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- COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the *County Court Act 1890*—(*Mr. McCay*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 15 Aug., 1899, p. 54 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time ; question—That the debate be now adjourned, on division, resolved in the affirmative ; debate adjourned, 25 Oct., p. 159. Order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 17 Jan., 1900, p. 232.
- CREMATION :** Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate Cremation and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 11 Oct., 1899, p. 141.—Bill lapsed.
- CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT :** Bill to further amend the *Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890*—(*Mr. Morrissey*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 13 Sept., 1899, p. 114.—Bill lapsed.
- CYANIDE PATENT RIGHTS PURCHASE :** Bill authorizing the State to acquire certain patent and other rights relating to the extraction of gold and silver by the cyanide process—(*Mr. Outtrim*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 15 Feb., 1900, p. 385. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments ; one of the amendments agreed to, and the other agreed to with amendments, 15 Feb., p. 387. Message from the Council disagreeing with the Assembly's amendment to omit certain words from new clause A, and agreeing to the amendment to insert certain words, but to insert such words at the end of the clause ; the amendment to omit certain words from new clause A not insisted on and the further amendment by the Council agreed to, 15 Feb., p. 390. (*Assented to 19 February, 1900. Act No. 1648.*)
- EVIDENCE LAW AMENDMENT :** Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law of Evidence with regard to the Office of Deputy Registrar-General*"—(*Sir George Turner*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 11 July, 1899, p. 33 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with an amendment with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council, 15 Aug., p. 54. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Assembly's amendment, 29 Aug., p. 98. (*Assented to 30 August, 1899. Act No. 1611.*)
- FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT :** Bill to further amend the *Factories and Shops Acts*—(*Mr. Peacock*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 19 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 26 Oct., p. 161 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 1 Nov., p. 168 ; 2 Nov., p. 172 ; 14 Nov., p. 176 ; 15 Nov., p. 178 ; 16 Nov., p. 181 ; 21 Nov., p. 184 ; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendments agreed to, 23-4 Nov., p. 184 ; Bill read the third time with further amendments ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 9 Jan., 1900, pp. 213-7. Report from the Clerk of the House of corrections made by him in the Bill, 10 Jan., p. 219. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments, 2 Feb., p. 348 ; amendments considered—some agreed to, others disagreed with, and others agreed to with amendments, 6 Feb., pp. 351-4. Message from the Council that they desired a Free Conference on the subject-matter of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly or agreed to with amendments, and had appointed seven of their Members to be Managers of the said Conference ; whereupon the House resolved to comply with such desire, and appointed the following Members to be Managers :—Mr. Irvine, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. McLean, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Trenwith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Watt, and named "the South Library" as the place, and "to-morrow afternoon, at a quarter to five o'clock," as the time of meeting of the said Conference, 6 Feb., p. 356. The Clerk having read out the names of the Managers for the Legislative Assembly, they proceeded to the place of meeting, and Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair ; Mr. Speaker having resumed the Chair, it was reported to the House that the Conference had met, and, after discussion, had adjourned until next day, at eleven o'clock a.m. ; House adjourned until next day, at ten o'clock a.m., 7 Feb., pp. 359-60. House met pursuant to adjournment ; Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at four o'clock, when Mr. McLean brought up the Report of the result of the Conference, 8 Feb., pp. 361-2. Message from the Council notifying their agreement with the recommendations of the Conference and requesting concurrence ; the House concurred in agreeing thereto, 14 Feb., pp. 375-82. Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 11) recommending certain amendments in the Bill ; amendments agreed to ; ordered, That the Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence requested in agreeing to the amendments recommended therein, 20 Feb., p. 392. Message from the Council agreeing thereto, 20 Feb., p. 393. (*Assented to 20 February, 1900. Act No. 1654.*)
- FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the *Friendly Societies Act 1890*—(*Mr. Beazley*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 11.—Bill lapsed.

- GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING :** Bill to enable the Council of the Town of Geelong to lease buildings erected on the general market site for other than market purposes—(*Mr. Gurr* for *Mr. Higgins*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 11 ; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill” ; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time ; on motion, the Petition presented to the House on the 11th July last, from certain residents of the Town of Geelong against the Bill, was read by the Clerk ; motion for second reading of Bill debated ; question—That the debate be now adjourned, negatived ; question—That this Bill be now read a second time, on division, negatived, 13 Sept., pp. 114–5.
- GEELONG MECHANICS’ INSTITUTE :** Bill for the incorporation of the Mechanics’ Institute at Geelong and for other purposes—(*Mr. Gurr*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 9 ; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill” ; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time with an amendment ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 July, p. 28. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments, 29 Aug., p. 98 ; amendments considered and agreed to, 30 Aug., p. 101. (*Assented to 18 September, 1899. Act No. 1614.*)
- GEELONG REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND :** Bill relating to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland at Geelong—(*Mr. Gurr*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 11 ; 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, 16 Aug., p. 59. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 29 Aug., p. 97. (*Assented to 30 August, 1899. Act No. 1608.*)
- GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK :** Bill to authorize the raising of money for certain purposes by increasing the amount of Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock—(*Sir George Turner*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 15) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon ; Bill initiated and read a first time, 25 Oct., 1899, p. 159 ; 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, 1 Nov., p. 168. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 21 Nov., p. 184. (*Assented to 27 November, 1899. Act No. 1623.*)
- GRIFFITH’S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK :** Bill to provide for the establishment and management of a national park at Griffith’s Island, near Port Fairy—(*Sir Bryan O’Loghlen*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 10.—Bill lapsed.
- HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the law relating to hackney carriages in the metropolitan district—(*Mr. Bromley*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 9.—Bill lapsed.
- HAMILTON MECHANICS’ INSTITUTE SITE :** Bill to provide for the sale of certain lands set apart as a site for a mechanics’ institute at Hamilton—(*Sir John McIntyre* for *Mr. Thomson*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 2 Aug., 1899, p. 42. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 13) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 25 Oct., p. 158 ; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a private Bill” ; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time with an amendment ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 17 Jan., 1900, pp. 232–3. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 1 Feb., p. 322. (*Assented to 8 February, 1900. Act No. 1634.*)
- HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the law relating to hawkers and pedlers—(*Mr. Peacock*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 19 ; 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, 17 Aug., p. 61. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments, 6 Sept., p. 107 ; amendments considered and disagreed with, 11 Jan., 1900, p. 226. Message from the Council insisting on their amendments, 24 Jan., p. 258 ; amendments considered and disagreement therewith insisted on, 13 Feb., p. 370. Message from the Council still insisting on their amendment, 14 Feb., p. 382.—Bill laid aside.
- HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT :** Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Hospitals and Charities Act 1890’*”—(*Sir George Turner*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 6 Sept., 1899, p. 108.—Bill lapsed.
- IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION :** Bill to place certain restrictions on immigration—(*Mr. Best*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 16 Aug., 1899, p. 57 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 21 Sept., p. 123 ; order for resumption of debate read ; on motion (by leave), the Petitions presented to the House on Tuesday, 26th September, 1899, from certain ship-owners and others, praying that the House would not pass the Bill, and from Vatoomall Wassiamall and Jejunal Gaganall with reference to the Bill, were read by the Clerk ; debate on motion for second reading resumed—Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 28 Sept., p. 130 ; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 3 Oct., p. 132 ; read the third time with amendments ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 28 Nov., pp. 190–91.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

- INCOME TAX :** Bill to revive, continue, and amend the Income Tax Acts, and declare the Rates of Income Tax thereunder for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred—(*Mr. Shiels*).—House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means; matter considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution specifying the rates of duties of income tax to be charged, levied, collected, and paid for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred, reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon. Bill initiated and read a first time. Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 2) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to; 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, 1 Feb., 1900, pp. 307-8. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 6 Feb., p. 354. (*Assented to 8 February, 1900. Act No. 1635.*)
- INDECENT OR OBSCENE ADVERTISEMENTS PROHIBITION :** Bill to prohibit indecent or obscene advertisements—(*Mr. Cook*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 9; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 July, p. 29. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments (which included an amended title, namely, "*A Bill intituled 'An Act to amend the Crimes Act 1891'*"), 14 Feb., 1900, p. 374; amendments considered and agreed to, 14 Feb., p. 383. (*Assented to 19 February, 1900. Act No. 1643.*)
- INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT :** Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Infant Life Protection Act 1890'*"—(*Mr. Peacock*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 17 Oct., 1899, p. 148.—Bill lapsed.
- KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE :** Bill to provide for the sale of the show yards at Kerang—(*Mr. Langdon* for *Mr. McColl*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 9; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time with an amendment; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 July, pp. 28-9. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 22 Aug., p. 64. (*Assented to 30 August, 1899. Act No. 1607.*)
- LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the *Land Act 1898*—(*Mr. Bailes*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 10; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 17 Jan., 1900, p. 232.—Bill lapsed.
- LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT :** Bill to further amend the Land Acts—(*Mr. McColl*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 9 Jan., 1900, p. 212; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 16 Jan., p. 230; 17 Jan., p. 231; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 18 Jan., p. 235. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments, 2 Feb., p. 348; amendments considered—some agreed to, and one agreed to with amendments, 6 Feb., p. 355. Message from the Council agreeing to the amendments of the Assembly on their amendment in clause 6, 8 Feb., p. 362. Letter from the Clerk of the Parliaments reporting, in conformity with Joint Standing Order No. 21, the discovery of a clerical error in the Bill; the House agreed to the correction required, and ordered that the letter be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message requesting them to concur in such correction, 14 Feb., p. 374. Message from the Legislative Council concurring therein, 15 Feb., p. 385. (*Assented to 19 February, 1900. Act No. 1641.*)
- LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION :** Bill to abolish the deposit of moneys by candidates at elections for the Legislative Assembly, and to make other provision in lieu thereof—(*Mr. Maloney*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 9; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time, on division, negatived, 6 July, p. 29.
- LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION :** Bill to reduce the amount of money to be deposited by candidates at elections for the Legislative Assembly—(*Mr. Maloney*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 2 Aug., 1899, p. 42.—Bill lapsed.
- LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the law of libel—(*Mr. Fink*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 20.—Bill lapsed.
- LICENCES VALIDATING :** Bill to validate certain licences—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 9 Jan., 1900, p. 213; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments and with an amended title, viz., "*A Bill to validate certain Licences and for other purposes*"; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 13 Feb., p. 370. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 15 Feb., p. 385. (*Assented to 19 February, 1900. Act No. 1646.*)
- LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT :** Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the provisions of the Companies Acts relating to Life Assurance and for other purposes*"—(*Sir George Turner*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 17 Oct., 1899, p. 148.—Bill lapsed.

- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT (BILL No. 1):** Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*—(*Mr. Bailes*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 9; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 July, p. 29. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 11 Oct., p. 141. (*Assented to 16 October, 1899. Act No. 1616.*)
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT (BILL No. 2):** Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*—(*Mr. Kennedy*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 10; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 30 Aug., p. 102; report considered and amendments agreed to; Bill read the third time with a further amendment; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 17 Jan., 1900, p. 231. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 6 Feb., p. 354. (*Assented to 8 February, 1900. Act No. 1637.*)
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT (BILL No. 3):** Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*—(*Mr. McGregor*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 10. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 17 Jan., 1900, p. 233.
- MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT:** Bill to further amend the *Marine Act 1890*—(*Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs* for *Mr. Best*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 18; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with an amendment; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 15 Aug., p. 55. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments, 17 Oct., p. 148; amendments considered—some agreed to, one disagreed with, and another agreed to with an amendment, 31 Oct., p. 166. Message from the Council that they insist on their amendment with which the Assembly have disagreed and have agreed to the Assembly's amendment on an amendment of the Council with a further amendment, 24 Jan., 1900, p. 258. Message considered—the Council's further amendment on the amendment of the Assembly on the Council's amendment in clause 7 agreed to, and disagreement with the amendment made and insisted on by the Council in the same clause not insisted on, but agreed to with further amendments, 13 Feb., pp. 369–70. Message from the Council agreeing to such further amendments, 15 Feb., p. 386. Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 8) recommending an amendment in the Bill; amendment agreed to; ordered, That the Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence requested in agreeing to the amendment recommended therein, 20 Feb., p. 391. Message from the Council agreeing thereto, 20 Feb., p. 393. (*Assented to 20 February, 1900. Act No. 1650.*)
- MEAT SUPERVISION:** Bill intituled "*An Act for the proper supervision of the Slaughtering of Animals and the Sale of Meat and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. H. R. Williams*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 14 Nov., 1899, p. 176; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment; ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with amendments with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council, 8 Feb., 1900, pp. 362–3. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing thereto, 14 Feb., p. 382. Message from the Legislative Council transmitting a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor recommending certain amendments in the Bill to which the Council had agreed, and desired the concurrence of the Assembly; amendments agreed to, 20 Feb., p. 393. (*Assented to 20 February, 1900. Act No. 1652.*)
- MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION:** Bill to provide that the election of aldermen to the corporation of the city of Melbourne and town of Geelong shall be by election by the ratepayers of such corporations—(*Mr. Maloney*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 8; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time; question—That the debate be adjourned, negatived; Bill read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee, 13 Sept., p. 115.—Bill lapsed.
- MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT:** Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890*—(*Mr. Gray*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 8; read a second time, on division, and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time with amendments; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 July, pp. 27–8. Report from the Clerk of the House of corrections made by him in the Bill, 11 July, p. 33.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.
- MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT:** Bill to further amend *The Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883*—(*Mr. Bromley*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 8. Orders of the Day for the second reading of the Bill and for the consideration of the Petitions relating to the Bill read; motion, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill be postponed until Wednesday, 2nd August next; amendment to add the words "and that the Tramways Trust and the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited be allowed to be heard by counsel at the Bar of the House" proposed and made; further amendment to add the words "and that the tramway employes also have leave to be heard" proposed; further amendment to add to the proposed amendment the words "and that witnesses be summoned to give evidence at the Bar of the House" proposed and (by leave) withdrawn; question—That the words "and that the tramway employes also have leave to be heard" proposed to be added be so added, on division, resolved in the affirmative; further amendment to add the words "and that the fees of the counsel for the employes be paid by the Government" proposed

- and, on division, made ; further amendment to add the words "and that the fees of counsel for the Tramways Trust and the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company be also paid by the Government" proposed and negatived ; question—That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill be postponed until Wednesday, 2nd August next, and that the Tramways Trust and the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited be allowed to be heard by counsel at the Bar of the House, and that the tramway employes also have leave to be heard, and that the fees of the counsel for the employes be paid by the Government, negatived ; ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill be postponed until Wednesday, 16th August next, 11 July, pp. 36-7. Order for second reading read ; Petition presented from the Corporation of the City of Melbourne, praying the House to reject the proposals contained in the Bill, in regard to the wages and the hours of labour of the employes of the company ; after debate on a question submitted that the Bill was a Private Bill, order for second reading postponed until Wednesday, 11th October next, 16 Aug., p. 58 ; motion, That the Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question, on division, resolved in the affirmative, 6 Sept., p. 108 ; motion, That the Bill be now read a second time ; question—That the debate be adjourned, negatived ; Bill read a second time ; motion, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee, negatived ; Bill committed ; considered in Committee, 11 Oct., p. 143 ; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 31 Jan.—1 Feb., 1900, p. 306. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with an amendment ; amendment agreed to with an amendment, 14 Feb., p. 384. Message from the Council disagreeing with the amendment on their amendment ; amendment not insisted on, but a further amendment made in lieu thereof, 15 Feb., p. 387. Message from the Council disagreeing with such further amendment ; amendment insisted on, 15 Feb., pp. 387-8.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.
- MINES ACT 1897 AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the *Mines Act 1897*—(*Mr. Hamilton*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 8.—Bill lapsed.
- MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT :** Bill to further amend the *Mining Development Act 1896*—(*Mr. Foster*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 15 Aug., 1899, p. 54 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time with an amendment ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 11 Jan., 1900, p. 226. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 24 Jan., p. 258. (*Assented to 8 February, 1900. Act No. 1632.*)
- MOORPANYAL LAND ACT 1897 AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the *Moorpanyal Land Act 1897*—(*Mr. Best*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 3 Aug., 1899, p. 43 ; 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, 15 Aug., p. 55. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 29 Aug., p. 98. (*Assented to 30 August, 1899. Act No. 1609.*)
- MUNICIPAL COUNCILS (MILITARY CONTINGENTS) CONTRIBUTION :** Bill to authorize municipal councils contributing towards Military Contingents for South Africa or any members thereof or their relatives—(*Mr. Graham*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 7 Feb., 1900, p. 360 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amended title, viz., "A Bill to authorize Contributions by Municipal Councils towards Military Contingents for South Africa or any members thereof or their relatives" ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 8 Feb., p. 361. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments ; some of the amendments agreed to and one agreed to with amendments, 14 Feb., p. 374. Message from the Council agreeing to the amendments on their amendments, 15 Feb., p. 386. (*Assented to 19 February, 1900. Act No. 1640.*)
- MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION :** Bill to abolish the deposit of moneys by candidates for municipal elections and to make other provisions in lieu thereof—(*Mr. Maloney*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 10 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time, on division, negatived, 13 Sept., p. 114.
- MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY :** Bill to indemnify the councillors of various municipalities for borrowing moneys by overdrafts on bankers for the purposes of their municipalities contrary to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1890*—(*Mr. Graham*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 9 Jan., 1900, p. 212 ; 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, 11 Jan., p. 227. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 24 Jan., p. 257. (*Assented to 8 February, 1900. Act No. 1630.*)
- MUNICIPAL VALUATIONS :** Bill to amend the Local Government Acts with regard to valuations—(*Mr. Trenwith* for *Mr. T. Smith*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 9 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 July, p. 28. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments, 28 Nov., p. 190 ; amendments considered—one agreed to and the others disagreed with, 10 Jan., 1900, pp. 220-21. Message from the Council that they insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, and do not insist on their amendment to insert clauses A, B, and C, 24 Jan., p. 258 ; order for consideration of the amendments made and insisted on by the Council discharged, 13 Feb., p. 370.

- NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION :** Bill to abolish compulsory vaccination—(*Mr. Cook*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 10 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time ; further motion, That the debate be now adjourned, on division, negatived ; question—That this Bill be now read a second time, on division, negatived, 27 Sept., p. 128.
- OLD-AGE PENSIONS :** Bill to provide for old-age pensions—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 19. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 8) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 22 Aug., p. 64. Order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Jan., 1900, p. 226.
- PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT ACT 1898 AMENDMENT :** Bill to amend the *Pilots' Advance Repayment Act 1898*—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 18 Oct., 1899, p. 150 ; 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, 1 Nov., p. 168. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 21 Nov., p. 184. (*Assented to 27 November, 1899. Act No. 1620.*)
- PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION :** Bill to abolish plural voting in the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 18 ; read a second time and ordered to be committed ; motion (pursuant to notice), That it be an instruction to the Committee to provide for the adoption of the system of proportional representation known as Haro's system ; after debate, motion (by leave) withdrawn ; Bill 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, 3 Aug., p. 43. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 16 Aug., p. 58. (*Assented to 30 August, 1899. Act No. 1606.*)
- POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT :** Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Poisons Act 1890'*"—(*Sir George Turner*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 6 Sept., 1899, p. 108. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Jan., 1900, p. 226.
- PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE :** Bill to provide for the incorporation and government of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute—(*Mr. Gray*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 10 ; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion, this is a Private Bill" ; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill ; question resolved in the affirmative ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time with amendments ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 July, p. 30. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments ; amendments agreed to, 11 Oct., pp. 141-3. (*Assented to 27 October, 1899. Act No. 1617.*)
- PRESTON LOAN :** Bill to authorize the Shire of Preston to construct certain permanent works and undertakings in lieu of certain other permanent works and undertakings—(*Mr. Gair*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 2 Nov., 1899, p. 171 ; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion, this is a Private Bill" ; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill ; question resolved in the affirmative ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time with an amendment ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 17 Jan., 1900, p. 232. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments ; amendments agreed to, 6 Feb., pp. 354-5. (*Assented to 19 February, 1900. Act No. 1638.*)
- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS :** Bill to regulate the profession of public accountants—(*Mr. Fink*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 23 Aug., 1899, p. 67.—Bill lapsed.
- PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS :** Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the observance of certain Public and Bank Holidays*"—(*Sir George Turner*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 14 Nov., 1899, p. 176.—Bill lapsed.
- RAILWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION ACT 1898 FURTHER AMENDMENT :** Bill to further amend the *Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898*—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 18 Oct., 1899, p. 150 ; 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, 1 Nov., p. 168. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 21 Nov., p. 184. (*Assented to 27 November, 1899. Act No. 1621.*)
- RAILWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION ACT 1898 FURTHER AMENDMENT :** Bill to further amend the *Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898*—(*Mr. Outtrim*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 9 Jan., 1900, p. 212 ; 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, 11 Jan., p. 227. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 24 Jan., p. 258. (*Assented to 8 February, 1900. Act No. 1633.*)

- RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION ACTS AMENDMENT** : Bill to amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 19 ; 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, 11 July, p. 36. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 1 Aug., p. 39. (*Assented to 17 July, 1899. Act No. 1605.*)
- RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION** : Bill to authorize the expenditure of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for Railways—(*Mr. H. R. Williams*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 21 Nov., 1899, p. 183 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 10 Jan., 1900, p. 220 ; further considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time with an amendment ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 11 Jan., p. 223. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 24 Jan., p. 258. (*Assented to 8 February, 1900. Act No. 1631.*)
- RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT** : Bill to amend the Railways Acts and for other purposes—(*Mr. H. R. Williams*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 19. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Jan., 1900, p. 226.
- ROMSEY PUBLIC PARK** : Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of a portion of the Romsey Public Park—(*Mr. Gavan Duffy for Mr. Best*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 13 Sept., 1899, p. 113 ; 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, 3 Oct., p. 132. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 18 Oct., p. 150. (*Assented to 27 October, 1899. Act No. 1618.*)
- ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE** : Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of part of the Royal Park, Melbourne, and for the reservation of such part as a site for public recreation—(*Sir George Turner for Mr. Best*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 Oct., 1899, p. 133. Order for second reading discharged, 15 Feb., 1900, p. 390.—Bill lapsed.
- SAILORS' HOME LAND** : Bill to enable the trustees of the Melbourne Sailors' Home to sell and convey certain land situate in the City of Melbourne and vested in such trustees as a site for a Sailors' Home and to acquire other land therefor and for other purposes—(*Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs for Mr. Best*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 18. Order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion, this is a Private Bill" ; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 15 Aug., p. 55. Order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Jan., 1900, p. 226.
- STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS** : Bill relating to State school teachers—(*Mr. Peacock*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 23 Nov., 1899, p. 187. Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 5) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 6 Feb., 1900, pp. 356-7 ; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments—Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 8 Feb., p. 362. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with an amendment ; amendment agreed to, 14 Feb., p. 382. (*Assented to 19 February, 1900. Act No. 1642.*)
- SURPLUS REVENUE** : Bill relating to the surplus revenue of the financial year ended on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine—(*Sir George Turner*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 14) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon ; Bill initiated and read a first time, 25 Oct., 1899, p. 158 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 1 Nov., p. 168. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 21 Nov., p. 184. (*Assented to 27 November, 1899. Act No. 1622.*)
- TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION** : Bill to regulate the traffic of traction engines—(*Mr. Bailes for Mr. Sterry*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 23 June, 1899, p. 10 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 17 Jan., 1900, p. 232.—Bill lapsed.
- TRADING COUPONS ABOLITION (BILL No. 2)** : Bill intituled "*An Act to prevent the use of Trading Stamps Coupons and other Devices on the Sale or Exchange of Property*"—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 30 Jan., 1900, p. 279.—Bill lapsed.
- USURY PREVENTION** : Bill for the prevention of usury and for other purposes—(*Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 19 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 3 Oct., p. 132. Order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Jan., 1900, p. 226.
- VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 CONTINUATION** : Bill intituled "*An Act to continue the 'Vegetation Diseases Act 1896'*"—(*Mr. McLean*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 16 Jan., 1900, pp. 229-30 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time ; ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same, 14 Feb., p. 383. (*Assented to 19 February, 1900. Act No. 1644.*)

- VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT (BILL No. 1):** Bill to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*—(*Mr. Duggan*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 9. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 3) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 11 July, pp. 37-8. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with an amendment, 23 Aug., p. 95; amendment considered and agreed to with an amendment, 30 Aug., p. 101. Message from the Council agreeing to the amendment on their amendment, 6 Sept., p. 107. (*Assented to 18 September, 1899. Act No. 1615.*)
- VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT (BILL No. 2):** Bill to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*—(*Mr. Austin*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 28 June, 1899, p. 11.—Bill lapsed.
- VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT (BILL No. 1):** Bill to provide for the government, discipline, and maintenance of a Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa—(*Sir George Turner*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 11) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 17 Oct., 1899, pp. 147-8; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 19 Oct., p. 153. Report from the Clerk of the House of corrections made by him in the Bill, 25 Oct., p. 157. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 14 Nov., p. 176. (*Assented to 27 October, 1899. Act No. 1619.*)
- VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT (BILL No. 2):** Bill to provide for the government, discipline, and maintenance of a Second Victorian Military Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa—(*Mr. McLean*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 20) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time; 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 Jan., 1900, p. 213. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 10 Jan., p. 219. (*Assented to 12 January, 1900. Act No. 1627.*)
- VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT (BILL No. 3):** Bill to provide for the government, discipline, and maintenance of a Third Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa—(*Mr. Salmon*).—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; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 7 Feb., 1900, p. 360; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 15 Feb., p. 387. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 15 Feb., p. 390. (*Assented to 20 February, 1900. Act No. 1655.*)
- VICTORIAN MINING ACCIDENT RELIEF FUND:** Bill relating to the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund—(*Mr. Foster*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 19 Sept., 1899, p. 120. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 11 Jan., 1900, p. 226.
- WANDO VALE ESTATE PURCHASE:** Bill to sanction the acquisition by the State of certain land in the County of Dundas known as the Wando Vale Estate—(*Mr. McColl*).—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; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 2 Feb., 1900, p. 349; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 6 Feb., p. 355. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 14 Feb., p. 374. (*Assented to 19 February, 1900. Act No. 1639.*)
- WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the *Water Act 1890*—(*Mr. Foster*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 18; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 15 Aug., p. 54; debate resumed and adjourned, 19 Sept., p. 120; 20 Sept., p. 121; 21 Sept., p. 123; 26 Sept., p. 126; 27 Sept., p. 127; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 28 Sept., p. 129; 18 Oct., p. 150; 19 Oct., p. 153; 25 Oct., p. 159; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Bill recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 46, 109, 139, and 154; considered in Committee and reported with further amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill further amended, 26-7 Oct., pp. 161-2; read the third time with further amendments; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 31 Oct., pp. 163-5. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill with amendments, 29 Nov., p. 195; amendments considered and further consideration postponed, 11 Jan., 1900, pp. 224-6; further considered—some agreed to, others disagreed with, and some agreed to with amendments, 16 Jan., p. 230. Message from the Council that they have agreed

to some of the amendments on certain of their amendments and have disagreed with others, and that they insist on some of their amendments with which the Assembly have disagreed, and do not insist on others of the said amendments, 30 Jan., p. 279 ; Message considered—the Assembly's amendments in new clause A insisted on and a further amendment made therein, disagreement with some of the amendments made and insisted on by the Council insisted on, and disagreement with others of the said amendments not insisted on, and amendments made in some of the amendments insisted on by the Council, 8 Feb., pp. 363–5. Message from the Council that they have agreed to some of the Assembly's amendments on their amendments, and to other such amendments with amendments, and that they still insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, 15 Feb., p. 386 ; Message considered—disagreement with certain of the amendments still insisted on by the Council not now insisted on and the further amendments by the Council in the Assembly's amendments in new clause A and in clause 79 agreed to, 15 Feb., pp. 388–9. Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 10) recommending certain amendments in the Bill ; amendments agreed to ; ordered, That the Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence requested in agreeing to the amendments recommended therein, 20 Feb., p. 392. Message from the Council agreeing thereto, 20 Feb., p. 393. (*Assented to 20 February, 1900. Act No. 1651.*)

WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF : Bill to relieve certain corporations of a part of their indebtedness for moneys borrowed from the State for water supply—(*Mr. Foster*).—Bill initiated (motion by leave) and read a first time, 8 Aug., 1899, p. 45 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 15 Aug., p. 54. Order for resumption of debate discharged and Bill withdrawn, 28 Sept., p. 130.

WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF (BILL No. 2) : Bill to relieve certain corporations of a part of their indebtedness for moneys borrowed from the State for water supply—(*Mr. Foster*).—On motion (by leave) the House resolved itself into Committee to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to relieve certain corporations of a part of their indebtedness for moneys borrowed from the State for water supply ; matter considered in Committee ; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon ; Bill initiated and read a first time ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 28 Sept., 1899, p. 130 ; further considered in Committee, 4 Oct., p. 133 ; 11 Oct., p. 143 ; 12 Oct., p. 145 ; 17 Oct., p. 148 ; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendments agreed to, 18 Oct., p. 150 ; Bill read the third time with further amendments ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 31 Oct., pp. 165–6. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 29 Nov., p. 195. (*Assented to 7 December, 1899. Act No. 1625.*)

WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION : Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money for water supply in country districts—(*Mr. Foster*).—Bill initiated and read a first time 21 Nov., 1899, p. 184 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment ; ordered, That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein, 11 Jan., 1900, p. 224. Message from the Legislative Council agreeing to the Bill, 24 Jan., p. 257. (*Assented to 8 February, 1900. Act No. 1629.*)

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE : Bill to remove the disqualification of women in the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly—(*Sir George Turner*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 4 July, 1899, p. 19 ; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time ; amendment proposed to omit all the words after the word "That" and to insert in place thereof the words "the question of removing the disqualification of women in the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly should be submitted to a referendum of the present electors" ; amendment, on division, not made ; debate on the main question adjourned, 8 Aug., p. 47 ; debate resumed and adjourned, 16 Aug., p. 58 ; debate resumed ; Bill, on division, read a second time, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, and committed ; considered in Committee and reported without amendment ; read the third time with 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, 22 Aug., p. 65.—Bill not returned from the Legislative Council.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

SECOND SESSION (27TH JUNE, 1899, TO 20TH FEBRUARY, 1900).

Member.	District.	Electors on Roll. (a)			Votes Polled for Sitting Member. (a)
		Ratepayers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.	
Anderson, John, Esquire ...	Melbourne East ...	3,420	902	4,322	1,416
Austin, Edwin Henry, Esquire ...	Ripon and Hampden ...	1,991	665	2,656	846
Bailes, Alfred Shrapnell, Esquire ...	Sandhurst ...	4,082	1,017	5,099	1,981
Beazley, William David, Esquire ¹ ...	Collingwood ...	4,114	945	5,059	2,129
Bennett, George Henry, Esquire ...	Richmond ...	4,317	1,055	5,372	2,564
Best, The Honorable Robert Wallace ² ...	Fitzroy ...	4,839	1,252	6,091	2,542
Bowser, John, Esquire ...	Wangaratta and Rutherglen	2,453	1,106	3,559	1,075
Brake, James Hugh, Esquire ...	Horsham ...	1,525	381	1,906	783
Bromley, Frederick Hadkinson, Esquire ...	Carlton ...	2,919	707	3,626	1,462
Brown, Joseph Tilley, Esquire ...	Shepparton and Euroa	1,817	345	2,162	720
Burton, John Balfour, Esquire ...	Stawell ...	1,723	493	2,216	Unopposed
Cameron, Ewen Hugh, Esquire ...	Evelyn ...	3,133	277	3,410	1,010
Carter, The Honorable Godfrey Downes	Melbourne ...	3,501	495	3,996	1,950
Chirnside, Captain John Percy ...	Grant ...	1,848	499	2,347	Unopposed
Cook, James Newton Haxton Hume, Esquire	East Bourke Boroughs	7,484	1,387	8,871	2,491
Craven, Albert William, Esquire ...	Benambra ...	1,718	342	2,060	909
Deakin, The Honorable Alfred ...	Essendon and Flemington	4,383	725	5,108	1,825
Downard, Alfred, Esquire ...	Mornington ...	3,388	1,007	4,395	1,452
Duffy, The Honorable John Gavan ³ ...	Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield	1,757	370	2,127	805
Duggan, Daniel Joseph, Esquire ...	Dunolly ...	1,520	528	2,048	Unopposed
Dyer, John Henry, Esquire ...	Borong ...	2,109	388	2,497	913
Fink, The Honorable Theodore ⁴ ...	Jolimont and West Richmond	1,635	817	2,452	1,068
Forrest, Charles Lamond, Esquire ...	Polwarth ...	2,272	856	3,128	1,280
Foster, The Honorable Henry ⁵ ...	Gippsland East ...	2,507	521	3,028	1,358
Gair, Mackay John Scobie, Esquire ...	Bourke East ...	2,096	441	2,537	922
Gillies, The Honorable Duncan ...	Toorak ...	3,128	872	4,000	1,355
Gillott, Samuel, Esquire ⁶ ...	Melbourne East ...	3,437	762	4,199	Unopposed
Graham, The Honorable George ⁷ ...	Numurkah and Nathalia	1,895	197	2,092	Unopposed
Graves, The Honorable James Howlin ⁸	Delatite ...	2,272	256	2,528	918
Gray, Frederick Charles, Esquire ...	Prahran ...	2,241	610	2,851	981
Grose, Walter Bolitho, Esquire ...	Creswick ...	1,425	516	1,941	1,002
Gurr, William, Esquire ...	Geelong ...	4,420	971	5,391	2,364

(a) NOTE.—Except where the Member's name is printed in *italic* the particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1897; the date of each Member's election, where "unopposed," being 7 October, the "day of nomination," and in the other cases, 14 October, the "day of polling." Where the Member's name is printed in *italic* the particulars given in the above table relate to by-elections subsequent to the general election, and the dates of these will be found in the following notes:—

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

² The Hon. R. W. Best, President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, also Commissioner of Trade and Customs (without salary), from 27 September, 1894, to 5 December, 1899.

³ The Hon. J. Gavan Duffy, Postmaster-General, from 27 September, 1894, to 5 December, 1899.

⁴ The Hon. T. Fink, appointed a Member of the Executive Council, 5 December, 1899.

⁵ The Hon. H. Foster, Minister of Mines, also Minister of Water Supply (without salary), from 28 September, 1894, to 5 December, 1899.

⁶ Mr. S. Gillott, elected 7 November, 1899, *vice* Mr. E. L. Zox, deceased, 23 October, 1899.

⁷ The Hon. G. Graham, vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 13 December, 1899; Minister of Agriculture and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, also Commissioner of Public Works (without salary), from 5 December, 1899.

⁸ The Hon. J. H. Graves, one of the four Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 1 December, 1897.

Member.	District.	Electors on Roll.			Votes Polled for Sitting Member.
		Ratepayers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.	
Hamilton, Walter Alfred, Esquire ...	Sandhurst ...	4,082	1,017	5,099	2,104
Hancock, John, Esquire ⁹ ...	Footscray ...	3,253	523	3,776	1,121
Harris, Albert, Esquire ...	Gippsland Central ...	2,382	525	2,907	1,084
Harris, Joseph, Esquire ...	South Yarra ...	1,865	626	2,491	1,054
Higgins, Henry Bournes, Esquire ...	Geelong ...	4,420	971	5,391	2,301
Irvine, The Honorable William Hill ¹⁰	Lowan ...	2,176	253	2,429	941
Isaacs, The Honorable Isaac Alfred ¹¹	Bogong ...	1,459	474	1,933	Unopposed
Isaacs, John Alfred, Esquire ...	Ovens ...	1,463	491	1,954	Unopposed
Kennedy, Thomas, Esquire ...	Benalla and Yarrawonga	2,156	573	2,729	1,095
Kerr, David, Esquire ¹² ...	Grenville ...	3,041	889	3,930	546
Keys, John, Esquire ...	Dandenong and Berwick	3,213	359	3,572	1,010
Kirton, Joseph William, Esquire ...	Ballarat West ...	4,560	1,100	5,660	3,183
Langdon, Thomas, Esquire ...	Korong ...	1,830	414	2,244	Unopposed
Lawson, Harry Sutherland Wightman, Esquire ¹³	Castlemaine ...	2,291	959	3,250	1,431
Levien, The Honorable Jonas Felix ...	Barwon ...	1,811	590	2,401	932
Madden, Frank, Esquire ...	Eastern Suburbs ...	3,952	952	4,904	1,812
Maloney, William, Esquire ...	Melbourne West ...	1,604	720	2,324	1,094
Mason, The Honorable Francis Conway ¹⁴	Gippsland South ...	2,307	337	2,644	840
Mason, John Walter, Esquire ...	Rodney ...	4,028	853	4,881	1,714
Mauger, Samuel, Esquire ¹⁵ ...	Footscray ...	3,413	485	3,898	962
McArthur, John Neil, Esquire ...	Villiers and Heytesbury	1,884	500	2,384	893
McBride, Peter, Esquire ...	Kara Kara ...	1,684	625	2,309	Unopposed
McCay, The Honorable James White- side ¹⁶	Castlemaine ...	2,319	1,066	3,385	1,639
McColl, The Honorable James Hiers ¹⁷	Gunbower ...	2,053	683	2,736	1,170
McGregor, Robert, Esquire ...	Ballarat East ...	2,468	865	3,333	1,511
McIntyre, The Honorable Sir John ...	Maldon ...	1,429	352	1,781	817
McKenzie, Malcolm Kenneth, Esquire	Anglesey ...	2,533	998	3,531	1,448
McLean, The Honorable Allan ¹⁸ ...	Gippsland North ...	1,841	144	1,985	1,008
McLeod, Donald Norman, Esquire ...	Portland ...	1,484	259	1,743	711
Methven, David, Esquire ...	East Bourke Boroughs	7,484	1,387	8,871	2,469
Moloney, James, Esquire ...	Carlton South ...	1,767	543	2,310	907
Morrissey, John, Esquire ...	Rodney ...	4,028	853	4,881	1,737
Moule, William Henry, Esquire ...	Brighton ...	2,935	506	3,441	1,373
Murphy, Edward, Esquire ...	Warrenheip ...	1,500	303	1,803	884
Murray, John, Esquire ¹⁹ ...	Warrnambool ...	1,545	367	1,912	860
O'Loghlen, The Honorable Sir Bryan, Bart.	Port Fairy ...	1,600	336	1,936	620
O'Neill, Richard, Esquire ...	Mandurang ...	1,533	492	2,025	832
Outtrim, The Honorable Alfred Richard ²⁰	Maryborough ...	1,954	352	2,306	Unopposed
Peacock, The Honorable Alexander James ²¹	Clunes and Allandale ...	1,427	316	1,743	Unopposed
Rawson, Hugh, Esquire ²² ...	Kyneton ...	1,465	689	2,154	908
Russell, George, Esquire ...	Grenville ...	2,799	928	3,727	1,479

⁹ Mr. J. Hancock, deceased, 22 November, 1899, succeeded by Mr. S. Mauger.

¹⁰ The Hon. W. H. Irvine vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 13 December, 1899; Attorney-General from 5 December, 1899.

¹¹ The Hon. I. A. Isaacs, Attorney-General, from 27 September, 1894, to 5 December, 1899.

¹² Mr. D. Kerr, elected 1 December, 1899, vice Mr. M. Stapleton, deceased, 9 November, 1899.

¹³ Mr. H. S. W. Lawson, elected 20 December, 1899, vice the Hon. J. W. McCay, who vacated his seat by accepting office.

¹⁴ The Hon. F. C. Mason, Speaker, from 25 October, 1897.

¹⁵ Mr. S. Mauger, elected 12 December, 1899, vice Mr. J. Hancock, deceased, 22 November, 1899.

¹⁶ The Hon. J. W. McCay vacated his seat by accepting office and not re-elected; Minister of Public Instruction, also Commissioner of Trade and Customs (without salary), from 5 to 29 December, 1899.

¹⁷ The Hon. J. H. McColl vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 13 December, 1899; President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, also Minister of Forests (without salary), from 5 December, 1899.

