Whiting against the return of Edwin Joseph Mackrell for the Electoral District of Upper Goulburn referred to them by your Honorable House, and have the honour to report as follows :—

1. That Edwin Joseph Mackrell was not duly nominated as a candidate at the election for the Electoral District of Upper Goulburn in that his nomination paper had not at the time of signature by the nominators nor when presented to the Substitute Returning Officer the name of any candidate inserted therein.
2. That it is hereby declared that the said Edwin Joseph Mackrell was for the reasons stated incapable of being and was not duly elected for the said Electoral District.
3. That the said election is wholly void.
4. Your Committee recommend that *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* be amended so as to make it clear that candidates' deposits shall in all cases be in money which is legal tender.
5. Your Committee again recommend that, in view of the different conception of the duties of Returning Officers, steps be taken by the Chief Secretary's Department to fully and concisely instruct such officials upon their duties, and that special effort be made by the Department to see that effect be given to the instructions so issued.

Legislative Assembly,
Committee Room, 14th December, 1920.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.

13. REPRESENTATION OF PRAHRAN—PETITION.—Mr. Speaker laid before the House the following Petition that had been presented to him on Thursday, 9th December instant:—

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

The Humble Petition of Walter George Minchinton, of 202 Commercial-road, Prahran, in the State of Victoria, Manufacturer,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. That a Writ was duly issued on the 5th day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty, to proceed to the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Prahran:

The said election was held on the 21st day of October, One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

2. That your Petitioner was a person who voted at such election.

3. That the Honorable Donald Mackinnon, of Acland-street, South Yarra, in the State of Victoria, barrister-at-law, and Alexander Frederick Parker, of Prentice-street, St. Kilda, in the said State, were nominated as candidates at such election.

4. No other persons were nominated for or stood as candidates at such election.

5. That as a result of such election the Returning Officer announced that Alexander Frederick Parker aforesaid had received six thousand four hundred and eight votes, and the Honorable Donald Mackinnon aforesaid six thousand and forty-eight votes, and thereupon the Returning Officer declared the said Alexander Frederick Parker duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria for the Electoral District of Prahran, and indorsed and returned the said Writ accordingly.

6. That the said Alexander Frederick Parker was not qualified to be a candidate at such election, inasmuch as he was at the time of his nomination not qualified to be elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

7. That the said Alexander Frederick Parker was not qualified to be elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly inasmuch as he was at the date of his nomination, on the day of election, and at all other times material, subject to the disability created by section 134 of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915* (No. 2632), that is to say:—

That the said Alexander Frederick Parker was on the dates aforesaid an uncertificated insolvent.

8. That your Petitioner claims that the said the Honorable Donald Mackinnon was the only qualified candidate at such election, and was duly elected as Member of the Legislative Assembly at such election, and should be declared duly elected as such Member.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays—

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

And also prays—

That it be declared that the said Alexander Frederick Parker was not a candidate at such election.

That the said Alexander Frederick Parker be declared incapable of being returned as a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Prahran, and of sitting as such a Member.

That the election of the said Alexander Frederick Parker be declared void.

That it be declared that the said the Honorable Donald Mackinnon was returned as a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Prahran, and that the return for such Electoral District be amended accordingly.

That it be declared that the said Alexander Frederick Parker is not now qualified as a Member for the said Electoral District.

And that your Petitioner may have such further and other relief as the circumstances of case may require or as to the said Committee of your Honorable House may seem meet.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated this ninth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty.

WALTER GEORGE MINCHINTON.

Witness—FRANK G. MENZIES, Solicitor, 446 Little Collins-street, Melbourne.

14. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time, after debate, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

15. STATE SAVINGS BANK BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.

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

16. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
 Surplus Revenue Bill.
 Income Tax Bill.
17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 10 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
 Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow :—
Electricity Supply Loan Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
State Electricity Commission Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
 Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 15.—WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1920.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Education Act 1915.—Report of the Council of Public Education for the period 1st July 1919, to 30th June, 1920.
3. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 4 ft. 8½ in. gauge electric street railway from Black Rock to Beaumaris (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.
4. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Barnes, by leave, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of an Electric Street Railway from Black Rock to Beaumaris*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
5. METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY BILL.—Mr. Lawson obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend certain provisions of 'The Metropolitan Gas Company's Act 1878' with respect to the Capital and the Borrowing Powers of the said Company*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
6. SPOTSWOOD LAND BILL.—Mr. Oman obtained leave, with Mr. Angus, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Sale of certain Crown Land near Spotswood Railway Station*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Unauthorized Documents Acts.*"
8. UNAUTHORIZED DOCUMENTS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Baird, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Poisons Act 1915' and for other purposes.*"
10. POISONS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Baird, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
11. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LOAN BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee.
 Committee reported progress; to sit again this day.
13. NECESSARY COMMODITIES CONTROL BILL.—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*)—and, after debate—
 Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Thomas*)—put and agreed to.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

14. **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMMITTEE.**—Motion made, by leave, and question—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements contained in the letter from Mr. A. G. M. Michell, read to the House by the Honorable Member for Benambra (Mr. Beardmore); such Committee to consist of Mr. Allan, Mr. Clough, Mr. Eggleston, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Webber, with power to sit during the sittings of the House, and on days on which the House does not meet; to send for persons, papers, and records, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; three to be the quorum (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
15. **RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL.**—Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Old*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
16. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—

Land Tax Bill.
Constitution Act Amendment Bill.
Victorian Loan Bill.
Factories and Shops Bill (No. 2).

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

W. H. IRVINE,

Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 15.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Payment of certain Moneys during the Current Financial Year for the purposes of the *Railways Classification Board Act 1919* and by reason of the Increased Cost of Coal for the Railways.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1920.

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

18. **RAILWAYS (PAYMENTS) BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 15.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Payment of certain Moneys during the Current Financial Year for the purposes of the *Railways Classification Board Act 1919* and by reason of the Increased Cost of Coal for the Railways.

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

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

Mr. McPherson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Payment of certain Moneys during the Current Financial Year for the purposes of the 'Railways Classification Board Act 1919' and by reason of the Increased Cost of Coal for the Railways*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

W. H. IRVINE,

Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 16.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend Section Eight of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1920.

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

20. **RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE BILL.**—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 16.

House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend Section Eight of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Barnes and Sir Alexander Peacock do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Barnes then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section Eight of the 'Railways Standing Committee Act 1915'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

21. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Bill—Second reading.

Metropolitan Gas Company Bill—Second reading.

Spotswood Land Bill—Second reading.

Poisons Bill—(from Council)—Second reading.

State Electricity Commission Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

Necessary Commodities Control Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

22. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Resolved, after debate—That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.—VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 16.—THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1920.

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

2. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 3).**—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Baird, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Hours for the Closing of Shops within the Metropolitan District for the Sale of Fresh Uncooked Meat*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

3. **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.—Report of the Minister on acquiring Lands in the undermentioned Estates where the State Land Tax Valuations or one or more of the Referees' Valuations were below the price recommended by the Closer Settlement Board :—

Hagelthorn's, near Pakenham.

D. E. Calvert's, near Beaac; North Woodlands, near Navarre; Ogilvie's, near Mansfield.

Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Act 1915.—Thirteenth Balance-sheet of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust as at 30th June, 1920.

Railways Classification Board Act 1919—

Copies of the Awards made by the Railways Classification Board, together with Copies of the Reports of the Railways Commissioners thereon—

Award (No. 3), dated 6th December, 1920.

Award (No. 4), dated 13th December, 1920.

4. **LAND BILL.**—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to; read the third time.

The following further amendment was made in this Bill :—

Clause 17, at the end of the clause insert the following sub-section :—

“(2) This section shall not apply in the case of any allotment unless and until the said Commission has made provision for the conveyance by channels or otherwise of water to the boundary of such allotment or some part thereof” (*Mr. Old*).