¹⁸ The Hon. A. McLean vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 13 December, 1899; Chief Secretary (and Premier), from 5 December, 1899.

¹⁹ Mr. J. Murray, one of the four Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 1 December, 1897.

²⁰ The Hon. A. R. Outtrim vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 13 December, 1899; Minister of Mines and Water Supply and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, also Minister of Railways (without salary), from 5 December, 1899.

²¹ The Hon. A. J. Peacock, Chief Secretary, also Minister of Public Instruction (without salary), from 27 September, 1894, to 5 December, 1899.

²² Mr. H. Rawson, one of the four Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 1 December, 1897.

Member.	District.	Electors on Roll.			Votes Polled for Sitting Member.
		Ratepayers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Total.	
Salmon, The Honorable Charles Carty ²³	Talbot and Avoca ...	1,550	332	1,882	763
Sangster, George, Esquire ...	Port Melbourne ...	2,014	524	2,538	1,226
Shiels, The Honorable William ²⁴ ...	Normanby ...	1,625	248	1,873	Unopposed
Smith, Robert Murray, Esquire, C.M.G.	Hawthorn ...	3,116	1,003	4,119	1,800
Smith, Thomas, Esquire ...	Emerald Hill ...	1,748	773	2,521	1,125
<i>Spiers, John Pollock, Esquire</i> ²⁵ ...	Windermere ...	1,164	337	1,501	479
Stapleton, Michael, Esquire ²⁶ ...	Grenville ...	2,799	928	3,727	1,043
Staughton, Samuel Thomas, Esquire ...	Bourke West ...	1,589	313	1,902	865
Sterry, David Chaplin, Esquire ...	Sandhurst South ...	1,874	344	2,218	956
Styles, James, Esquire ...	Williamstown ...	2,747	484	3,231	1,237
Taverner, The Honorable John William ²⁷	Donald and Swan Hill	5,464	536	6,000	1,770
Thomson, John, Esquire ...	Dundas ...	1,805	460	2,265	Unopposed
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Ararat ...	1,403	367	1,770	680
Trenwith, William Arthur, Esquire ²⁸ ...	Richmond ...	4,317	1,055	5,372	2,201
Tucker, The Honorable Albert Lee ...	Fitzroy ...	4,839	1,252	6,091	1,934
Tucker, John Benjamin, Esquire ...	Melbourne South	1,704	765	2,469	1,081
Turner, The Right Honorable Sir George, K.C.M.G. ²⁹	St. Kilda ...	2,694	1,144	3,838	Unopposed
Turner, George James, Esquire ...	Gippsland West ...	3,580	625	4,205	1,319
Vale, The Honorable Richard Tayler	Ballarat West ...	4,560	1,100	5,660	2,470
Watt, The Honorable William Alexander ³⁰	Melbourne North ...	2,031	907	2,938	1,249
Wheeler, The Honorable James Henry	Daylesford ...	1,580	234	1,814	888
White, John Samuel, Esquire ...	Albert Park ...	1,770	1,014	2,784	718
Wilkins, Edgar, Esquire ...	Collingwood ...	4,114	945	5,059	2,583
Williams, Edward David, Esquire ...	Castlemaine ...	2,319	1,066	3,385	1,464
Williams, The Honorable Henry Roberts ³¹	Eaglehawk ...	1,737	283	2,020	986
Zox, Ephraim Lamén, Esquire ³² ...	Melbourne East ...	3,420	902	4,322	1,924

²³ The Hon. C. C. Salmon vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 9 January, 1900; Minister of Public Instruction, also Commissioner of Trade and Customs (without salary), from 29 December, 1899.

²⁴ The Hon. W. Shiels vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected without opposition, 13 December, 1899; Treasurer, from 5 December, 1899.

²⁵ Mr. J. P. Spiers, elected 27 May, 1898, *vice* Mr. W. Anderson, deceased, 3 May, 1898.

²⁶ Mr. M. Stapleton, deceased, 9 November, 1899; succeeded by Mr. D. Kerr.

²⁷ The Hon. J. W. Taverner, Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, also Minister of Agriculture (without salary), from 27 September, 1894, to 5 December, 1899; and Minister of Health (without salary), from 14 May to 16 September, 1895.

²⁸ Mr. W. A. Trenwith, one of the four Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 1 December, 1897.

²⁹ The Right Hon. Sir George Turner, Treasurer (and Premier), from 27 September, 1894, to 5 December, 1899; also Minister of Defence (without salary) and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 20 December, 1894, to 13 February, 1895.

³⁰ The Hon. W. A. Watt vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected 20 December, 1899, polling 1,153 votes; Postmaster-General, from 5 December, 1899.

³¹ The Hon. H. R. Williams, Minister of Railways, from 27 September, 1894, to 5 December, 1899; also Minister of Health (without salary), from 16 September, 1895, to 5 December, 1899.

³² Mr. E. L. Zox, deceased, 23 October, 1899; succeeded by Mr. S. Gillott.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

TUESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1899.

1. The Legislative Assembly met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the thirtieth day of May, 1899—which Proclamation was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

FURTHER PROROGUING PARLIAMENT AND FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING
THE THIRD SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Thomas, Baron Brassey, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by *The Constitution Act* it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he might think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by Proclamation or otherwise, whenever he should deem it expedient: And whereas the said Council and Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria," stand prorogued until Tuesday, the 6th day of June, 1899, and it is expedient further to prorogue the same, and to fix the time for holding the next Session thereof: Now therefore I, the Governor of Victoria, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the 27th day of June, 1899; and also I do hereby fix Tuesday, the 27th day of June aforesaid, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Council and Assembly, called the Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, in the Parliament Houses, situate in Parliament Place, Spring-street, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, this thirtieth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and in the sixty-second year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

BRASSEY.

By His Excellency's Command,

GEORGE TURNER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

3. PETITIONS.—Sir John McIntyre presented a Petition from James Kirby, of Minyip, in the colony of Victoria, praying that the House will inquire into his case and grant him such relief as it may deem fit, in regard to services rendered by him to the colony as an early bush pioneer.

(700 copies.)

On the motion of Sir John McIntyre, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The following Petitions, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture Lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, were presented :—

- By Mr. Downward—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Mornington.
- By Mr. Gair—
From certain electors and inhabitants of the parochial district of Broadmeadows.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Heidelberg and district.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Whittlesea.
- By Mr. Gillies—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Malvern District.
- By Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Russell—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Buninyong.
- By Mr. J. Harris—
From certain electors and inhabitants of South Yarra.
- By Mr. Kennedy—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Lake Rowan District
- By Mr. Keys—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Lyndhurst District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Dandenong District.
- By Mr. Levien—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Queenscliff District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Bellarine and Portarlington.
- By Mr. McLean—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Briagolong District.
From certain electors and residents of Stratford and district.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Valencia Creek District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Stratford District.
- By Mr. Outtrim—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Maryborough District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Majorca District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Carisbrook District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Carisbrook.
- By Mr. Sangster—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Port Melbourne District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Port Melbourne.
- By Mr. Shiels—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Merino and Digby Districts.
- By Mr. Trenwith—
From certain electors and inhabitants of the North Richmond District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Burnley District.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating the Temporary Chairmen of Committees, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

The Honorable James Howlin Graves,
John Murray, Esquire,
Hugh Rawson, Esquire, and
William Arthur Trenwith, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this twenty-seventh day of June, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

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

George Henry Bennett, Esquire,
John Balfour Burton, Esquire,
Ewen Hugh Cameron, Esquire,
Albert Harris, Esquire,
David Methven, Esquire,
William Henry Moule, Esquire, and
Robert Murray Smith, Esquire, C.M.G.,

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

Given under my hand this twenty-seventh day of June, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
- Australasian Statistics for the year 1897, compiled from Official Returns in the office of the Government Statist of Victoria.
 - Observatory.—Thirty-third Report of the Board of Visitors to the Observatory; together with the Report of the Government Astronomer for the period from 1st July, 1898, to 28th February, 1899.
 - Penal Establishments and Gaols.—Report of the Inspector-General for the year 1898.
 - Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1897—
 - Appendix to Part IV.—Population.—Municipal Finances.
 - Part VII.—Accumulation.
 - Part VIII.—Law, Crime, &c.
 - Part IX.—Social Condition.
 - Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1898.—Part I.—Blue-Book.
- Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
- Land Selection at Mount Macedon.—Report by His Honour Sir Hartley Williams, Judge of the Supreme Court, in pursuance of a Commission issued by His Excellency the Governor on 8th May, 1899, directing an Inquiry into certain matters with regard to Land Selection at Mount Macedon.
- Sir George Turner presented—
- Victorian Government Loans.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 17th November, 1898, for a return showing the discounts and premiums and expenses of the respective loans raised by the Government of Victoria as set out in the papers distributed at the Budget Statement, and showing the total amount of interest (as distinguished from expenses) paid in each year.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
- Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education from 1st July, 1898, to 31st December, 1898.
 - Dental Board of Victoria.—Regulations.
 - Factories, Work-rooms, and Shops—Report of the Chief Inspector of—for the year ended 31st December, 1898.
 - Fire Brigades Acts—
 - Country Fire Brigades Board—Report of the—for the year ended 31st December, 1898, together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and Assets and Liabilities for that period.
 - Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board—
 - Report for the year ended 31st December, 1898.
 - Regulations amended.—Order in Council.
 - Friendly Societies—Twentieth Annual Report on.—Report of the Actuary for Friendly Societies for the year 1897, to which are appended the Valuations, Contributions, and Benefits, Statistics of Friendly Societies, &c.
 - Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools Department.—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1898.
 - Post Office Acts 1890 and 1897—
 - Intercolonial Parcels.—Certificate of Posting.
 - Rates on Parcels exchanged between Victoria and Germany by German Steamers.
 - Rates on Telegrams from Victoria to Queensland.
 - Insurance of Parcels.
 - Regulations in connexion with the Insurance of Parcels.

Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—

Report of the Trustees of the—for 1898, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1897-8.

Regulations.

Public Service Acts.—Regulations.

Trade Unions—Thirteenth Annual Report on.—Report of the Actuary for Friendly Societies for the year 1898, with an Appendix.

Savings Banks Acts.—General Order No. 26 (in lieu of all existing General Orders and By-laws).

Water Act 1890—

Bacchus Marsh Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 6 (Draft Form).
Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 6.

Bairnsdale Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Regulation No. 12.

Benjeroop and Murrabit Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Rating Regulation.
Regulation for Fixing Charges for Water for 1899.

Campaspe Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Rating Regulation.

Cohuna Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Regulation No. 17.
Regulation No. 18.
Additional Loan.

Water Right.—Order in Council.

East Boort Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Rating Regulation.
Regulation No. 3.

Gunbower West Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Trust Constituted.—Order in Council.
Scheme and Plan of Works.—Order in Council.
Regulations for the Election of Commissioners.—Order in Council.
Loan.

Kerang East Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Regulation for the Distribution of Water.
Regulation for the Sale of Water.
Rating Regulation.

Kerang South Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Application for Constitution of District and Appointment and Creation of Trust for same.—First Petition of Land-owners, together with Engineering Reports, Estimates, Plans, and Documents; as also the Declaration of the Minister of Water Supply thereon.

North Boort Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Rating Regulation.
Regulation No. 1.

Rodney Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Regulation No. 17 (Draft Form).
Increase of Trust District.—Order in Council.
Loan.

Swan Hill Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Rating Regulation.

Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Rating Divisions.—Order in Council.
Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 15 (Draft Form).
Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 15.

Twelve Mile Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Rating Regulation.
Regulation.

Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Application of Municipal Funds authorized—
Arapiles Shire Council.
Borong Shire Council.
Wimmera Shire Council.

Rights and Powers of the Trust, and the Wimmera United Waterworks Trust in regard to the Division and Diversion of Water from the Wimmera River and Yarriambiack Creek.—Order in Council.

Supply of Water to Irrigation Colonies outside the Trust District.—Order in Council.
Regulation No. 25.

7. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Australasian Federation Enabling Act (Victoria) 1896*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Australasian Federation Enabling Act (Victoria) 1896,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The people of New South Wales having approved the Federal Constitution submitted to them, a measure will, at the earliest opportunity, be laid before you to enable the people of Victoria to decide whether they also will enter the Federation under such Constitution.

During the recess two notable meetings have been held in Melbourne. The Federal Council of Australasia met here for the first time, and their deliberations tended to maintain and strengthen the mutual good feeling of the Colonies represented. The Premiers of all the Australian Colonies also assembled here in the Conference which for some years past they have held annually. They dealt with a variety of questions of great public interest, but their meeting will be specially memorable, inasmuch as it led to Queensland taking an active part in the work of Federation, and also from the fact that the agreement then arrived at by the Premiers has greatly facilitated the acceptance of the proposed Constitution.

It is gratifying to be able to announce that the anticipation of a plentiful harvest has been more than realized, that the long continued drought from which the country has suffered appears to have come to an end, and that more fruitful seasons may now be confidently looked for. The increased production has stimulated trade and commerce, revived languishing industries, and added greatly to the revenue.

It is recognised that, to open up the country for settlement, railways must be constructed to the outlying and less accessible districts, and my Advisers will continue their policy of constructing such lines so far as is consistent with legitimate development and reasonable expenditure. Reports have been obtained and preliminary surveys made of several lines, and the question of their construction will be submitted in due course to the Standing Committee.

The valuable and exhaustive Report of the Royal Commission upon Law Reform has engaged the earnest attention of the Government. As far as remedies can be applied by administration the necessary steps will be taken; and the comprehensive legislation that will be requisite on other points will be prepared in due course.

The advantages of technical training scientifically carried out have become so apparent in late years that it is obvious that any community which desires to maintain its position in the march of progress must promote technical education. I have consequently appointed a Royal Commission for the purpose of investigating the subject and recommending for adoption a scheme which will provide for a systematic and graduated course of practical instruction.

Public opinion in all civilized lands is gradually awakening to the fact that the care of the aged and destitute is very inadequately undertaken by the community which has profited by their labours, and that those who have helped to build up and maintain a State are themselves entitled to support when no longer able to work. Whilst, however, this right may be readily admitted, the best method of giving effect to it is by no means easy to find, the whole question being surrounded by difficulties. My Advisers, assisted by the valuable labours of the Commission appointed to investigate the question, have prepared a measure which will be laid before you, and which is intended, as far as possible, to meet these difficulties and make suitable provision for the aged poor.

The Factories and Shops Act passed in 1896 will shortly expire by effluxion of time. This measure has been even a greater success than was anticipated in mitigating the evils under which a number of the more poorly paid workers were suffering. You will be asked to re-enact it as a permanent law, and at the same time extend its benefits and remedy such defects as have been discovered in its practical operation.

There will also be submitted to you an amendment of the Water Acts intended to alter the constitution and improve the position of Trusts which have unfortunately been unable to make proper provision for the payment of the interest on money advanced to them by the Government, and to place them on a sounder financial footing for the future.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates for the financial year will be laid before you. While framed with a due regard to economy, it has not been forgotten that the requirements of the country may be best met at this juncture by a judicious increase in expenditure, which was necessarily reduced during a period of depression.

A Bill will also be introduced for the re-enactment, revision, and reduction of the Income Tax.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The important proposed amendments of the Constitution, abolishing plural voting and giving the franchise to women, which failed to become law during last Session, will be again placed before you.

A measure will be submitted for your consideration to facilitate the settlement of differences between the two Houses of Parliament.

The Bill passed by the Assembly last Session for the purpose of restricting the immigration of undesirable persons did not become law, but as the necessity for the proposed restriction still remains, my Advisers will again submit a measure for your approval.

The Act passed some years ago for the protection of infant life, though valuable, has been found in several respects to be inadequate, and a Bill intended to deal effectively with the evils which the present law cannot reach will be placed before you.

The absolute necessity of a strict supervision over the slaughtering of animals intended for human food has been long admitted. A measure will be submitted to you dealing with this important matter.

The advisableness of adequate inspection of steam-engines, which are now so extensively used in various industries throughout the country, has not escaped the attention of my Advisers. They have prepared a Bill in connexion with this subject, which will be proposed for your consideration.

A number of other proposals dealing with matters of importance will be submitted for your approval as the exigencies of public business permit. Amongst these will be a Bill to suppress the pernicious practice of Usury, and a Bill for the amendment of the law relating to Life Assurance, and also measures for the regulation of the sale of Poisons, the licensing of Hawkers and Pedlers, the eradication of diseases affecting Vegetation, the amendment of the Marriage Act, the effecting of necessary alterations in the Railways Acts, the lowering of Port Dues in certain cases, for conciliation and arbitration in Industrial Disputes, for the regulation of Coal Mining, for Compensation to Workmen, for the restriction of Gaming and Betting, and the suppression of Secret Commissions.

I humbly pray that in dealing with these measures, and all others in which the welfare of the country is concerned, your deliberations may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, advance the interests of the community and promote the happiness of the people.

BRASSEY.

9. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Gair moved, That the following Address, in reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech 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. Langdon moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

 WEDNESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION.—Mr. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the proposed Central Railway Station at Flinders-street; together with the Appendices and Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Austin—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Noorat District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Terang District.
 - By Mr. Cameron—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Lilydale District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Healesville and Coranderrk Districts.
 - By Mr. Cook—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Brunswick.
 - By Mr. Deakin—
From certain members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church at Maribyrnong-road, Moonee Ponds.
 - By Mr. Downward—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Sorrento, Portsea, and Rye Districts.
 - By Mr. Gavan Duffy—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Romsey District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Lancefield District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Romsey.
 - By Mr. Duggan—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Tarnagulla, Newbridge, and Woodstock Districts.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Inglewood and district.
 - By Mr. Fink—
From certain electors and inhabitants of East Melbourne District.
 - By Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Chiltern District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Barnawartha District.
 - By Mr. J. W. Mason—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Echuca.
 - By Mr. Moule—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Elsternwick District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Brighton District.
 - By Mr. Rawson—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Kyneton District.
 - By Mr. Zox—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Carlton (South).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

(700 copies.)

4. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 British New Guinea—Annual Report on—from 1st July, 1897, to 30th June, 1898; with
 Appendices.
 Public Service Board.—Report.
 Refrigerating Stores and Central Wine Depôt.—Interim Report of the Royal Commission on
 Refrigerating Stores and Central Wine Depôt.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Education Act 1890.—Alteration of Regulations.—Order in Council.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.—Seventh General Report.

Victorian Railways—

Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the quarter ending 31st December,
 1898.

Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the quarter ending 31st March,
 1899.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

6. SUPPLY.—Sir George Turner moved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a
 Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. WAYS AND MEANS.—Sir George Turner moved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself
 into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to
 Her Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr.
 Bromley moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend *The
 Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Bromley, Mr. Maloney, and Mr. Beazley do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Bromley then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend 'The Melbourne Tramway and
 Omnibus Company's Act 1883,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

9. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—
 Mr. Gray moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Gray and Mr. T. Smith do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Gray then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Melbourne and Metropolitan
 Board of Works Act 1890,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

10. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL.—Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice,
 That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide that the election of aldermen to the corporation of
 the city of Melbourne and town of Geelong shall be by election by the ratepayers of such cor-
 porations.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Maloney and Mr. Sangster do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Maloney then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide that the election of Aldermen to the
 Corporation of the City of Melbourne and Town of Geelong shall be by election by the Ratepayers of
 such Corporations,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

12. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Duggan moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Duggan and Mr. Brown do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Duggan then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Vermin Destruction Act 1890,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
13. GEELONG MECHANICS’ INSTITUTE BILL.—Mr. Gurr moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the incorporation of the Mechanics’ Institute at Geelong and for other purposes.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Gurr and Mr. Higgins do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Gurr then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for the Incorporation of the Mechanics’ Institute at Geelong and for other purposes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
14. MUNICIPAL VALUATIONS BILL.—Mr. Trenwith moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. T. Smith, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government Acts with regard to valuations.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. T. Smith, Mr. John A. Isaacs, and Mr. J. B. Tucker do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. J. B. Tucker then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Local Government Acts with regard to Valuations,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
15. INDECENT OR OBSCENE ADVERTISEMENTS PROHIBITION BILL.—Mr. Cook moved, pursuant to amended notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit indecent or obscene advertisements.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Cook, Mr. Touter, and Mr. Watt do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Cook then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to prohibit Indecent or Obscene Advertisements,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
16. KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL.—Mr. Langdon moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. McColl, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the sale of the show yards at Kerang.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. McColl and Mr. Langdon do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Langdon then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Sale of the Show Yards at Kerang,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
17. HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Bromley moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to hackney carriages in the metropolitan district.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Bromley and Mr. John A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Bromley then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the law relating to Hackney Carriages in the Metropolitan District,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
18. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Bailes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Bailes and Mr. Hamilton do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Bailes then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Local Government Act 1890,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
19. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the deposit of moneys by candidates at elections for the Legislative Assembly and to make other provision in lieu thereof.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Maloney and Sir Bryan O’Loghlen do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Maloney then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to abolish the deposit of Moneys by Candidates at Elections for the Legislative Assembly and to make other provision in lieu thereof,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

20. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL.—Mr. Gray moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the incorporation and government of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Gray and Mr. J. Harris do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Gray then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Incorporation and Government of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
21. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.—Mr. Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish compulsory vaccination.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Cook, Mr. McCay, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Methven do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Cook then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to abolish Compulsory Vaccination,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
22. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL.—Mr. Bailes moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Sterry, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the traffic of traction engines.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Sterry and Mr. Graham do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Bailes (for Mr. Sterry) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to regulate the traffic of Traction Engines,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
23. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Kennedy moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Graham do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Kennedy then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the 'Local Government Act 1890,'*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
24. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Bailes moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Land Act 1898*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Bailes and Mr. Hamilton do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Bailes then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the 'Land Act 1898,'*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
25. GRIFFITH'S ISLAND NATIONAL PARK BILL.—Sir Bryan O'Loughlen moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment and management of a national park at Griffith's Island, near Port Fairy.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Sir Bryan O'Loughlen and Mr. Maloney do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Sir Bryan O'Loughlen then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Establishment and Management of a National Park at Griffith's Island near Port Fairy,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
26. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3).—Mr. McGregor moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. McGregor and Mr. Vale do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. McGregor then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the 'Local Government Act 1890,'*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
27. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the deposit of moneys by candidates for municipal elections and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Maloney and Mr. Gray do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Maloney then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to abolish the deposit of Moneys by Candidates for Municipal Elections and to make other provisions in lieu thereof,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

28. **GEELONG REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND BILL.**—Mr. Gurr moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland at Geelong.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Gurr and Mr. Higgins do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Gurr then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland at Geelong,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
29. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Beazley moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Friendly Societies Act 1890*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Beazley and Mr. Bennett do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Beazley then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Friendly Societies Act 1890,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
30. **VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. Austin moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Austin and Mr. Langdon do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Austin then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Vermin Destruction Act 1890,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
31. **GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL.**—Mr. Gurr moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Higgins, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the council of the town of Geelong to lease buildings erected on the general market site for other than market purposes.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Higgins and Mr. Outtrim do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Gurr (for Mr. Higgins) then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to enable the Council of the Town of Geelong to lease Buildings erected on the General Market Site for other than Market purposes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
32. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
Petition of James Kirby—To be considered.
Australasian Federation Enabling Act Amendment Bill—Second reading.
33. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at four o’clock.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past eleven o’clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

THURSDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. McLean presented a Petition from Thomas Bates, of Metung, Lake King, in the province of Gippsland, colony of Victoria, praying that Parliament will, in its wisdom, see fit to consider his claims on account of his labours and losses as an early bush pioneer of Victoria, when opening up large tracts of hitherto unknown territory in the said colony.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be taken into consideration with the Petition of James Kirby.
The following Petitions, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Austin—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Mortlake District.
 - By Mr. Bowser—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Millewa and district.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Eldorado.
 - By Mr. Brown—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Pine Lodge District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Shepparton District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Dookie, Katandra, Congupna, and Cosgrove Districts.
 - By Mr. Deakin—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Flemington District.
 - By Mr. Forrest—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Winchelsea District.
 - By Mr. Foster—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Orbost District.
 - By Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Langdon—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Charlton District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Wycheproof District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Port Cameron District.
 - By Mr. Graves—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Whorouly.
 - By Mr. A. Harris—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Sale District.
 - By Mr. J. Harris—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Prahran District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Prahran.
 - By Mr. Madden—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Canterbury.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Malvern East District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Camberwell District.
 - By Mr. McLean—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Lindenow District.
 - By Mr. Salmon—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Talbot District.
 - By Mr. Toutcher—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Ararat District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Moyston District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Tatyoon District.
 - By Sir George Turner—
From certain electors and inhabitants of St. Kilda West District.
 - By Mr. Watt—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Melbourne North District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of North Melbourne.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, Balance-sheet, and Contracts for the year ending 30th June, 1898.

Royal Commissions and Boards of Inquiry.—Copies of Orders in Council fixing or increasing Expenditure.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next :—

Petition of James Kirby—To be considered.

5. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 4TH JULY, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker reported that he had, that day, waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament, agreed to on the 28th June last, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I beg to thank you, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, for the expression of loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign contained in the Address which you have presented to me. I earnestly trust that the measures to be brought under your consideration will result in the promotion of the permanent interests and welfare of this community.

BRASSEY.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 4th July, 1899.

3. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, were presented :—

- By Mr. Bennett—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Richmond.
- By Mr. Best—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Fitzroy.
- By Mr. Bromley—
From certain electors and inhabitants of North Carlton worshipping at St. Michael's, Prince's Hill.
- From certain electors and inhabitants of Carlton (North).
- By Mr. Brown—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Euroa District.
- By Mr. Cameron—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Lilydale.
- By Mr. Chirnside—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Ballan District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Winchelsea and Wensleydale.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Barrabool District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Werribee District.
- By Mr. Craven—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Yackandandah District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Yackandandah.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Tallangatta and district.
- By Mr. Deakin—
From certain members and adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Flemington.
From certain members and adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Kensington.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Essendon District.
From certain members and adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Essendon.
From certain members and adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Moonee Ponds.
From certain members and adherents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Ascot Vale (Temperance Township).

- By Mr. Downward—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Cranbourne District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Mornington Junction, Somerville, and Langwarrin Districts.
- By Mr. Gavan Duffy—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Kilmore District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of High Camp Plain, near Kilmore.
- By Mr. Duggan—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Dunolly District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Eddington District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Llanelly.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Tarnagulla.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Bet Bet District.
- By Mr. Dyer—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Rupanyup District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Warracknabeal District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Kewell and Ailsa Districts.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Ailsa District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Murtoa District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Sheep Hills District.
- By Mr. Dyer, for Mr. Taverner—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Swan Hill and district.
- By Mr. Forrest—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Warrion.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Beeac.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Barongarook.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Beeac District.
- By Mr. Foster—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Orbost and Omeo.
- By Mr. Gair—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Bulla District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Heidelberg District.
- By Mr. Gillies—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Caulfield.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Armadale.
- By Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Russell—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Inverleigh District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Shelford and Hesse Districts.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Teesdale District.
- By Mr. Graves—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Mansfield.
- By Mr. Gurr—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Geelong.
- By Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Chiltern.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Beechworth and Stanley Districts.
- By Mr. John A. Isaacs—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Bright District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Wandiligong and Bright.
- By Mr. Langdon—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Wedderburn, Richmond Plains, and Wychitella Districts.
- By Mr. J. W. Mason—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Mooroopna, Ardmona, and Tatura.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Rushworth and Whroo.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Murchison.
- By Mr. McArthur—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Framlingham District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Cobden.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Port Campbell District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Ellerslie District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Cobden District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Jancourt and Cobrica Districts.
- By Mr. McBride, for Mr. Taverner—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Donald and district.
- By Mr. McColl—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Kerang District.
- By Sir John McIntyre—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Maldon.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Newstead and Guildford Districts.
- By Mr. McLeod—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Portland District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Portland.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Kentbruck.
- By Mr. McLeod, for Mr. McKenzie—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Broadford District.
- By Mr. Rawson—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Kyneton.

- By Mr. Salmon—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Talbot.
- By Mr. T. Smith—
From certain electors and inhabitants of South Melbourne West District.
- By Mr. Spiers—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Windermere District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Burrumbeet District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Learmonth and Waubra.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Learmonth District.
- By Mr. Staughton—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Sunbury District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Gisborne District.
- By Mr. Trenwith—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Burnley.
- By Mr. Turner, for Mr. F. C. Mason—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Morwell.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Traralgon and its vicinity.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Hazelwood District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Morwell District.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION ENABLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—

Australasian Federation Enabling Act Amendment Bill—Third reading.

Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for further consideration.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

5. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after Half-past Ten o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday and Thursday in each week during the present Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That on Wednesday in each week during the present Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business until Half-past Eight o'clock; after that hour business shall be called on in the following order, viz.:—

On one Wednesday—

General Business :

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

Private Bill Business :

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

On the alternate Wednesday—

Private Bill Business.

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

General Business :

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graves, Mr. Higgins, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. McLean, Mr. Staughton, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. A. L. Tucker, Sir George Turner, Mr. Vale, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Zox ; five to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Madden, and Mr. Shiels.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. **PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graham, Mr. Moule, Mr. T. Smith, and Mr. Taverner.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Craven, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Gray, Mr. Grose, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Kirton, Mr. Langdon, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Outtrim, and Mr. Rawson ; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. **REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Anderson, Mr. Austin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Wilkins.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
13. **COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Beazley, Mr. Carter, Mr. Deakin, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. T. Smith, and Mr. Wheeler ; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
14. **PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish plural voting in the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Peacock do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to abolish Plural Voting in the Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
15. **ARARAT LAND RESUMPTION BILL.**—Mr. Best moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of certain land in the parish of Ararat.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Best and Mr. Foster do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Best then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of certain Land in the Parish of Ararat,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
16. **MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Best, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Marine Act 1890*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Best and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to further amend the ‘ Marine Act 1890,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
17. **SAILORS’ HOME LAND BILL.**—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Best, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the trustees of the Melbourne Sailors’ Home to sell and convey certain land situate in the city of Melbourne and vested in such trustees as a site for a Sailors’ Home and to acquire other land therefor and for other purposes.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Best and Mr. Gavan Duffy do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Gavan Duffy then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Melbourne Sailors’ Home to sell and convey certain Land situate in the City of Melbourne and vested in such Trustees as a Site for a Sailors’ Home and to acquire other Land therefor and for other purposes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
18. **WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Water Act 1890*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Foster and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Foster then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to amend the ‘ Water Act 1890,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

19. **COAL MINES BILL.**—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to coal mines.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Foster and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Foster then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to Coal Mines,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
20. **RAILWAYS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Railways Acts and for other purposes.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. H. R. Williams and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. H. R. Williams then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Railways Acts and for other purposes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
21. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Factories and Shops Acts.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Peacock and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the Factories and Shops Acts,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
22. **BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL.**—Mr. Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the inspection and regulation of boilers.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Peacock and Mr. Foster do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Inspection and Regulation of Boilers,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
23. **HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to hawkers and pedlers.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Peacock and Mr. Best do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the law relating to Hawkers and Pedlers,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
24. **USURY PREVENTION BILL.**—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the prevention of usury and for other purposes.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs and Mr. Gavan Duffy do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill for the prevention of Usury and for other purposes,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
25. **WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to remove the disqualification of women in the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to remove the Disqualification of Women in the Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
26. **RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. H. R. Williams do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
27. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS BILL.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for old-age pensions.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Gavan Duffy do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for Old-age Pensions,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

28. **LIBEL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Fink moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law of libel.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Fink and Mr. McCay do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Fink then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Libel,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
29. **RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS.**—Mr. Deakin moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction by the inclusion of a short prayer, a short hymn, and the reading of selected passages of Scripture.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Maloney moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the motion:—"Providing that the House should appoint a Commission consisting of all the heads of the various religions that are registered in Victoria in order to decide what religious instruction shall be taught in our schools."
 And, after debate—
 Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
 Mr. Hamilton moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "House" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—"the question of religious instruction in State schools should be referred to a direct vote of the people."
 Debate continued.
 Mr. McKenzie moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
30. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 27 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
31. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

 WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs presented a Petition from John Wood Beilby, of Beechworth, praying that the House will take into favorable consideration his public services to the colony of Victoria, and grant him such relief as it may deem fit.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration with the Petitions of James Kirby and Thomas Bates.

The following Petitions, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, were presented :—

- By Mr. Austin—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Lexton District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Beaufort District.
- By Mr. Bowser—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Wangaratta District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Oxley District.
- By Mr. Brake—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Natimuk District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Lowan and Tooan Districts.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Horsham District.
- By Mr. Brake, for Mr. Irvine—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Kaniva, Lillimur, Serviceton, Yanipy, and Ballarook.
- By Mr. Downward—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Korumburra.
- By Mr. Gavan Duffy—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Kilmore.
- By Mr. Forrest—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Colac District.
- By Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Russell—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Rokewood.
- By Mr. Graham—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Katamatite, Youanmite, Youarang, and Dunbulbalane.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Yalca District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Numurkah District.
- By Mr. Graves—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Strathbogie District.
- By Mr. Hancock—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Footscray.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Yarraville District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Yarraville.
- By Mr. Kennedy—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Benalla.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Cobram, Nareen, and Youanmite Districts.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Tungamah and district.
- By Mr. Keys—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Box Hill District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Berwick District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Mentone District.

- By Mr. Levien—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Connewarre District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Connewarre and Pettavel Districts.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Pettavel District.
- By Mr. Madden—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Surrey Hills District.
- By Mr. J. W. Mason—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Undera District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Mooropna District.
- By Mr. McKenzie—
 From the Council and Members of the Elders' Association of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.
- By Mr. Methven—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Coburg District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Fairfield Park and Alphington.
- By Mr. Moloney—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Carlton.
 From certain electors and parishioners of St. Jude's Church of England, Carlton.
- By Mr. Shiels—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Coleraine and district.
- By Mr. Thomson—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Harrow.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Peshurst District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Hamilton District.
- By Mr. Thomson, for Mr. Shiels—
 From certain members of Christ Church, Casterton.
- By Mr. Toutcher—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Chatsworth District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Wickliffe District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Glenthompson District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Lake Bolac District.
- By Mr. Watt—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Parkville and its neighbourhood.
- By Mr. H. R. Williams—
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Eaglehawk District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Marong District.
 From certain electors and inhabitants of Eaglehawk.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

State Forests and Timber Reserves.—Third Progress Report of the Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves. The Redgum Forests of Barmah and Gunbower: Their Resources, Management, and Control.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Orders in Council—

Victorian Military Forces—

Alteration of Regulations.—Part I.—Commissions and Promotions of Officers.

Alteration of Regulations.—Part VII.—Command, Rank, and Precedence.

Victorian Naval and Military Forces—

Addition to Financial and Store Regulations.—Part II.—Pay of Militia Forces.

Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Part IV.—Travelling Allowances.

Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Part VII.—Allowance of Ammunition and Stores for Instruction Purposes.

Victorian Naval Forces—

Addition to Regulations.—Part II.—Duties of Officers.

Alteration of Regulations.—Part II.—Entry and Promotion of Seamen and Boys.

Volunteer Cadet Corps.—Alteration of Regulations.

Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums for the year ended 31st December, 1898.

Land Act 1890.—Orders in Council—

Additional Regulation.—Holders of Miners' Rights and the State Forests and Timber Reserves near Beechworth.

Alteration of Regulations.—State Forests and Timber Reserves, &c.

Alteration of Regulations.—Leases and Licences.

Schedule of Swamp Leases containing Special Conditions.

Land Acts.—Orders in Council—

Alteration of Regulations under the *Mallee Lands Act 1896*.—Amendment of Regulation 15.

Alteration of Regulations under the *Mallee Lands Act 1896*.—Claims for Refund.

Settlement on Lands Act 1893.—Regulations.—Order in Council.

Water Act 1890—

Koondrook and Myall Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—

Regulation for Fixing Charges for Water for 1899.

Rating Regulation.

Rodney Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 17.

Wattles Act 1890.—Issue of Lease under Section 10.

4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business.
5. **RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That in the opinion of this House the State system of education should provide for elementary unsectarian religious instruction by the inclusion of a short prayer, a short hymn, and the reading of selected passages of Scripture, *and on the following amendment*:—That all the words after the word “House” be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—“the question of religious instruction in State schools should be referred to a direct vote of the people”—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. A. L. Tucker.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Madden,	

Tellers.

Mr. Deakin,
Mr. Watt.

Noes, 60.

Mr. Anderson,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hamilton,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McArthur,	
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McCay,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Gray,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McCay,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Higgins.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McArthur,	

Tellers.

Mr. Austin,
Mr. Thomson.

Mr. McBride moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the question:—
 “Providing that, before the people are asked to vote on the question, the Government appoint a Commission consisting of the heads of the various religious denominations registered in Victoria in order to suggest what religious instruction should be taught in our schools, so that their determination may be placed before the people to accept or reject.”

And, after further debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Anderson,]	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Dyer,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Maloney.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Best,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Grose,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. J. Harris.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That in the opinion of this House the question of religious instruction in State schools should be referred to a direct vote of the people. Providing that, before the people are asked to vote on the question, the Government appoint a Commission consisting of the heads of the various religious denominations registered in Victoria in order to suggest what religious instruction should be taught in our schools, so that their determination may be placed before the people to accept or reject—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Graves,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Grose.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Australasian Federation Enabling Act (Victoria) 1896’” without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 5th July, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2, be postponed until Tuesday next, and that the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 27 inclusive, and the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 6TH JULY, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Forrest—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Birregurra and Dean's Marsh Districts.
 - By Mr. Methven—
From certain electors and inhabitants of East Bourke Boroughs District.
 - By Sir George Turner—
From certain members and adherents of the Church of England, Balaclava.
From certain electors and inhabitants of the City of St. Kilda.
From certain residents of East St. Kilda.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 - Land Selection at Mount Macedon.—Commission, Report, and Evidence.
 - New Zealand.—Report on the System of dealing with the Unemployed, the Co-operative Works System, Improved Farm Settlements, Workmen's Homes, the State Farm, Conciliation and Arbitration Act, Resumption, Subdivision, and Settlement of Estates under *Land for Settlements Act 1894*, of New Zealand, by the Honorable R. W. Best, M.L.A. (Minister for Lands), and W. A. Trenwith, Esq., M.L.A.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business.
5. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Higgins,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. White,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McArthur,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Beazley.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Austin,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Graves,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keys,	Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Madden,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Gray moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Clause 1, lines 8 and 9, omit “the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1893*” and insert “any Act amending the same.”

Clause 3, page 2, line 2, after “shall” insert “after the election of members pursuant to subsection one of this section.”

Clause 5, page 2, line 38, omit “eight hundred and ninety-nine” and insert “nine hundred.”

“page 3, line 2, omit “eight hundred and ninety-nine” and insert “nine hundred.”

Schedule, after “words,” in line 7, insert “and the election to the said representation shall be by the council of the said municipality” and omit, in lines 9–13, “and in section twenty-two the words ‘such salary not being less than Fifteen hundred pounds and not more than Two thousand pounds per annum.’”

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

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 and 4 be postponed until Tuesday next; that the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 3 be postponed until Wednesday next; and that the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 5 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 6.

7. **MUNICIPAL VALUATIONS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. T. Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

Mr. T. Smith moved, That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

8. **GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a private Bill.”

Mr. Gurr moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Preamble, page 2, line 12, after “society the” insert “survivors of the.”

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

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 7 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 10.

10. **KERANG SHOW YARDS SALE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gillies moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Clause 4, line 6, omit “ the full amount of.”

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, General Business, No. 9 be postponed until Tuesday next.

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bailes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

13. INDECENT OR OBSCENE ADVERTISEMENTS PROHIBITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Cook moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

14. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Maloney moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Maloney.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Austin,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Toutercher,
Mr. Gillies,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. White,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

15. PRAHRAN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a private Bill.”

Mr. Gray moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Clause 2, line 4, omit “one” and insert “four.”

„ line 5, omit “councillor” and insert “councillors”; omit “from each ward.”

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, General Business, Nos. 13 to 25 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 11TH JULY, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Austin—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Terang.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Hexham.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Mortlake.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Stockyard Hill District.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Skipton District.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Kolara.
 - By Mr. Cameron—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Healesville.
 - By Mr. Craven—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Corryong, Upper Murray.
 - By Mr. Deakin, for Mr. Taverner—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Donald.
 - By Mr. Graham—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Picola District.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Nathalia District.
 - By Mr. A. Harris—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Flynn's Creek District.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Rosedale District.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Denison District.
 - By Mr. Kirton—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Ballarat.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Ballarat.
 - By Mr. Madden—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Kew.
 - From D. Montgomerie Paton, L.R.C.P. & S. Edin., &c., styling himself Chairman of public meeting of electors and inhabitants of Kew.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Kew.
 - By Mr. McArthur—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Caramut.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Caramut District.
 - By Mr. McGregor—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Ballarat.
 - By Sir John McIntyre—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Maldon.
 - By Mr. Moule—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Moorabbin.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Cheltenham, Shire of Moorabbin.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Brighton Beach District.
 - By Mr. Murray—
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Grassmere District.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Woodford District.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Warrnambool.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Warrnambool.
 - From certain electors and inhabitants of Warrnambool.

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- By Mr. Peacock—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Smeaton District.
- By Mr. Russell—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Buninyong District.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Scotsburn District.
- By Mr. Russell, for Mr. Murphy—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Ballarat and district.
- By Mr. Salmon—
From certain electors and members of the Wesleyan Congregation of Avoca and Rathscar.
- By Mr. R. Murray Smith—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Hawthorn.
- By Mr. Thomson—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Balmoral and neighbouring district.
- By Mr. Wilkins—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Collingwood District.
- By Mr. Zox—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Melbourne (Central).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Zox presented a Petition from the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited under the common seal of the said Corporation, praying that the company may be heard by counsel on its behalf at the Bar of the House in opposition to the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883 further Amendment Bill, or that the Petitioner may have such other redress as to the House may seem right.

On the motion of Mr. Zox, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Carter presented a Petition from the Melbourne Tramways Trust under the common seal of the said Corporation, praying that the House will be pleased to delay the consideration of the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883 further Amendment Bill until the municipalities interested shall have had an opportunity of considering the same.

On the motion of Mr. Carter, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration with the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883 further Amendment Bill.

Mr. Gurr presented a Petition from certain residents of the Town of Geelong, praying that the House will see fit to withhold its sanction from the Bill now before Parliament, introduced for the purpose of altering the Crown grant of the Market-square site of Geelong.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration with the Geelong Market Buildings Leasing Bill.

3. REFRIGERATING STORES AND CENTRAL WINE DEPÔT.—Mr. Peacock moved, by leave, That the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report as to the advisability of building and maintaining Cool Stores and of establishing a Central Wine Depôt having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by Order in Council appointing the Commission, and not yet having completed such inquiry, the House concurs in the expenditure by such Royal Commission, for the purposes of their inquiry and report, of a further sum of One hundred pounds (£100).

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

BRASSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at the Government Offices, 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 further amend the ‘Australasian Federation Enabling Act (Victoria) 1896.’”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th July, 1899.

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

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VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1899–1900.

BRASSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the first month of the year 1899–1900, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th July, 1899.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law of Evidence with regard to the Office of Deputy Registrar-General,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th July, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

7. EVIDENCE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law of Evidence with regard to the Office of Deputy Registrar-General,*" be now read a first time.

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

8. CORRECTIONS IN MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following Report from the Clerk of the House :—

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 11th July, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER,

I have the honour to report that I have made the following corrections in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890,'*" viz. :—

In clause 2, line 11, the word "Acts" has been omitted and "Act" inserted.

In the same clause, line 12, the word "are" has been omitted and "is" inserted.

In the Schedule, line 6, the word "and" has been inserted before "in section," and in line 9 the word "said" has been omitted and "united" inserted.

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

9. PAPERS.—Mr. Best presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

State Forests and Timber Reserves.—Fourth Progress Report of the Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves.—Wombat Forest : Its Resources, Management, and Control.

Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Law Reform.—Report of Royal Commission for inquiring as to the means of avoiding unnecessary Delay and Expense, and of making Improvements in the Administration of Justice and in the working of the Law; together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Customs Act 1890.—Schedules 1 and 2 to Drawback Regulations amended.—Order in Council.

Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890 and 1895.—Orders in Council, &c.—

Alteration of Regulations relating to the Sale of Tobacco, Cigars, and Snuff.

Minor Articles.—Wire Springs for attaching Metal Covers to ordinary Jugs.

Minor Articles.—Push Pieces.

Surgical Appliances or Instruments.—Adjustable Fountain Spittoons (Dentists').

Surgical Appliances or Instruments.—"Tallerman Hot Air Apparatus," for Gout, Rheumatism, &c.

Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Victorian Naval and Military Forces.—Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Part VII.—Stores.—Order in Council.

Explosives Act 1890.—Orders in Council—

Addition to List of Explosives authorized for Importation into and Manufacture in Victoria.

Keeping of Explosives.—Alteration of Regulations.

Fisheries Act 1890.—Close Season.—Wombat Creek, Parish of Wombat.

Marine Acts—

Amended Regulations relating to Pilots and Pilotage.

Additional and amended Regulations for the Licensing of Boats and Boatmen and the Equipment of Boats.

Equipment of Ships with Life-saving Appliances.—Amended Regulations.

Forms for use under the *Marine Act 1897* and the *Merchant Shipping Act 1894*.—Order in Council.

Ports in Victoria.—Additional Regulation.—Navigation of South Channel, Port Phillip.—Proclamation.

Ports in Victoria.—Additional Regulation.—Navigation of South Channel, Port Phillip.—Proclamation.

Ports in Victoria.—Additional Regulation.—Port of Port Phillip.—Proclamation.

Water Act 1890.—Dimboola Shire Council and the Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Application of Municipal Funds.

10. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
 On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Beazley also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday, 1st August next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £584,997 be granted to Her Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1899–1900, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council	175
2. Legislative Assembly	956
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	50
4. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	310
5. The Library	236
6. Refreshment Rooms	100
7. Water Power for Parliament House	65
8. Parliament Gardens	50
9. Administrative and Scientific	1,971
10. Government Statist	857
11. Police	24,255
12. Penal Establishments and Gaols	6,197
13. Hospitals for the Insane	9,360
14. Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	5,310
15. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery	3,267
16. Government Shorthand Writer	240
17. Audit Office and Public Service Board	870
18. Aborigines	500
19. Exhibitions	2,190
20. Grants	445
21. Miscellaneous	529
22. Education	2,403
23. Do.	43,180
24. Melbourne University	355
25. Technical Schools	500
26. Miscellaneous	240
27. Supreme Court	370
28. Law Officers of the Crown	1,803
29. Crown Solicitor	533
30. Prothonotary	191
31. Master in Equity and Lunacy	426
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	2,266
33. Patents	328
34. Sheriff	2,803
35. County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions	2,820
36. Police Magistrates and Wardens	1,525
37. Clerks of Courts	1,690
38. Coroners	808
39. Treasury	2,245
40. Income Tax	920
41. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	143
42. Government Printer	5,950
43. Advertising	500
44. Transport, &c.	200
45. Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	500
46. Advance to Treasurer	200,000
47. Defence	10,060
48. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands	4,646
49. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	279
50. Botanical and Domain Gardens	608
51. Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Act	59
52. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	1,344
53. State Forests and Nurseries	1,509
54. Village Settlements and Labour Colonies	600
55. Miscellaneous	600
56. Public Works	2,497
57. Miscellaneous	150
58. Works and Buildings	18,540

Division No.	£
62. Defence Works and Buildings	1,600
63. Road Works and Bridges	1,900
64. Trade and Customs and Mercantile Marine	5,128
65. Ports and Harbors, Immigration, and Fisheries	2,689
66. Distilleries and Excise	715
67. Explosives	255
68. Marine Board	281
69. Miscellaneous	56
70. Post and Telegraph Offices	28,765
71. Telegraph Lines	1,500
72. Mail Service	8,150
73. Miscellaneous	28
74. Mines and Water Supply	3,089
75. Prospecting for Gold and Coal	250
76. Waterworks in Country Districts	180
77. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works	1,450
78. Miscellaneous	1,550
79. Agriculture and Industries	402
80. Experimental Cultivation	15
81. Vine Diseases Eradication	1,000
82. Diseases in Stock	448
83. Vegetation Diseases	225
85. Miscellaneous	1,900
86. Public Health	1,381
87. Victorian Railways	150,000
88. Miscellaneous	573
	£584,997

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

12. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
 On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Beazley also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday, 1st August next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—
Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1899–1900, the sum of £584,997 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 Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
14. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).**—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Five hundred and eighty-four thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
 Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 14 inclusive and No. 16 be postponed until Tuesday, 1st August next.

16. RAILWAY LANDS ACQUISITION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time. Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment. Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time. Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
17. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Orders of the Day for the second reading of this Bill and for the consideration of the Petitions relating to the Bill having been read—Mr. Bromley moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill be postponed until Wednesday, 2nd August next. Mr. Carter moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added :—“and that the Tramways Trust and the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited be allowed to be heard by counsel at the Bar of the House.” Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative. Mr. Outtrim moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added :—“and that the tramway employés also have leave to be heard.” And, after debate— Mr. Murray moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed amendment :—“and that witnesses be summoned to give evidence at the Bar of the House.” And, after further debate— Mr. Murray's amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Question—That the words “and that the tramway employés also have leave to be heard” proposed to be added be so added—put. The House divided.

Ayes, 75.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Stapleton,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. White,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McArthur,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Maloney moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added :—“and that the fees of the counsel for the employés be paid by the Government.”

Noes, 3.

Mr. Burton.	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. Hancock,
	Mr. Sangster.

And, after further debate—

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

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Beazley,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. White,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Madden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. McKenzie,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hancock moved, as a further amendment, That the following words be added :—"and that the fees of counsel for the Tramways Trust and the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company be also paid by the Government."

And, after debate—

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

Question—That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill be postponed until Wednesday, 2nd August next, and that the Tramways Trust and the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited be allowed to be heard by counsel at the Bar of the House, and that the tramway employes also have leave to be heard, and that the fees of the counsel for the employes be paid by the Government—put and negatived.

Ordered—That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill be postponed until Wednesday, 16th August next.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Five hundred and eighty-four thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th July, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 2 be postponed until Wednesday, 2nd August next.

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

BRASSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of *The Constitution Act*, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 6th July, 1899.

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

21. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1).—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 3, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890*.

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

22. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Duggan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

23. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 to 10 inclusive and Nos. 12 to 17 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 2nd August next, and that Order of the Day, General Business, No. 11 be postponed until Wednesday, 13th September next.

24. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 1st August next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at eleven o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 1st August next.

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

 TUESDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. COLIBAN UPPER RESERVOIR.—Mr. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the Coliban Upper Reservoir; together with the Appendices and Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Craven—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Gundowring.
 - By Mr. Dyer, for Mr. Taverner—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Goyura.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Rosebery.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Beulah.
From certain electors and inhabitants of Hopetoun.
 - By Mr. Irvine—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Nhill District.
 - By Mr. McBride, for Mr. Taverner—
From certain residents of Wycheproof and district.
 - By Mr. Methven—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Brunswick District.

Mr. Fink presented a Petition from Flora Margaret Francis, of Barkly-street, Saint Kilda, widow of the late Richard Hodge Francis, formerly Chairman of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, praying that her Petition may be duly considered and justice meted out to the Petitioner as it may please the House.

Mr. Bowser presented a Petition from certain residents within the Borough of Wangaratta, praying that no dredging leases may be granted on the King or Ovens rivers or their tributaries.

Mr. Bowser presented a Petition from the President, Councillors, and Ratepayers of the North Ovens Shire, praying that no dredging leases may be granted on the Ovens River or its tributaries.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 1st August, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

6. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were presented by Sir George Turner, and the same were read :—

BRASSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 4.

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

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Five hundred and eighty-four thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th July, 1899.

BRASSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 5.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at the Government Offices, 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 amend the Railway Lands Acquisition Acts.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 17th July, 1899.

7. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Royal Commission on Technical Education.—Progress Report on Primary Instruction.

Mr. Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1898—
Part II.—Interchange.
Part III.—Finance, &c.
Part IV.—Population (exclusive of Municipal Finances).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1898.

Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Orders in Council—

Victorian Military Forces.—Alteration of Regulations.—Part VII.—Precedence and Distinction of Corps.

Victorian Naval and Military Forces.—Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Part VII.—Stores.

Water Act 1890—

Leaghur and Meering Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Rating Regulation.

Regulation for the Sale and Distribution of Water.

Mooroopna Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan of £300.

Wodonga Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan for £500.

Yatchaw Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.

8. PRIVILEGES OF PARLIAMENT—FREEDOM OF SPEECH.—Mr. Madden moved, by leave, That in the opinion of this House the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into or call in question the truth of statements made by a Member of this House in Parliament is an interference with the privileges of Parliament and is calculated to bring into contempt and imperil the undoubted privilege of freedom of speech in Parliament which belongs to this House and each Member thereof.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Deputy-Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRIVILEGES OF PARLIAMENT—FREEDOM OF SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That in the opinion of this House the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into or call in question the truth of statements made by a Member of this House in Parliament is an interference with the privileges of Parliament and is calculated to bring into contempt and imperil the undoubted privilege of freedom of speech in Parliament which belongs to this House and each Member thereof—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Fink moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the following words:—"the Standing Orders Committee be requested to inquire and report what practice should hereafter be followed as to appointing Royal Commissions to inquire into charges or statements made in Parliament."

Debate continued.

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

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Austin,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Craven,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. White,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. McArthur,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 50.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilkius,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. McLean,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Methven,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Moloney,	Mr. McCay.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question—That the Standing Orders Committee be requested to inquire and report what practice should hereafter be followed as to appointing Royal Commissions to inquire into charges or statements made in Parliament—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
 Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 15 be postponed until Wednesday, 16th August instant; Nos. 3 and 14 until Wednesday, 27th September next; Nos. 5, 8, and 13 until Wednesday, 30th August instant; and No. 12 until Wednesday, 13th September next.
4. **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DEPOSIT REDUCTION BILL.**—Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the amount of money to be deposited by candidates at elections for the Legislative Assembly.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Maloney and Mr. Sangster do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Maloney then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to reduce the amount of Money to be deposited by Candidates at Elections for the Legislative Assembly,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 30th August instant.
5. **HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL.**—Sir John McIntyre moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Thomson, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the sale of certain lands set apart as a site for a mechanics' institute at Hamilton.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Thomson and Mr. Langdon do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Langdon then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Sale of certain Lands set apart as a Site for a Mechanics' Institute at Hamilton,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 16th August instant.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.

THURSDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 1899.

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 of the House :—
Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Victorian Naval and Military Forces.—Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Part VII.—Stores.—Order in Council.
3. MOORPANYAL LAND ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Best moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Moorpanyal Land Act 1897*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Best and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Best then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Moorpanyal Land Act 1897,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time, and ordered to be committed.
Mr. R. Murray Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That it be an instruction to the Committee to provide for the adoption of the system of proportional representation known as Hare’s system.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at two minutes past six o’clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

TUESDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Outtrim presented a Petition from the President and Councillors of the Shire of Tullaroop, under the common seal of the said Corporation, praying that provision be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate.
On the motion of Mr. Outtrim, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Mr. Bowser presented a Petition from certain persons resident within the Shire of Oxley and certain owners and occupiers of land within the said shire, praying that no leases be granted for gold mining purposes by means of the dredging or hydraulic process in the beds or banks of the Ovens and King rivers or their tributaries without full and public inquiries being first made.
On the motion of Mr. Bowser, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Sir Bryan O'Loghlen presented a Petition from certain graziers, farmers, land-owners, and residents of the district of Port Fairy, praying that the House will cause section 15 of the *Vermin Destruction Act 1890* to be amended by giving the justices complete discretion as to the penalty to be imposed in each case of failure to comply with the provisions of the said section.
On the motion of Sir Bryan O'Loghlen, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
The following Petition, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, was presented :—
By Sir Bryan O'Loghlen—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Port Fairy District.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Best presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Settlement on Lands Act 1893—Report of Proceedings taken under the Provisions of the, during the financial year ended 30th June, 1899.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
Australasian Federation Enabling Act 1896 and the Australasian Federation Enabling Act 1899—
Copy of the Certificate of the Result of the Poll taken in Victoria on the 27th day of July, 1899.
Regulations relating to the Submission to the Electors of Victoria of the Australasian Federal Constitution as proposed to be amended.—Order in Council.
Companies Act 1896.—Rules under Part VII.
Land Act 1890, Part I.—Alteration of Regulations.—Order in Council.
Land Acts—Regulations under the.—Order in Council.
Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Lending Library.—Rules and Regulations.
Public Service Acts.—Regulations.
4. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL.—Mr. Foster moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to relieve certain corporations of a part of their indebtedness for moneys borrowed from the State for water supply.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Foster and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Foster then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to relieve certain Corporations of a part of their indebtedness for moneys borrowed from the State for Water Supply,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at three o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA—THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That this House do agree to the following Address to the Queen, praying for the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia :—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, approach Your Majesty with assurances of loyal attachment to your Throne and Person. We humbly desire to lay before Your Majesty :—

1. That, pursuant to legislation passed by the Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, a Convention of representatives of the colonies named met during the years 1897 and 1898 and framed a Draft Federal Constitution in the form of a Bill for enactment by the Imperial Parliament.

2. That in the beginning of the present year the Prime Ministers of the colonies named and the Prime Minister of Queensland in conference assembled amended the said Draft Federal Constitution in certain respects.

3. That subsequently Federation Enabling Acts were passed by the Parliaments of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania, and those Acts provided for the submission of the Federal Constitution, drafted and amended as aforesaid, to the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania for acceptance or rejection.

4. That the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania have accepted the said Constitution as amended ; and a vote of the people of Queensland will be taken on the 2nd September next.

5. That the Victorian *Australasian Federation Enabling Act* 1896, No. 1443, provides as follows :—

Section 37—

“If two colonies in addition to Victoria accept the Constitution, the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria may adopt a Joint Address to the Queen praying that the Constitution may be passed into law by the Imperial Parliament upon receipt from the Parliaments of such two colonies, either of similar joint or separate Addresses from each House of such Parliaments.”

Section 38—

“When such Joint Address has been agreed to pursuant to the preceding section, the same shall be transmitted to the Queen with a certified copy of the Constitution.”

6. That by the Victorian *Australasian Federation Enabling Act* 1899, No. 1603, which amended Act No. 1443, called therein the Principal Act, it is provided as follows :—

“This Act shall be incorporated with the Principal Act, and, except so far as inconsistent with this Act or inapplicable thereto, the provisions of the Principal Act relating to the submission of the Constitution to the electors and its transmission to the Queen for legislative enactment by the Imperial Parliament, shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the Constitution as proposed to be amended in the particulars appearing in the First Schedule to this Act.

“The Constitution as proposed to be amended in the particulars appearing in the First Schedule to this Act, and as set forth in the Second Schedule to this Act, shall—

(a) be submitted to the electors for the Legislative Assembly in Victoria for acceptance or rejection by direct vote, and, if accepted by a majority of the electors voting, may afterwards

(b) be transmitted by both Houses of Parliament to the Queen for legislative enactment by the Imperial Parliament.”

7. In pursuance of these powers we, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, transmit to Your Majesty the said Constitution and the said Constitution amended as aforesaid, and pray that, upon the transmission to Your Majesty of joint or separate Addresses from the Houses of Parliament of two or more of the other colonies, namely, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia, Your Majesty may be pleased to cause the accompanying Constitution, amended as aforesaid, to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament, that it may be passed into law by the Imperial Parliament for the establishment of an Australian Commonwealth composed of those colonies which unite with Victoria in a similar prayer to Your Majesty.

All of which we, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, humbly pray Your Majesty to take into your gracious and favorable consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir George Turner moved, That this House do agree to the following Address to His Excellency the Governor :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen, the accompanying Address praying that the Draft Bill to Constitute the Commonwealth of Australia, as accepted by a direct vote of the electors of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania, may be submitted to and passed into law by the Imperial Parliament.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the foregoing Addresses be forwarded to the Legislative Council with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

Sir John McIntyre moved, by leave, That this House has pleasure in placing on record its high appreciation of the labours of the Federal Convention and the Premiers of Australia in framing the Federal Constitution Bill, and its warmest thanks to the Australian Natives' Association, together with those gentlemen who, by their platform addresses and otherwise, so ably explained the provisions of the Bill to the people.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. CABLE COMMUNICATION FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA TO AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient that the colony of Victoria co-operate with the United Kingdom, the Dominion of Canada, and the colonies of New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand in the construction and working of an electric telegraph cable across the Pacific Ocean from British Columbia to Australia, touching at British territory only.