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

5. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Transmitting a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend ‘The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.’*”

6. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. Prendergast, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

7. BRIEFS AND FEES TO COUNSEL.—Motion made and question—That there be laid before this House a return for the twelve months ended 30th November last, showing—
1. The number of briefs and fees paid to counsel who are not returned soldiers on behalf of Government Departments, public bodies, and the Railways Commissioners.
 2. The number of briefs and fees paid to counsel who are returned soldiers.
- (*Mr. Morley*)—put and agreed to.
8. RIVER MURRAY WATERS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; debate resumed ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY BILL.—Order for second reading read ; Bill ruled a Private Bill.
Motion made, by leave, and question—That all the Private Bill Standing Orders, except those relating to the payment of fees, be dispensed with, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
Motion made and question proposed—That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mr. Lawson*)—and, after debate—
Motion made and question—That the debate be now adjourned (*Mr. Prendergast*)—put and agreed to.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day, and that *Mr. Prendergast* have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Great Ocean Road (Lands Sale) Bill without amendment.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4 be postponed until this day.
12. RAILWAYS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee. Committee reported progress ; to sit again this day.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 and 7 be postponed until this day.
14. BLACK ROCK TO BEAUMARIS ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Juries Bill.
River Murray Waters Bill.
Anglo-Persian Oil Company's Bill.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 9 to 12 inclusive be postponed until after No. 13.
17. PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; as amended, considered, and amendments agreed to ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
18. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
State Savings Bank Bill.
Tragowel Land Bill.
19. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Banking Accounts of Trustees.*"
20. TRUSTS BILL.—On the motion of *Mr. Lawson*, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
21. SPOTSWOOD LAND BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
22. RAILWAYS (PAYMENTS) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 17.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend Sections Seven and Eight of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1920.

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

24. RAILWAYS STANDING COMMITTEE BILL (No. 2).—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 17. House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to amend Sections Seven and Eight of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1915*.

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

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

Mr. Lawson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Sections Seven and Eight of the 'Railways Standing Committee Act 1915'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day; read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

25. UNAUTHORIZED DOCUMENTS BILL.—Read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

26. METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY BILL.—Order read for resuming adjourned debate on question—That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

27. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMMITTEE.—Mr. McLeod, Chairman, brought up the Report of the Select Committee on Electric Supply; together with Minutes of Evidence.

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

REPORT.

The Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the statements contained in the letter from Mr. A. G. M. Michell, read to the House by the Honorable Member for Benambra (Mr. Beardmore), has the honour to report to your Honorable House as follows :—

The statements contained in Mr. Michell's letter are shown in inverted commas, and were considered by the Committee *seriatim*, and the decisions arrived at are as follow :—

1. "The table of cost read by Sir John Monash does not fairly represent the relative positions of the Kiewa and Morwell schemes. . . ."

It was admitted by Sir John Monash, in his address to the Members of both Houses last Tuesday evening, that the two schemes were not comparable in every respect, but that the comparison made fairly represented the relative value of the two schemes.

The Report and Estimates of the Kiewa scheme were prepared by Mr. Michell, and is the only report available. The Electricity Commissioners admit that the figures for that scheme are correct, and that the Kiewa, or some other water scheme, must ultimately be linked up with the Morwell scheme, and they look upon the latter scheme as only the first portion of the scheme to be completed.

2. "I would like to make it clear that the comparison entirely misrepresents and makes misleading use of the figures of my Kiewa Report. My Kiewa scheme is, of course, a continuous load scheme (adapted to operate at 80 per cent. load factor), and is capable of supplying 270 million units at Melbourne in a drought year. The Morwell scheme, for which the costs are given, is a scheme only adapted to supply the low load factor, a total Melbourne consumption of 170 million units."