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Craven moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the following words :—"the question of removing the disqualification of women in the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly should be submitted to a referendum of the present electors."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. McColl,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Methven,	Mr. McCay.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. White,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McArthur,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Outtrim moved, That the debate on the main question be now adjourned.

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were presented by Sir George Turner, and the same were read:—

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1898-9.

BRASSEY,

*Governor.**Message No. 6.*

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the Year 1898-9, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 9th August, 1899.

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ESTIMATES OF THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1900.

BRASSEY,

*Governor.**Message No. 7.*

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 1899-1900, in lieu of the Estimate of Expenditure for the first month of the Year 1899-1900, transmitted on 11th July, 1899, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 9th August, 1899.

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

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.

THURSDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **BROOKSIDE REFORMATORY.**—Mr. McLeod moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report of the Under-Secretary on the Brookside Reformatory.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. **PAPER.**—Mr. Peacock presented—
Brookside Reformatory.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **PETITIONS.**—Mr. R. Murray Smith presented a Petition from Andrew Rowan, of Collins-street, Melbourne, in the colony of Victoria, merchant, praying that legislation may be introduced with the object of remedying the grievance under which the Petitioner suffers by reason of the provisions of section 38 of the *Crimes Act* 1891 (No. 1231), and that the section may be so amended that, in case a prisoner shall in any statement made by him by virtue thereof make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.
On the motion of Mr. R. Murray Smith, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration on Wednesday, 11th October next.
Mr. Leven presented a Petition from the President and Councillors of the Shire of South Barwon, under the common seal of the said Corporation, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate.
The following Petition, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, was presented :—
By Mr. Gillies—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Caulfield District.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
Australasian Federation Enabling Act 1896 and the Australasian Federation Enabling Act 1899.—Additional Regulation relating to the Submission to the Electors of Victoria of the Australasian Federal Constitution as proposed to be amended.—Order in Council.
Friendly Societies—Report of the Registrar of, for the year 1898.
6. **SUPPLY.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Sir George Turner moved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. **CABLE COMMUNICATION FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA TO AUSTRALIA.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That it is expedient that the colony of Victoria cooperate with the United Kingdom, the Dominion of Canada, and the colonies of New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand in the construction and working of an electric telegraph cable across the Pacific Ocean from British Columbia to Australia, touching at British territory only—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

TUESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RABBIT FREEZING TRADE.—Mr. T. Smith moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The number of rabbits frozen in the Government Refrigerating Chambers at Melbourne during the last season.
2. What were the aggregate charges for freezing.
3. The number of crates of rabbits stored.
4. The duration of storage.
5. What amount was charged for storage.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. McLeod moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. Number of rabbits received at the Government City Freezing Works during last season.
 2. The cost of classification.
 3. The cost of freezing same.
 4. The charge made for freezing.
 5. The charge made for storage.
 6. The amount charged for supervision.
 7. The amount paid the City Corporation for that portion of the works used for freezing and storing rabbits.
 8. Total amount received
 9. Total amount paid
- } with regard to rabbits.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS RECEIVING OVER £250 A YEAR.—Mr. Gray moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The number of persons employed in the Railway Department who received over £250 per year in 1895 and 1898 respectively.
2. The total amount paid to such officers in 1895 and 1898 respectively.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PETITIONS.—Mr. Vale presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Ballarat, under the common seal of the said Corporation, praying that provision may be made by Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate.

The following Petition, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, was presented :—

By Mr. Turner, for Mr. A. L. Tucker—

From certain electors and inhabitants of North Fitzroy.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

5. COUNTY COURT ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McCay moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *County Court Act 1890*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. McCay and Mr. Outtrim do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. McCay then brought up a Bill intitled “*A Bill to amend the ‘County Court Act 1890,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
 Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 31st December, 1898.
 Mines Act 1890.—Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund.—Balance-sheet, 1898.
 Water Act 1890.—Kerang East Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Direction to Trust to construct a Subway for No. 2A Channel.—Order in Council.
7. PICOLA RAILWAY STATION.—REDGUM TRAFFIC.—Mr. Outtrim moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Graham, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of tons of redgum sent from Picola Railway Station since the line to Picola was opened.
 2. Total quantity sent from that station for the same period under what is known as the free abstract—A.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. LOAN EXPENDITURE ON EXISTING RAILWAY LINES.—Mr. Burton moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the expenditure from loan funds in each of the years 1897–8 and 1898–9 on existing railway lines, as under, viz.:—
 1. Permanent way, including regrading.
 2. Rolling-stock—(a) Locomotives; (b) Carriages; and (c) Trucks.
 3. Buildings.
 4. Lighting.
 5. Any other expenditure.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Mining Development Act 1896*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Foster and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Foster then brought up a Bill intitled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Mining Development Act 1896,’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Foster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Langdon moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
11. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Foster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. McCay moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
12. EVIDENCE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment.
 On the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

13. **ARARAT LAND RESUMPTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Best, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
14. **MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
 On the motion of Mr. Best, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Best moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Best, read a third time.
 On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—
 Clause 3, line 14, after “ballast” insert “in lieu of the duties imposed by the said section.”
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in adopting the Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, praying for the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia and also with the Address to the Governor requesting His Excellency to forward the first-mentioned Address to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies for presentation to Her Majesty, and that they have filled up the blanks in the said Addresses with the words “Members of the Legislative Council and the.”
 W. A. ZEAL,
 President.
 Legislative Council,
 Melbourne, 9th August, 1899.
- Ordered—That the Address to the Governor be presented to His Excellency on behalf of the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House.
16. **SAILORS' HOME LAND BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.”
 Mr. Best moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Sangster moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
17. **MOORPANYAL LAND ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Best, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

18. **BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. McColl moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
19. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 9 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
20. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1899.

1. **The House met pursuant to adjournment.**—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **IRRIGATION AND WATERWORKS TRUSTS.**—Mr. Keys moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a return showing the name of each Irrigation, Urban, Rural, and Waterworks Trust, showing the valuation and rate made by each Trust for the years 1896, 1897, and 1898.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. **PETITIONS.**—The following Petitions, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, were presented:—

By Mr. McArthur—

From certain electors and inhabitants of Garvoc and East Keilambete Districts and neighbourhood.

By Mr. Methven—

From certain electors and inhabitants of Northcote District.

The following Petitions, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, were presented:—

By Mr. Kennedy—

From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Yarrawonga, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

By Mr. Keys—

From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Mulgrave, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

By Mr. Staughton—

From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Braybrook, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

By Mr. Thomson—

From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Mount Rouse, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

Mr. Kennedy presented a Petition from the President and Councillors of the Shire of Yarrawonga, under the common seal of the said Corporation, praying that Parliament will order that no leases for sluicing or dredging be granted on the Murray River and its tributaries.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Downward presented a Petition from Andrew Lyall, praying that the House will take into consideration the treatment he received from the Government when the Land Act of 1862 came into force.

On the motion of Mr. Downward, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. **IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL.**—Mr. Best moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to place certain restrictions on immigration.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Best then brought up a Bill intitled "A Bill to place certain Restrictions on Immigration," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

5. **FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA.—THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.—PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR.**—Mr. Speaker reported that both Houses had attended His Excellency the Governor, that day, with their Joint Address in relation to the Commonwealth Bill for the Federation of Australia, to which His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

Government House,
16th August, 1899.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

Departing from formal precedent, I shall venture on this historic occasion to say a few words not officially inspired, but which will perhaps the better give utterance to the feelings which lie deep in all our hearts.

The Address which you ask me in your name to transmit marks a turning point in your national history. It closes an era in which great things have been done. In no other country, no, not in the most advanced of the communities of the old world, are law and order more assured, the public tranquillity less disturbed, the standard of living for the whole people higher, the provision for education more liberal. In none is that self-government, which is the distinctive gift of our race, more admirably illustrated. Statesmanship, eloquence, sound common sense, lofty patriotism have never been wanting even in the smallest of the Australian Parliaments.

And now, looking forward to the future, and remembering all that you have done in the past under the difficult circumstances of rivalry and separation, who shall measure the achievements which may be accomplished by your united efforts? You will be greatly strengthened for defence. Your trade will grow by leaps and bounds. The common credit will sensibly lighten the public charge. All petty jealousies will disappear. Time would fail me were I to attempt to enumerate all the advantages which are certain to accrue in the near future from Federation. I rejoice that the closing stage of my public life has been associated with a movement which, as far as in me lay, I have earnestly striven to help forward. It has had from Lady Brassey and myself the heartiest good wishes. Unless it had been so I should have been no fitting representative of the Queen and Her people in the United Kingdom. All your hopes for the future are fully shared in your old motherland, and as in the coming years you become, in an increasing degree, a powerful and prosperous State, the possession of a happy and contented people, supreme in these Southern seas, there will be no envious feelings. Your greatness will ever reflect glory on the home of your fathers. There, as here, it will be said, now and for all time—"Advance Australia!"

BRASSEY.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to abolish Plural Voting in the Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly*" without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th August, 1899.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Langdon 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 question of water supply to the lakes in the North-Western District."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Langdon moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
8. **WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—
That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. R. Murray Smith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
10. **MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—
Mr. Zox presented a Petition from the Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Melbourne, under the common seal of the said Corporation, praying that the House may be pleased to reject the proposals contained in the Bill to amend *The Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883* in regard to the wages and the hours of labour of the employés of the company.
The Petition was ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. R. Murray Smith submitted that this Bill was a Private Bill.
And, after debate on the question—
Ordered—That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill be postponed until Wednesday, 11th October next.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 13th September next; and No. 6 until Wednesday, 30th August instant.
12. **GEELONG REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gurr moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Gurr moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Gurr, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Gurr, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 8, 10, and 11 be postponed until Wednesday, 13th September next; No. 9 until Wednesday, 8th November next; and No. 12 until Wednesday, 25th October next.
14. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW.**—Mr. Keys moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the numerous amendments required in the law relating to local government; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Graham, Mr. Grose, Mr. Methven, Mr. McLean, Mr. Moule, Mr. White, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
15. **ABOLITION OF COUPONS BILL.**—Mr. McCay moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. McGregor, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the use of trading stamps, coupons, and other devices on the sale or exchange of property.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. McGregor and Mr. Burton do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Burton then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to prevent the use of Trading Stamps Coupons and other Devices on the Sale or Exchange of Property,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 30th August instant.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 16.

 THURSDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 - Customs and Excise Duties Act 1895.—Surgical Appliances or Instruments—Cauteries.
 - Explosives Act 1890.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives to the Honorable the Commissioner for Trade and Customs, on the working of the Explosives Act during the year 1898.
3. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 - Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - And, on the further motion of Mr. Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 - Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Peacock, read a third time.
 - Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

TUESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, was presented:—

By Mr. Brake—

From the President, Councillors, and Ratepayers of the Shire of Wimmera, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented—

Rabbit Freezing Trade—

Return to an Order of the House, dated 15th August, 1899, for a return showing—

1. The number of rabbits frozen in the Government Refrigerating Chambers at Melbourne during the last season.
2. What were the aggregate charges for freezing.
3. The number of crates of rabbits stored.
4. The duration of storage.
5. What amount was charged for storage.

Return to an Order of the House, dated 15th August, 1899, for a return showing—

1. Number of rabbits received at the Government City Freezing Works during last season.
2. The cost of classification.
3. The cost of freezing same.
4. The charge made for freezing.
5. The charge made for storage.
6. The amount charged for supervision.
7. The amount paid the City Corporation for that portion of the works used for freezing and storing rabbits.
8. Total amount received } with regard to rabbits.
9. Total amount paid }

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 31st March, 1899.

Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Report of the Council of Defence.

Electric Light and Power Act 1896.—Report respecting Applications and Proceedings under the *Electric Light and Power Act* 1896 for the year 1898.

(700 copies.)

4. NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY WORKS.—EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing, under each heading and year separately, the amounts spent on maintenance and repairs, together with any other expenditure on the Macorna Channel and Kow Swamp National Works, between the Murray and the Loddon Rivers, for the years from 1893 to 1899; also the same amounts in the same manner on the Laancecorie Weir and any other national head-works on or connected with the Loddon River.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. RATING IN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION TRUST DISTRICTS.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. At what amount in the £1 a rate will require to be struck and collected in each district sufficient to pay interest at 4 per cent. on the liability of each Water Supply and Irrigation Trust District as set out in column No. 5 in the Schedule to the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill 1899.

2. The rate struck in the £1 in each of the districts named in column No. 5 of the Schedule in the Bill named for the years 1897, 1898, and 1899, and the amount collected in each year; also the amount of arrears now standing for each year.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION TRUSTS.—EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing, each Trust and year separately, the amount expended on maintenance and repairs for the years 1896, 1897, and 1898 on the works of the Water Supply and Irrigation Trusts named in the 5th column of the Schedule to the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill 1899.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

BRASSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

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

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th August, 1899.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 5th September next.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Sale of the Show Yards at Kerang*" without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd August, 1899.

11. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—
That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bromley,	Sir B. O'Loughlen,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. McCay.

Nocs, 28.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. White,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Thomson.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 14 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 18.

 WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petition, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, was presented:—
 - By Mr. Moule—
From certain electors and inhabitants of Brighton and Elsternwick.
 The following Petitions, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, were presented:—
 - By Mr. Gair—
From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Heidelberg, under the common seal of the said Corporation.
 - By Mr. Langdon—
From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Wycheproof, under the common seal of the said Corporation.
 - By Mr. Levieu—
From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Bellarine, under the common seal of the said Corporation.
 - By Mr. McBride—
From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Kara Kara, under the common seal of the said Corporation.
 Mr. Bowser presented a Petition from certain owners and occupiers of land abutting on the water-course known as Reid's Creek, in the parishes of Byawatha, Carragarmungee, and Wangaratta North, in the Shire of North Ovens, praying that the House will forbid the issue of leases to mine by means of the hydraulic process where the sludge from same would find its way into and down the creeks flowing into Reid's Creek.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS BILL.—Mr. Fink moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the profession of public accountants.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Fink and Mr. Watt do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Fink then brought up a Bill intitled "*A Bill to regulate the Profession of Public Accountants,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 18th October next.
4. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the Order of Business on Wednesday in each week be suspended for this evening, so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Habitual Drunkards.—Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the question of the Treatment of Habitual Drunkards, with Appendices and Synopsis of Evidence.
Mr. Foster presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Mine Ventilation.—Progress Report of the Mine Ventilation Bonus Board.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
Water Act 1890.—Wimmera United Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan of £3,200.—Detailed Statement.
6. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Beazley also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. SUPPLY.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1898–9.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Supply a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £167,766 be granted to Her Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1898–9, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 1.		
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Allowances to Witnesses attending Committees, and Expenses incidental to Committees	9
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DIVISION No. 2.		
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.		
Subdivision No. 6.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Charwomen, Lift Attendant, and other temporary Non-Clerical assistance	150
—————		
DIVISION No. 3.		
PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.		
Incidental Expenses, including Allowances to Witnesses ... ..	...	90
—————		
DIVISION No. 4.		
VICTORIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Second Class Reporter, from 1st November, 1898	258	
Subdivision No. 2.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Type-writing and Reporting Assistance	60	
		318
—————		
DIVISION No. 6.		
REFRESHMENT ROOMS.		
For purchase of Stock ... ..	...	250

	£	£
DIVISION No. 8.		
ADMINISTRATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC.		
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Telegrams, Stores, Stationery, Books, Fuel, Light, Water, and Incidentals, including temporary allowance to Female Housekeeper in lieu of quarters, Orderly's Allowance, Flags and Office Stationery for His Excellency the Governor	400	
OBSERVATORY.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Stores, Fuel, Light, Incidentals, Labour, Temporary Assistance in compiling Magnetic Observations, Books, Instruments, Repairs, Photographic Materials, Travelling Expenses, &c.	£650	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Stores, Fuel, Light, Incidentals, Labour, Temporary Assistance in compiling Magnetic Observations, Books, Instruments, Repairs, Photographic Materials, &c.	550	
	100	
FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 9.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Acting Registrar of Friendly Societies (six months)	90	
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Subdivision No. 12.—(<i>Inalterable.</i>)		
Agent-General—Expenses of Staff and Office	240	
		830
DIVISION No. 9.		
GOVERNMENT STATIST.		
Subdivision No. 3.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Temporary Clerical Assistance in connexion with Agricultural and other Statistics		383
DIVISION No. 10.		
POLICE.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Rewards for the Apprehension of Offenders		500

						£	£
DIVISION No. 11.							
PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND GAOLS.							
<i>Read—</i>							
Subdivision No. 1.							
CLERICAL DIVISION.							
Two Third Class Governors of Gaols † (one for six months)					£688		
Subdivision No. 2.							
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.							
One Governor of Gaol † (for six months)					150		
					£838		
<i>In lieu of—</i>							
Subdivision No. 1.							
CLERICAL DIVISION.							
Two Third Class Governors of Gaols †					£838		
Subdivision No. 2.							
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.							
Artisan Warder (arrears)					£11 2 0	12	
First Grade Warder (arrears)					£6 8 7	7	
							19
DIVISION No. 12.							
HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE.							
Subdivision No. 3.							
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.							
<i>Read—</i>							
Three Carters					74		
Eight Laundresses					90		
Ten Assistant Laundresses					36		
<i>In lieu of—</i>							
One Carter					74		
Seven Laundresses					90		
Eleven Laundresses					36		
Subdivision No. 4.							
CONTINGENCIES.							
Provisions and Extra Articles						1,500	
Temporary Employés, Incidentals, &c.						600	
							2,100
DIVISION No. 13.							
DEPARTMENT FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND REFORMATORY SCHOOLS.							
Subdivision No. 5.							
In aid of Reformatory Schools established by private contributions, at the rate not exceeding 10s. per week for each child; and to provide							
Outfits for Children sent to service						900	
Expenses of Boarding out Children, and to provide Outfits for Children sent to service						5,500	
Expenses of Boarding out Children whose periods of commitment have expired, but who, by reason of affliction, cannot be sent to service ...						85	
							6,485

	£	£
DIVISION No. 14.		
PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
PUBLIC LIBRARY.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Fifth Class Accountant (for seven months) ... £116 13 4	117	
Subdivision No. 5.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Public Library—Temporary Clerical Assistance	190	
Building and General—Insurance, Lighting, Cleaning, Protection against Fire, Stationery, and Incidental Expenses	200	
	390	
		507
DIVISION No. 18.		
EXHIBITIONS.		
No. 3. Expenses in connexion with the Greater Britain Exhibition ...	...	9,700
<i>Read—</i>		
No. 2. Painting the exterior of Building, Repairs, and Alterations £1,000		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
No. 2. Painting the whole of the exterior of Building, and Repairs £1,000		
DIVISION No. 19.		
GRANTS.		
No. 6. To the Art Galleries for Ballarat, Bendigo, and Warrnambool (to be distributed subject to Regulations to be approved by the Governor in Council) ... ..	...	300
DIVISION No. 20.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 7. Moiety of the cost of preparing the Melbourne and Sydney portion of the International Astrophotographic Catalogue ...	72	
10. Gratuity to the Widow of the late Alfred Hughes, Warder, Kew Asylum, who died from typhoid fever contracted in the execution of his duty	50	
11. Allowance towards cost of return passage to England of J. J. E. Degen, late Taxidermist, National Museum	50	
12. Purchase of a Picture by Mr. John Longstaff	250	
13. Purchase of Mr. F. J. Gillen's collection of weapons, implements, sacred objects, &c., of the Aborigines of Australia ...	300	
		722
Total Chief Secretary		22,363

II.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 21.		
EDUCATION.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 3.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Eleven Fourth Class Clerks, including £27 12s. 11d. arrears ...	£3,202	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Eleven Fourth Class Clerks	3,202	
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Non-clerical Officer acting as Temporary Clerk	174
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DIVISION No. 22.		
EDUCATION.		
Subdivision No. 1.—PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.— <i>Instruction.</i>		
<i>To remove a surcharge of the Commissioners of Audit.</i>		
To pay Miss G. Bossence for the period 17th January, 1899, to 7th April, 1899—Salary, £5 16s. 6d.; results, £2 9s.; total, £8 5s. 6d.		
Subdivision No. 2.—CONTINGENCIES.		
Expenses in connexion with Classes in Cooking	245	
Temporary Clerical Assistance	234	
Subdivision No. 3.	479	
BUILDINGS.		
Rents	200	679
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DIVISION No. 23.		
MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.		
Purchase of Apparatus	1,000
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DIVISION No. 25.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 1. Annual Allowances, Compensation, and Gratuities to late Employés in the Government Service or to their Widows or Children—(<i>Inalterable</i>):—		
(3) Gratuity to the Mother of the late A. Townsend, formerly a Teacher (nine months' pay)	£95 12 6	
(4) Gratuity to the Widow of the late C. E. Wood, formerly a Teacher (nine months' pay)	£147 8 3	
<i>Less</i> amount of pension drawn	29 5 9	
	118 2 6	
(5) Gratuity to the Widow of the late G. H. Watson, formerly a Teacher (nine months' pay)	145 7 0	
(6) Gratuity to the Mother of the late C. J. Rennie, formerly a Teacher (to be paid in accordance with terms approved by the Governor in Council—nine months' pay)	90 3 9	
	£449 5 9	
	450	
2. To pay portion of Rachel Begg's legal costs <i>in re</i> Laugier <i>v.</i> Begg	50	
3. To pay passage money to England of G. G. Simpson, formerly Art Inspector	70	
	570	
Total Minister of Public Instruction ... ..	...	2,423

III.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 27.		
LAW OFFICERS OF THE CROWN.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Lift Attendant (from 1st January, 1899)	17	
Subdivision No. 6.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Professional Assistance, including Costs and Expenses of Legal Proceedings	1,300	
Fuel, Light, Water, Stores, Travelling, and Incidental Expenses ...	200	
For Defence of Persons without means charged with Capital Crimes, and Aborigines charged with Indictable Offences	200	
<i>Victorian Law Reports, Law Times, &c.</i> , including Books and Reports for Library	100	
	1,800	1,817
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DIVISION No. 28.		
CROWN SOLICITOR.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stores, Travelling, and Incidental Expenses	100
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DIVISION No. 29.		
PROTHONOTARY.		
Subdivision No. 3.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Stores and Incidental Expenses	10
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DIVISION No. 31.		
REGISTRAR-GENERAL AND REGISTRAR OF TITLES.		
Subdivision No. 3.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Two Fourth Class Clerks (one to 20th August, 1898)	341	
Four Fifth Class Clerks	133	
	474	
Subdivision No. 6.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION		
Two Junior Messengers	51	
One Labourer—Arrears	2	
	53	
Subdivision No. 7.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Purchase of Parchment for Certificates of Titles, Check Surveys, and Lithographing, and Works of Reference for Library	100	627

	£	£
DIVISION No. 33.		
SHERIFF.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Court Keeper, Crier, and Messenger (acting, from 5th April) ...	38	
Subdivision No. 3.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Fees to Jurors	1,000	
Allowances to Sheriff for travelling on circuit (from 1st July, 1895) ...	300	
	1,300	
		1,338
DIVISION No. 33A.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Refund of amount of duty paid on Sale Note, dated 21st October, 1898, Whittle to the Melbourne Benevolent Asylum (12s.)	1	
Remission of penalty paid on Conveyance, W. and T. Ellis to M. Ellis, dated 9th August, 1892	5	
Remission of penalty paid on Conveyance, Leversha to Pascoe, dated 3rd March, 1894	5	
Remission of penalty paid on Lease, Brown to Matthews, dated 8th February, 1897	5	
Remission of part of penalty (£5 3s. 1d.) paid on an assignment, McRae and others to Isabella Dwyer, dated 9th March, 1898 ...	4	
		20
Total Attorney-General		3,912

IV.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 34.		
COUNTY COURTS, COURTS OF INSOLVENCY, COURTS OF MINES, GENERAL AND PETTY SESSIONS.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
One Judge (acting), from 12th May, 1899	...	175
Subdivision No. 2.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Fifth Class Clerk, from 25th May, 1899 (£12 17s. 5d.)	...	13
Subdivision No. 4.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Allowance to Robert Walsh, Esquire, for acting as Judge of County Courts, 4th to 11th March, 1899	£4 0 0	
Travelling expenses of Clerks of Courts, including the travelling expenses of those who act at more than one Court	600 0 0	
		604
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DIVISION No. 35.		
POLICE MAGISTRATES AND WARDENS.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
One Police Magistrate, 2nd Grade, 10th to 28th February, 1899	...	27
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DIVISION No. 36.		
CLERKS OF COURTS.		
SALARIES.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Two Fifth Class Clerks (one from 1st June, 1899), including arrears...	...	12
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DIVISION No. 37A.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Refund of amount of estreated recognisance in the matter, Mary Morrish <i>versus</i> James Morrish, maintenance order	...	15
Refund of amount of estreated recognisance in the matter, Clara Kelly <i>versus</i> Donald Kelly, maintenance order	...	25
Refund of amount of estreated recognisance in the matter, Edith Bridger <i>versus</i> James Bridger, maintenance order	...	30
Refund of portion of fines imposed for breach of <i>Income Tax Act</i> 1895, thirty-three at 30s. each; also refund of one fine, £2 (£51 10s.)	...	52
Refund of portion of fines imposed upon Thomas O'Brien, John Adams, and Frederick Leslie, by bench of magistrates at Caulfield, for breach of <i>Police Offences Act</i> 1890	...	29
Refund of fine imposed upon William White, by bench of magistrates at Broadford, on 13th March, 1899, under the <i>Vermin Destruction Act</i> 1890	...	3
Refund of portion of fine imposed upon Cecilia Delaney, by the bench of magistrates at Ballarat, on 16th September, 1898, for a breach of the <i>Health Act</i> 1890	...	4
Refund of portion of fines imposed upon James McCullun and Thomas Clifford, by bench of magistrates at Avoca, on 5th September, 1898, under the <i>Crimes Act</i> 1890 (10s. each)	...	1
Refund of portion of fine imposed upon William E. Lewis, by the bench of magistrates at Castlemaine, on 3rd June, 1898, under the <i>Health Act</i> 1890 (10s.)	...	1

	£	£
DIVISION NO. 37A.		
Refund of fine imposed upon Harry Edward Hartley, by the bench of magistrates at Creswick, on 31st May, 1898, under <i>Health Act 1890</i> ...	2	
Refund of fine imposed upon Matthew Henry Galvin Harris, by the bench of magistrates at Eaglehawk, on 24th June, 1898, under <i>Health Act 1890</i> (10s.)	1	
Refund of portion of fines imposed upon John Taylor and Jacob Rogers, by the bench of magistrates at Eaglehawk, under <i>Health Act 1890</i> (10s. each)	1	
Refund of portion of fine imposed upon Daniel McShanag, by the bench of magistrates at Castlemaine, on 3rd June, 1898, under <i>Health Act 1890</i> (10s.)	1	
Refund of portion of fine imposed upon Arthur Hepworth, by bench of magistrates at Creswick, on 31st May, 1898, under <i>Health Act 1890</i>	1	
Refund of portion of fine imposed upon Charles Howes, Chairman of Directors of the Badaginnie Hall Company, by bench of magistrates at Benalla, on 16th August, 1898, under <i>Health Act 1890</i> (15s.) ...	1	
Refund of portion of estreated recognisance in the matter, Annie Young, surety	10	
Refund of portion of fine inflicted on Wilhelm Bach, by the bench of magistrates at Williamstown, on 14th April, 1899, under the <i>Fisheries Act 1890</i>	1	
Refund of portion of fines inflicted on George Lynch and William Hill, by the bench of magistrates at Flemington, on 21st March, 1899, under the <i>Street Betting Act 1896</i>	38	
Refund of portion of fine inflicted on Thomas R. Clark, by the bench of magistrates at Traralgon, on 15th February, 1899, under the <i>Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890</i>	5	
To reimburse Thomas A. Wilson amount of costs incurred by him through being arrested in error (£3 8s.)	4	
Allowance to Ellen Mary Fuller	100	
		325
Total Solicitor-General		1,156

V.—TREASURER.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 38.		
TREASURY.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
(<i>Exempt from the operation of Act No. 1133.</i>)		
Two Temporary Clerks (from 25rd February, 1899) ... £59 3 7	...	60
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DIVISION No. 39.		
INCOME TAX OFFICE.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Fuel, Light, Water, Stores and Stationery, Incidental and Travelling Expenses, and Clerical Assistance	30
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DIVISION No. 40.		
CURATOR OF ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Two Fifth Class Clerks (short provided)	62
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DIVISION No. 41.		
GOVERNMENT PRINTER.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Three Second Grade Printers' Machinemen (one to 31st December, 1898)	£466	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Three Second Grade Printers' Machinemen (one to 24th October, 1898)	431	
	35	
Subdivision No. 3.		
Printers—Apprentices and Occasional Hands, including Printing of Electoral Rolls and Printing under Contract ...	£4,000	
Bookbinders—Apprentices and Occasional Hands, &c., and Binding under Contract	850	
	4,850	
Subdivision No. 4.		
Paper and Parchment... ..	£1,710	
Watermarked and other Paper for Stamp Printing	55	
Bookbinders' Materials, Stores, and Printing Ink	600	
	2,365	
	7,250	

	£	£
DIVISION No. 44.		
TRANSPORT, SAMPLES, AND MARINE INSURANCE	1,000
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DIVISION No. 45.		
UNFORESEEN AND ACCIDENTAL EXPENDITURE	809
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DIVISION No. 46.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Allowance to Railway Department for carriage and for use of Victorian Coal £13,900		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Allowance to Railway Department for Carriage of Victorian Coal, up to 30th September, 1898 2,500	...	11,400
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DIVISION No. 47.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Brokerage on sale of Victorian Government 3 per cent. Inscribed Stock (Local Issue)	2,051	
Expenses in connexion with the Maffra Beet Sugar Factory ...	929	
To pay Joseph Cox amount of fine imposed on his employer for breach of contract with the Government in paying less than the minimum wage	48	
To pay Martha Gerardin amount paid into Intestate Estates Fund as portion of the estate of her deceased husband, Jean Alfred Gerardin, and transferred to Revenue £40 11 7	41	
Proportion payable by the Government of Victoria of the expenses of the Federal Convention held in Adelaide during 1897 2,352 11 7	2,353	
Proportion payable by the Government of Victoria of the expenses of the Federal Convention held in Sydney during 1897 2,040 8 6	2,041	
Proportion payable by the Government of Victoria of the expenses of the Federal Convention held in Melbourne during 1898 3,010 10 9	3,011	
Expenses in connexion with the Federal Council, Mel- bourne, 1899 161 17 4	162	
		10,636
Total Treasurer ... ..	...	31,247

VI.—MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

						£	£
DIVISION No. 49.							
DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.							
SALARIES.							
ORDNANCE AND MILITARY STORES BRANCH.							
<i>Read—</i>							
Subdivision No. 5.							
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.						Maximum	
					£	£	
1	Armourer	...	...	...	222	201
1	Carpenter and Wheeler	...	...	...	150	132
1	Saddle and Harness Maker	...	...	...	132	40
7	Foreman,* Store Assistants, Ordnance Assistant, and Labourers, from £6 10s. to £11 10s. per month	...	...	...	138	844
1	Messenger, Junior	...	...	...	72	72
1	Blacksmith	...	...	...	150	150
2	Assistant Armourers (one from 1st April, 1899)	...	...	...	150	177
1	Caretaker, Langwarrin Camp	...	...	...	156	156
<u>15</u>						1,772	
Subdivision No. 6.							
<i>(Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.)</i>							
1	Ordnance Fitter and Inspector Ordnance Machinery	...	...	...		414
1	Saddle and Harness Maker (from 1st January, 1899)	...	...	...		65
<u>2</u>						479	
<i>In lieu of—</i>							
						2,251	
Subdivision No. 5.							
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.						Maximum	
					£		
1	Armourer	...	...	...	222	201
1	Carpenter and Wheeler	...	...	...	150	132
1	Saddle and Harness Maker	...	...	...	132	132
7	Foreman,* Store Assistants, and Labourers, from £6 10s. to £11 10s. per month	...	...	...	138	844
1	Messenger, Junior	...	...	...	72	72
1	Blacksmith	...	...	...	150	150
1	Assistant Armourer	...	...	...	150	150
1	Caretaker, Langwarrin Camp	...	...	...	156	156
<u>14</u>						1,837	
Subdivision No. 6.							
<i>(Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.)</i>							
1	Ordnance Fitter and Inspector Ordnance Machinery	...	...	...		414
Subdivision No. 7.							
						2,251	
CONTINGENCIES.							
	Temporary Assistance	...	...	...	...	200
	Stationery, Travelling Expenses, and Incidentals	...	...	...	...	40
Subdivision No. 10.							
						240	
MOUNTED RIFLES.							
SALARIES.							
	Non-commissioned Officer from 1st January, 1899...	...	...	...	...	64

* With quarters, fuel, and light.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 49.		
Subdivision No. 12.		
VICTORIAN RANGERS.		
SALARIES.		
Non-commissioned Officer from 1st January, 1899	64	
Subdivision No. 15.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Gratuities to families of late W. H. Ruffle, J. Cowley, and J. Simper	212	
Compensation to J. Scarffe for permanent injury on duty	300	
Compensation to P. J. Hayes for permanent injury received whilst on duty, including Medical Expenses	121	
Compensation to Sergeant-Major A. McDonald for permanent injury on duty	50	
Gratuity to J. J. F. Lahiff for special work	25	
To compensate the officer commanding 3rd Battalion, Infantry Brigade, for expenditure incurred in supply of uniforms consequent upon amendment of Dress Regulations, £290 5s. 3d.	291	
Expenses in connexion with despatch of Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Departmental Officer to England for courses of instruction	269	
To Railway Department—Passes issued to Members of Intercolonial Rifle Teams	276	
To Colonial Ammunition Company Limited—Refund of Duty	26	
Compensation as recommended by Boards of Inquiry to Members injured on duty	238	
Subdivision No. 16.	1,808	
NAVAL FORCES.		
SALARIES—OFFICERS.		
Commander—Arrears... .. £114 18s. 10d.	115	
Subdivision No. 24.		
PERMANENT STAFF, MILITIA.		
SALARIES.		
<i>Read—</i> Twenty-one Non-commissioned Officers		
<i>In lieu of—</i> Nineteen Non-commissioned Officers.		
Subdivision No. 25.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Lodging Allowances, Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers	20	
Uniforms, Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers	20	
Subdivision No. 29.	40	
CONTINGENCIES.		
Rations	100	
Stores	250	
Subdivision No. 32.	350	
Militia Pay	900	
Subdivision No. 36.		
Proportion to be provided by the Colony of Victoria towards expendi- ture in connexion with Defences at Thursday Island (arrears)	2,125	
Total Minister of Defence		5,706

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 52.		
BOTANICAL AND DOMAIN GARDENS.		
Subdivision No. 3.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Fourteen Labourers	£1,447	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Thirteen Labourers	1,337	
		110
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DIVISION No. 56.		
VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS AND LABOUR COLONIES.		
Labour Colonies		2,900
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DIVISION No. 57.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 8. Planting and Thinning in State Forests in connexion with the Unemployed	2,200	
9. To meet expenses in connexion with Bush Fires Relief Boards, and to meet urgent cases of distress	33	
10. For extinguishing Bush Fires on the Moe and Koo-wee-rup Swamps, and for re-filling trenches, £58 18s.	59	
11. Advances to Farmers in terms of the Seed Wheat Advances Act, No. 1433	10	
12. To Deakin Shire Council—To assist in constructing channel to convey water to the Echuca Village Settlement, an equal amount to be spent by the Shire Council	500	
13. To refund to the trustees of the late A. J. Smith overpayment of Land Tax on 89 acres of second-class land for 40 half-years from 28th February, 1878, £66 16s. 8d.	67	
14. To refund of Survey Fees transferred to Revenue, having been unclaimed for six years :—		
William Hicks	£6 0 0	
Thomas F. Clifford	4 0 0	
Thomas Elliot	9 0 0	
		19
15. To recoup James Thomas, 3rd class clerk, amount deducted in error from his salary, for period from 10th December, 1895, to 9th April, 1896, £15 17s. 10d.	16	
16. Gratuity to Jeanie Kelsh and Mary C. Kelsh, sisters of the late John C. Kelsh, draughtsman, equal to nine months' pay	225	
17. Gratuity to the widow of the late Thomas Wythes, foreman gardener Botanical Gardens, equal to nine months' salary	126	
18. Gratuity to the widow, in trust for the children, of the late S. K. Vickery, Surveyor-General, equal to nine months' pay	450	
		3,705

To satisfy Queries of the Commissioners of Audit.

DIVISION No. 50 OF 1897-8.

Subdivision No. 5.

CONTINGENCIES.

Consideration money payable to the executors of the late
A. Baker, for transfer to the Queen of portion of
allotment 154c, township of Jero, in the parish of
Jung Jung, in connexion with exchange of cemetery
sites £10 12 8

DIVISION No. 49 OF 1896-7.

Subdivision No. 4.

NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.

Read—

Three Ordinary Printers	...	...	...	...	£479
Two Assistant Printers	...	...	...	...	213
One Stone Polisher	...	...	...	...	129
Ten Crown Lands Bailiffs	...	...	...	...	1,671
One Plan Mounter	...	...	...	...	147
					<u>£2,639</u>

In lieu of—

Three Ordinary Printers	...	...	...	...	£476
Two Assistant Printers	...	...	...	...	211
One Stone Polisher	...	...	...	...	126
Ten Crown Lands Bailiffs	...	...	...	...	1,683
One Plan Mounter	...	...	...	...	143
					<u>£2,639</u>

DIVISION No. 50 OF 1897-8.

Subdivision No. 3.

CLERICAL DIVISION.

Read—

23 Fourth Class Clerks	...	...	...	...	£6,289
1 Fourth Class Lithographer	...	...	...	...	303

Subdivision No. 4.

NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.

3 Printers	...	...	...	...	483
					<u>£7,075</u>

In lieu of—

Subdivision No. 3.

CLERICAL DIVISION.

23 Fourth Class Clerks	...	...	...	...	£6,314
1 Fourth Class Lithographer	...	...	...	...	279

Subdivision No. 4.

NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.