The Kiewa scheme is certainly designed as a continuous load scheme to operate at an 80 per cent. load factor, to supply the units specified. It would be uneconomical to design the Kiewa scheme for a less output, but as the demand in Melbourne is much less than that amount there is no warrant for that scheme at present. Mr. Michell admits this. On the other hand, it is incorrect to

say that the Morwell scheme is only adapted to supply 170 million units at a low load factor. The full capacity for which it is designed would give a supply of about 370 million units, and the Electricity Commissioners state that the plant would work to that capacity. The present proposal is to work it at 42 per cent. load factor, because that is what will produce 170 million units now required. Mr. Michell states that if the full capacity were attempted there would be a danger of a break-down owing to insufficient stand-by provided. He is a power expert of great distinction and experience, and his opinion is entitled to weight. Mr. Harper, however, states that the stand-by is sufficient, and states there is additional stand-by at Newport, which gives extra security. The Committee might have had some difficulty in deciding as between two such experts as Mr. Michell and Mr. Harper, but each of the three Electricity Commissioners pledged his professional reputation that the plant would work up to an 80 per cent. load factor without increase of capital cost, and the Committee finds this to be true.

3. "You are also aware that the Morwell costs were prepared in November, 1919, and that very considerable increases in prices of material and labour took place before my Kiewa Report was presented in September this year."

Your Committee finds that the evidence indicates that there should not be any additional cost, in view of the falling prices of machinery and materials, but assuming that the cost of the Morwell scheme would now be 25 per cent. more than the 1919 estimate, it would still leave the capital cost of the Morwell scheme one and a half million pounds less than the Kiewa scheme.

4. "The Morwell estimate also omits costs of opening the coal-field, cost of branch railway line, staff accommodation, &c., while the Kiewa estimates include all the corresponding charges."

The cost of opening the coal-fields is included in the cost of coal. The costs of branch railway line and staff accommodation are also included in the Morwell estimate, but the cost of housing the workers is not included, as the men will be charged rent, which covers interest and sinking fund on the cost of buildings.

5. "If my opinion were asked I would say that neither scheme should be undertaken at present, as immediate requirements can be more economically met by a power station in Melbourne. The Government has been advised to this effect quite recently on much better authority than mine."

Your Committee is satisfied that as the main Gippsland railway line would have to be duplicated to carry the traffic necessitated by the transport to Melbourne of 330,000 tons of brown coal to supply a power station in Melbourne, it would be more economical to have the principal power station at Morwell, with an auxiliary station at Newport, and recommends that the Morwell scheme should be proceeded with immediately on the lines proposed by the Electricity Commission, viz. :—

A central generating station at Morwell, an auxiliary station in the metropolis, and the utilization of water-power at a subsequent stage when a fuller supply is required.

Mr. Michell stated the reference to another opinion was based upon extracts which he had seen of a confidential report to the Railway Department by Mr. Merz.

Sir John Monash explained that such report was directed to a different phase of the problem, and as Mr. Merz has, in his report of 12th November, 1919, to the Electricity Commissioners, stated that in his opinion the proposal to generate electric power at Morwell ought certainly to be proceeded with, the Committee is of opinion that Mr. Michell's reference to the confidential report is based on a misunderstanding.

Mr. Michell admitted that he was not conversant with the details of the Morwell scheme.

Committee Room,
State Parliament House,
16th December, 1920.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.

28. STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

29. FACTORIES AND SHOPS BILL (No. 3).—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.

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

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

W. H. IRVINE,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to make provision for the appointment of certain Persons temporarily employed in the Railway Service to Permanent Offices therein.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 16th December, 1920.

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

31. RAILWAYS BILL.—Order read for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 18.
House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Solly reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to make provision for the Appointment of certain Persons temporarily employed in the Railway Service to Permanent Offices therein.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
32. RAILWAYS BILL.—Further considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
33. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 12 be postponed until this day.
34. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Order for second reading read.

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

FRIDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1920.

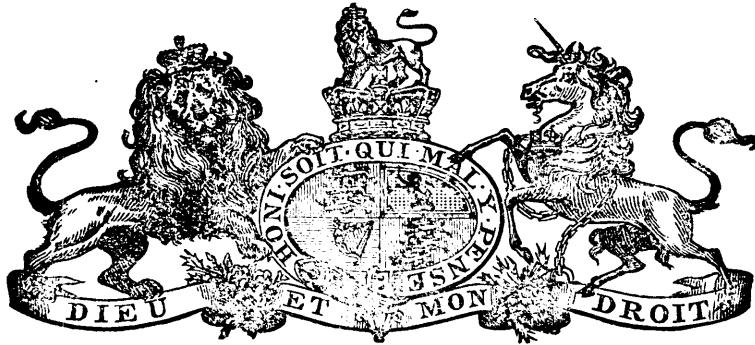
- Bill read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
35. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth certain matters in connexion with Air Navigation.*"
36. COMMONWEALTH POWERS (AIR NAVIGATION) BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
37. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Transmitting a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend 'The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1915.'*"
38. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—On the motion of Mr. Prendergast, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
39. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Electricity Supply Loan Bill.
Metropolitan Gas Company Bill.
Railways (Payments) Bill.
State Electricity Commission Bill.
Land Bill.
Spotswood Land Bill.
Mildura Irrigation Trusts Bill.
40. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1915 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Read a second time, after debate, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
41. COMMONWEALTH POWERS (AIR NAVIGATION) BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
42. TRUSTS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
43. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment :—
Black Rock to Beaumaris Electric Street Railway Bill.
Railways Bill.

44. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Factories and Shops Bill (No. 3) with an amendment.
And the said amendment is as follows:—
Clause 2, page 2, line 7, omit “six” and insert “eight.”
And the said amendment was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.
45. POISONS BILL.—Read a second time, after debate, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Bill without amendment.
46. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the North Carlton Lands Bill with amendments.
And the said amendments are as follow:—
Clause 4, line 4, after “market” insert “and other municipal.”
“ line 9, after “market” insert “and other municipal.”
Third Schedule, in the heading, after “Market” insert “and other Municipal.”
In the Preamble, page 2, line 26, after “market” insert “and other municipal.”
And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.
47. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the following Bills without amendment:—
Railways Standing Committee Bill (No. 2).
Pharmaceutical Chemists Bill.
48. NOOJEE (MELDRUM'S) TO FUMINA RAILWAY.—Motion made, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, and question—That the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Noojee to Meldrum's and a 2 ft. 6 in. gauge railway from Meldrum's to Fumina be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.
49. THORPDALE, GEACHVILLE, ALLAMBEE, AND MIRBOO NORTH DISTRICTS CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made and question—That the question of connecting the districts of Thorpdale, Geachville, Allambee, and Mirboo North with the existing railway system be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.
50. BUMBANG DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the question of connecting the district of Bumbang with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.
51. MALLEE RAILWAY CONNEXIONS.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the question of connecting the districts lying between the Ouyen to Mildura railway and the South Australian Border with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and agreed to.
52. NARRUNG DISTRICT CONNECTING RAILWAY.—Motion made, by leave, and question—That the question of connecting the district of Narrung with the existing railway system by means of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report (*Mr. Barnes*)—put and, after debate, agreed to.
53. NOOJEE (MELDRUM'S) TO FUMINA RAILWAY.—*Mr. Toutcher*, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the construction of a 5 ft. 3 in. gauge railway from Noojee to Meldrum's and a 2 ft. 6 in. gauge railway from Meldrum's to Fumina; together with Book of Reference and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
54. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Agreeing to the Appropriation Bill without amendment.
55. ADJOURNMENT.—Motion made and question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 11th January next (*Mr. Lawson*)—put and agreed to.
Resolved—after debate, That the House do now adjourn.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes past Four o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday, 11th January next.

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

J. E. MACKEY,
Speaker.



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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS The Parliament of Victoria stands adjourned
until Tuesday, the eleventh day of January, 1921:
Now I, the Lieutenant-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
fifteenth day of February, 1921.

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 twenty-one, and in the eleventh year of the reign
of His Majesty King George V.

(L.S.)

W. H. IRVINE.

By His Excellency's Command,

H. S. W. LAWSON.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SECOND SESSION 1920.

1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed by Mr. Speaker's Warrant, 16th November, 1920.)

Mr. Allan,
Mr. Eggleston,
Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Prendergast,

Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Solly,
Mr. Wardle.

2.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 25th November, 1920.)

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

Mr. Slater,
Mr. Wallace.

3.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 25th November, 1920.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Allan,
Mr. Bailey,
Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Cain,
Mr. Farthing,

Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Lawson,
Mr. McLeod,
Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Snowball.

4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 25th November, 1920.)

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

Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Old.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 25th November, 1920.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Beardmore,
Lieut.-Col. Bourchier,
Mr. Brownbill,
Mr. Dunstan,
Mr. McGregor,

Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Thomas.

6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 25th November, 1920.)

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Cotter,
Mr. Everard,

Mr. Gibson,
Mr. Rogers.

7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 25th November, 1920.)

Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Gibson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Groves,

Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Webber.

8.—STATUTE LAW REVISION (JOINT).

(Appointed 25th November, 1920.)

Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Eggleston,
Mr. Lawson,

Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Snowball,
Mr. Wettenhall.

9.—ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.

(Appointed 15th December, 1920.)

Mr. Allan,
Mr. Clough,
Mr. Eggleston,
Mr. McLeod,

Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Webber.

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

(Appointed 17th November, 1920.)

Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Solly,

Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Weaver.

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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION 1920.

No. 1.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 10TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1920.

No. 1.—*Supply.*

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £959,341 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1920-21, viz. :—

Division No.

Sums required for
one month ending
30th November, 1920.

* * * * *

The sum of " £959,341 "

—(Mr. McPherson.)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £100.—(Mr. Cotter.)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Bouchier,	Mr. Slater,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Frost,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hannah,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Jewell,	Mr. Webber,
Mr. Lind,	Mr. Wettenhall.
Mr. Morley,	
Mr. Murphy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Old,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Parker,	Mr. Lemmon.
Mr. Prendergast,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Mackrell,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Beardmore,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Deany,	
Mr. Dunstan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Eggleston,	Mr. Greenwood,
Mr. Everard,	Mr. Pennington.
Mr. Gordon,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1920.

No. 2.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDED 10TH DECEMBER, 1920.

THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1920.

No. 1.—*Income Tax Bill*—Clause 2.

(1) The rates of the duties of income tax which shall pursuant to the Income Tax Acts be charged levied collected and paid for the use of His Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty one are hereby declared to be as follows (that is to say) :—

* * * * *

Provided that a person (not being a company) whose income from personal exertion and the produce of property during the year immediately preceding the year of assessment did not exceed "Two" hundred pounds shall not unless otherwise provided in the Income Tax Acts be liable to tax.

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—(*Mr. McPherson.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "Two," in line 3 of the proviso, be omitted with a view of inserting in place thereof the word "Four."—(*Mr. Prendergast.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Allan,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Allison,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. Morley,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Old,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Lieut.-Col. Bouchier,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Dunstan,	
Mr. Gibson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Everard,
Mr. Lind,	Mr. Pennington.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Brownbill,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cain,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Frost,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jewell,	
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Lemmon.
Mr. Parker,	Mr. Webber.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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No. 2.—*Anglo-Persian Oil Company's Bill*—New clause A.

Section three of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion after the words "First Schedule to this Act" of the words "or to lease the said land to the said company on terms and conditions to be mutually agreed upon."—(*Mr. J. W. Billson.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Brownbill,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Clough,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Frost,	Mr. Webber.
Mr. Hannah,	
Mr. Jewell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Bailey,
Mr. Rogers,	Mr. Lemmon.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Allison,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Angus,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Baird,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Barnes,	Mr. McPherson,
Mr. Beardmore,	Mr. Morley,
Lieut.-Col. Bouchier,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Dunstan,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Eggleston,	Mr. Weaver.
Mr. Farthing,	
Mr. Gordon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Everard,
Mr. Lind,	Mr. Pennington.

And so it passed in the negative.