3 Printers	...	...	...	...	482
					<u>£7,075</u>

Total Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey

6,715

VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 58.		
PUBLIC WORKS.		
<i>(To satisfy a query of the Commissioners of Audit.)</i>		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Four Engineer Mechanics (three at £221 14s.), including Salary of Charles Hubert Murphy, from 24th October, 1898, to 31st December, 1898 (£30 17s. 2d.)	823	
One Engineer Mechanic from 24th October, 1898, to 31st December, 1898 (£30 17s. 2d.)		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Four Engineer Mechanics (three at £221 14s.)	823	
Subdivision No. 6.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Travelling Expenses		700
<i>Read—</i>		
Temporary assistance, including Sunday labour, and allowance for Shorthand writing	£100	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Temporary Assistance	100	
DIVISION No. 59.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 2. To defray accounts rendered by the Railway Department for Passes issued to Unemployed, &c.	400	
3. Proportion of cost of registration of the Unemployed by the Railway Department	300	700
DIVISION No. 60.		
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
WHARFS, JETTIES, HARBORS, RIVERS, ETC.— <i>(Inalterable.)</i>		
No. 4. Repairs and Additions to Jetties, Sheds, Approaches, &c., Geelong	110	
5. Repairs and Additions to Wharfs, Sheds, Jetties, and Approaches throughout the Colony	50	
Subdivision No. 6.	160	
COURT HOUSES.— <i>(Inalterable.)</i>		
No. 2. Alterations, Repairs, Fittings, Furniture, &c., New Law Courts, Melbourne	100	
Subdivision No. 11.		
SUNDRY WORKS, MELBOURNE.— <i>(Inalterable.)</i>		
No. 1. Additions and Repairs, &c., at Parliament Buildings, including Fittings, Furniture, Ventilating, Fencing, Electric Lighting Fittings, and Maintenance and Cost of Working during the Session	696	
5. Towards completion of the Pumping, Storage, and Reticulation Works for supplying Water to Botanical Gardens, and for Mains for future extension from the River Yarra near Dight's Falls, and for the Maintenance and Working Expenses in connexion therewith	200	
	896	

	£	£
DIVISION No. 60.		
Subdivision No. 12.		
POST AND TELEGRAPH STATIONS.—(<i>Inalterable.</i>)		
No. 2. Erection of, Alterations, Repairs, and Additions to Post and Telegraph Offices at other places throughout the colony, including Fittings, Furniture, Lands, and Fencing ...	300	
Subdivision No. 14.		
RENTS AND FURNITURE, ETC.—(<i>Inalterable.</i>)		
No. 2. Interest on Purchase Money of Site and Premises used as Stables for Post and Telegraph Department in Sturt-street, South Melbourne ...	214	
Subdivision No. 15.		
CUSTOMS, ETC., BUILDINGS.—(<i>Inalterable.</i>)		
No. 5. Cost of Erection of Quarters for Watchman at Swan Hill (£125 additional to be paid by the New South Wales Government) ...	106	
Subdivision No. 17.		
MISCELLANEOUS.—(<i>Inalterable.</i>)		
No. 12. Improvement of Reilly-street Drain ...	150	
18. Towards drainage and other works at the Heifer Swamp ...	1,000	
	1,150	2,926
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DIVISION No. 61.		
DEFENCE WORKS AND BUILDINGS.		
No. 1. Maintenance and Inspection of Forts, Batteries, &c., providing other necessary works for Defence purposes; also for Naval and Military Buildings, and Vessels, &c., including Additions, Repairs, Fittings, Furniture, &c. ...	500	
2. Royalty in connexion with the use of the Zalinski Dynamite Gun	755	1,255
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DIVISION No. 62.		
ROAD WORKS AND BRIDGES.		
<i>Read—</i>		
No. 1. Avoca Shire.—To assist in constructing the deviation on Main road from Ararat to Avoca, Council to expend £170 additional		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
No. 1. Avoca Shire.—To assist in constructing the deviation on Main road from Maryborough to Avoca, Council to expend £170 additional.		
<i>Read—</i>		
No. 17. Malmsbury Borough.—To assist in constructing Bridge on the Mount Alexander main road over the Coliban River, Council to expend £250 additional		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
No. 17. Malmsbury Borough.—To assist in constructing Bridge on the Mount Alexander main road over the Coliban River, Council to expend £500 additional.		

	£	£
DIVISION No. 62.		
<i>Read—</i>		
No. 18. Nunawading and Ferntree Gully Shires.—To assist in constructing a Bridge over the Dandenong Creek, on the L. L. Vale-road, Councils to expend £250 additional		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
No. 18. Nunawading and Ferntree Gully Shires.—To assist in constructing a Bridge over the Dandenong Creek, on the L. L. Vale-road, Councils to expend £500 additional.		
<i>Read—</i>		
No. 23. Towards construction of Levee and other Works for the protection from flood of the road from Shepparton to Mooroopna		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
No. 23. Rodney Shire.—To assist in executing works on the Mooroopna-road.		
<i>Read—</i>		
No. 32. Moiety of Cost of repairing and maintaining Murray River Bridges, £346 10s.	£347	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
No. 32. Moiety of Cost of repairing and maintaining Murray River Bridges, £117 18s. 3d.	£118	
	229	
33. Maffra Shire.—To assist in repairing road from Seaton to Donnelly's Creek, Council to expend £250 additional ...	250	
34. Bannockburn and Barrabool Shires.—To assist in re-erecting Ceres Bridge over the Barwon River, Councils to expend £600 additional	300	
35. Minhamite Shire.—To assist in constructing Broadwater-road, Council to expend £129 10s. additional	130	
36. Towards the Victorian Approach to the Albury Bridge ...	950	
37. Towards Roads leading to the Koo-wee-rup Swamp ...	1,200	
	229	3,059
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<i>To satisfy Query by the Commissioners of Audit.</i>		
DIVISION No. 58 OF 1897-8.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Five { Foreman of Labourers	132	} 539
{ Labourers, Public Offices, Treasury Gardens, at from £93 18s. to £120	120	
One Labourer, Government House	120	94
One Engineer, Dight's Falls	216	191
	824	
<i>In lieu of</i>		
Five { Foreman of Labourers	132	} 534
{ Labourers, Public Offices, Treasury Gardens, at from £85 16s. 6d. to £120	120	
One Labourer, Government House	120	86
One Engineer, Dight's Falls	216	204
	824	
	...	8,640
Total Commissioner of Public Works		

IX.—COMMISSIONER OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

	£	s
DIVISION No. 63.		
TRADE AND CUSTOMS.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
45 Fourth Class Tide Inspector, &c.	£12,659	
67 Fifth Class Collectors, &c.	11,836	
	£24,495	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
45 Fourth Class Tide Inspector, &c.	£12,859	
63 Fifth Class Collectors, &c.	11,636	
	£24,495	
Subdivision No. 5.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Expenses in connexion with protection of the Revenue ... ..	...	250

DIVISION No. 64		
PORTS AND HARBORS, MERCANTILE MARINE, FISHERIES, AND IMMIGRATION.		
Subdivision No. 5.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Towards providing New Boilers and renewals to pumping machinery of Alfred Graving Dock ... ..	...	1,344

DIVISION No. 67.		
MARINE BOARD.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Expenses Court of Marine Inquiry ... ..	...	100

DIVISION No. 68.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 2. Refund of Duty paid under exceptional circumstances :—		
(3) On machinery for Maffra Beet Sugar Company	£566 4 9	
(4) On 100 sheep for Salvation Army Christmas dinner to poor	10 0 0	
(5) On machinery for manufacture of India- rubber Goods	141 2 2	
	£717 6 11	718
3. Refund to the Melbourne Harbor Trust Com- missioners of amount paid into the Con- solidated Revenue, being the difference between one-fifth of the gross amount collected by them from 1st April, 1898, to 31st March, 1899, and one-fifth of amount of net collections after Drawbacks on Wharfrage had been deducted...	£1,032 18 6	1,033
		1,751

						£	£
FINANCIAL YEAR, 1897-8.							
DIVISION No. 63.							
TRADE AND CUSTOMS.							
Subdivision No. 3.							
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.							
<i>Read—</i>							
102	Lockers, &c.	...	...	...	...	£15,310	
11	Watchmen	..	...	...	...	1,361	
10	Messengers, &c.	...	...	...	...	805	
						£17,476	
<i>In lieu of—</i>							
102	Lockers, &c.	...	...	...	...	£15,302	
11	Watchmen	...	...	...	...	1,362	
10	Messengers, &c.	...	...	...	...	812	
						£17,476	
Total Commissioner of Trade and Customs						...	3,445

X.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 69.		
POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Five hundred and ninety-one Telegraph Messengers at from £2 to £5 per month.		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Five hundred and seventy Telegraph Messengers at from £2 to £5 per month.		
—————		
DIVISION No. 70.		
TELEGRAPH LINES.		
No. 1. Extensions, Repairs, and Alterations, Renewing Poles, Transferring Lines to routes of New Railways, including Wire, Insulators, Fittings, &c., for Telegraph Poles and Telegraph Materials for Stock ; also Maintenance of Telephone Lines for various Departments, and Repainting Telegraph Poles ...	1,000	
2. Telephone Exchanges, Telephones, Battery Materials, Cables, Wire, &c.	5,000	
6. To amount payable by Victoria to the Government of Tasmania on account of Guarantee to the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company Limited for reduction in Telegraph Rates between Victoria and Tasmania—arrears ...	59	
	6,059	
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DIVISION No. 72.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 3. Contribution by the Colony of Victoria towards the expenses of the International Telegraph Bureau at Berne, including expenses of remitting the same for 1898	66	
4. To pay in settlement of all disputes and differences respecting the nomination of certain eight (8) Telephone Switch-board Attendants and dispensing with their services, each £39 ...	312	
5. To meet deficiency in Money Order Account caused by a fire at the Post Office, Gobur, £63 Os. 3d.	64	
6. To meet deficiency in Money Order Account caused by a fire at the Post Office, Kangaroo Ground, £19 11s. 8d. ...	20	
7. To pay to Alexander J. Chapman a bonus for use of his patent for twine-savers	25	
8. To pay to Clara Mary Allen in full of all demands for injuries received	200	
9. To pay to Jane Lewis in full of all demands for injuries received at the Ascot Vale Post Office	10	
10. To pay to Mrs. E. Turner in full of all demands for injuries received at the Ballarat Post Office	25	
11. For payment to Timothy Howard, Fourth Class Operator, of personal expenses, boat and train fares, to and from London, <i>via</i> America, whilst travelling on special duty	221	
	943	
Total Postmaster-General	7,002	

XI.—MINISTER OF MINES AND WATER SUPPLY.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 73.		
MINES AND WATER SUPPLY.		
Subdivision No. 3.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Twelve Clerks and Draughtsmen (including arrears)	12	
Subdivision No. 5.		
<i>(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)</i>		
One Inspector of Dredging	25	
Subdivision No. 6.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Drawing Leases on Plans	37	
Expenses of Expert Officer at Mildura	62	
	99	
		136
DIVISION No. 74.		
PROSPECTING FOR GOLD AND COAL.		
Prospecting for Gold and Coal, purchase and working of Diamond or other Drills, and of appliances used for Boring, materials and expenses connected therewith, and expenses in connexion with the working of Testing Plants ... ..	...	550
DIVISION No. 77.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 3. Travelling and other Expenses, attending Examinations of Engine-drivers	100	
4. To provide for Railway Passes for Trustees of Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund	6	
5. For the purchase of Miners' Rights and Railway Passes for Unemployed Miners	1,150	
6. Expenses in connexion with the test of Mr. J. G. Massie's System of Ventilating Mines	220	
7. Expenses of lining water channels for test purposes	50	
		1,526
Total Minister of Mines and Water Supply ... ..	...	2,212

XII.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 78.		
AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
Three Pupil Assistants to Agricultural Chemist, from 22nd May, 1899, at £50 ... ..	...	17
—————		
DIVISION No. 80.		
VINE DISEASES ERADICATION.		
Departmental Expenses, Trenching and Compensation in connexion with eradication of diseased vineyards ... ..	...	2,000
—————		
DIVISION No. 82.		
VEGETATION DISEASES.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Inspector under Vegetation Diseases Act, from 3rd August, 1898, at £147 ... ..	...	134
Subdivision No. 3.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Allowances, Travelling, and Incidentals	£1,468	
Temporary Assistance	32	
	<u>£1,500</u>	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Allowances, Travelling, and Incidentals	£1,500	
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DIVISION No. 83.		
GRANTS.		
No. 7. To the Central Wine Association of Victoria, towards expenses in connexion with the exhibition of Victorian wines at the Brussels Exhibition	40	
8. For payment of expenses in connexion with the collection, purchase, &c., of samples of Victorian Produce for exhibition at the Agent-General's London Show Rooms, including purchase of Models, Photo-slides, &c.	26	
	<u>66</u>	
—————		
DIVISION No. 84.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
For payment of expenses in connexion with the export of Dairy Produce, Fruits, Honey, Meat, Rabbits, Poultry, and other products ... ..	...	7,760
Total Minister of Agriculture ... ..	...	<u>9,977</u>

XIII.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

DIVISION No. 85.	£	£
PUBLIC HEALTH.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
One Assistant Inspector and Engineer	200	
Subdivision No. 2.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Storekeeper and Telephone Clerk (short provided)	70	
Subdivision No. 3.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Inspector from 1st March to 31st May, 1899	59	
Subdivision No. 7.		
Gratuity to the Widow of John Taylor, late Inspector	50	
Total Minister of Health ... ..	...	379

XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

	£	£	
DIVISION No. 86.			
VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.			
Working Expenses of all Lines during the Year 1898-9 (short provided):—			
Locomotive Charges	37,000		
Traffic Charges	16,000		
		53,000	
DIVISION No. 87.			
MISCELLANEOUS.			
No. 4. To provide for the difference between the amount of pension due and the minimum of £30 per annum payable to certain Officers who have retired under Act No. 54 Vict. No. 1135, since 29th January, 1895 :—			
	£	s. d.	
Boxell, William, from 8th March to 30th June, 1899	0	4 11	
Devine, William Thomas, from 12th March to 30th June, 1899	0	4 9	
Cahill, Timothy, from 25th October, 1898, to 30th June, 1899	4	10 3	
Egan, John, from 21st December, 1898, to 30th June, 1899	1	7 8	
Fusco, Louis, from 1st April, 1899, to 30th June, 1899	0	13 1	
Gallin, Mary, from 1st April, 1899, to 30th June, 1899	0	16 2	
Hempensill, James, from 1st July, 1898, to 30th June, 1899	2	12 3	
Lackington, Mercy Maria, from 1st November, 1898, to 30th June, 1899	7	0 6	
Newton, George Robert, from 1st September, 1898, to 30th June, 1899	4	7 7	
Power, Pierce, from 16th January, 1899, to 30th June, 1899	0	14 4	
Prance, Alfred, from 1st January, 1899, to 30th June, 1899	3	11 11	
Scher, Frederick, from 1st January to 30th June, 1899	0	8 0	
	£26	11 5	
		27	
No. 5. Gratuities in cases of Officers retired, &c. (calculated at the rate of one month's pay for each year of service)—(Inalterable):—			
	Total.	Paid out of Special Appropriations.	Balance.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Curran, James	244 5 0	105 12 9	138 12 3
Donnelley, Paul Aubert	388 14 4	176 5 0	212 9 4
Darricott, Thomas	134 4 5	76 5 10	57 18 7
Freeman, Joseph	236 9 4	111 10 2	124 19 2
Forbes, Andrew Robert	388 2 3	221 5 0	166 17 3
Fernie, Alexander	284 2 11	123 4 11	160 18 0
Hourigan, John	291 19 4	93 18 0	198 1 4
Hewitson, John	225 0 2	82 3 3	142 16 11
Jackson, William	227 12 10	70 8 6	157 4 4
McCracken, Charles	152 3 7	82 3 3	70 0 4
O'Neill, John	395 11 1	140 17 0	254 14 1
Roberts, George Henry	267 10 4	105 12 9	161 17 7
Roach, Patrick	176 7 5	82 3 3	94 4 2
Sutherland, James	282 14 3	105 12 9	177 1 6
Stephens, Thomas George	133 10 4	93 18 0	39 12 4
Sullivan, Cornelius	255 3 3	109 10 0	145 13 3
Sharp, James Rankin	437 19 1	164 6 6	273 12 7
Stinson, John Conlan	169 5 5	82 3 3	87 2 2
Tierney, William	259 13 8	111 10 2	148 3 6
Tarrant, John	193 14 4	84 0 0	109 14 4
Wilson, Thomas Atchison	155 17 4	76 5 11	79 11 5

DIVISION No. 87.

	Total.		Paid out of Special Appropriations.		Balance.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Williams, James ...	207	1 2	111	10 1	95	11 1
Waters, Michael ...	243	17 4	105	12 9	138	4 7
Wallis, William ...	288	13 10	108	15 0	179	18 10
Baldwin, William Sebastian (widow of) ...	177	2 9	105	12 9	71	10 0
Brennan, Patrick (widow of) ...	213	18 5	82	3 3	131	15 2
Bell, John Henry (widow of) ...	232	6 9	105	12 9	126	14 0
Campbell, Andrew (widow of) ...	250	8 0	114	1 6	136	6 6
Coy, John Henry (widow of) ...	143	18 8	141	2 9	2	15 11
Cousin, James Martin (widow of) ...	245	5 10	117	7 6	127	18 4
Davies, Frederick Edward (widow of) ...	203	12 4	117	7 6	86	4 10
Dickson, Charles (widow of) ...	100	3 3	68	8 9	31	14 6
Exon, Abraham (widow of) ...	325	0 8	312	14 0	12	6 8
Grant, James (widow of)	121	15 5	68	8 9	53	6 8
Gorrie, George (widow of)	167	19 7	164	11 9	3	7 10
Henderson, James (widow of) ...	334	11 8	129	2 3	205	9 5
Henry, John (widow of)	237	11 1	82	3 3	155	7 10
Kellacky, Timothy (widow of) ...	275	16 7	105	12 9	170	3 10
Kelly, Michael (widow of)	172	9 11	105	12 9	66	17 2
Le Maitre, Charles (widow of) ...	205	10 11	117	7 6	88	3 5
Mahony, Cornelius (widow of) ...	163	0 2	93	18 0	69	2 2
Meade, Cornelius (widow of) ...	156	10 11	82	3 3	74	7 8
Mason, John (widow of)	212	3 1	111	10 2	100	12 11
Meagher, Thomas (widow of) ...	152	7 2	127	5 8	25	1 6
McEwan, Luke (widow of)	178	10 2	105	12 9	72	17 5
McLean, Norman (widow of) ...	219	15 11	105	12 9	114	3 2
Neill, John (widow of) ...	210	4 0	93	18 0	116	6 0
O'Brien, James (widow of)	248	7 9	152	11 9	95	16 0
O'Callaghan, Gerald (widow of) ...	293	12 11	140	17 0	152	15 11
Parkinson, Adam (widow of) ...	129	6 11	76	5 11	53	1 0
Powell, James (widow of)	342	3 11	164	6 6	177	17 5
Richardson, John Pearson (widow of) ...	314	12 11	146	14 5	167	18 6
Seatter, Hugh Craigie (widow of) ...	271	14 9	117	7 6	154	7 3
Smitt, John (widow of)...	132	8 9	68	8 9	64	0 0
Soar, Robert (widow of)	172	13 3	76	5 11	96	7 4
Slattery, Daniel (widow of) ...	181	8 9	173	0 9	8	8 0
Statter, William (widow of) ...	549	8 8	176	1 3	373	7 5
Wells, Stephen (widow of)	432	14 8	210	0 0	222	14 8
McCarthy, James (sister of)	180	0 8	172	14 5	7	6 3

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DIVISION No. 87.

	Total.			Paid out of Special Appropriations.			Balance.			£	£
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Higgins, Edward (children of) ...	797	16	0	187	10	0	610	6	0		
Hancock, Arthur Thomas (executors of) ...	339	19	10	130	0	7	209	19	3		
Gregory, John (children of, per trustees) ...	104	3	1	97	15	10	6	7	3		
Kennefick, Margaret (children of, per trustees) ...	128	0	1	68	8	9	59	11	4		
Fossey, Arthur John (trustees of) ...	252	4	5	112	10	0	139	14	5		
Moore, Maria (trustees of) ...	52	12	9	27	7	6	25	5	3		
Galbraith, Isabella (administrator of) ...	43	3	10	27	7	6	15	16	4		
Hourigan, Ellen (administratrix of) ...	300	4	10	102	13	2	197	11	8		
							8,296	3	1	8,297	
No. 6. Compensation, Gratuities, &c., awarded in cases of Officers injured or killed whilst in execution of their duties:—											
To Richard John Barton, for injuries received whilst on duty, 23rd December, 1897 ...	450	0	0								
To Joseph Derbyshire, for injuries received whilst on duty at Jolimont Yard, 29th April, 1890 ...	176	0	0								
To William Spotswood, for injuries received whilst on duty, October, 1890 ...	140	0	0								
To Nora Hennessy, widow of the late William Hennessy, repairer, who died from injuries received whilst on duty on 28th July, 1898 ...	100	0	0								
To Eliza Ann Upward, widow of the late John Upward, foreman carpenter, who was killed whilst on duty on 13th January, 1898. (In addition to amount granted under Act 1135 sec. 93, and Act 160 sec. 47) ...	231	17	8								
To Bridget Slattery, widow of the late Daniel Slattery, repairer, who was killed whilst on duty on 22nd June, 1898. (In addition to amount granted under Act 1135 sec. 93, and Act 160 sec. 47) ...	118	11	3								
	£1,216	8	11							1,217	
No. 7. To Michael Hoban, Expenses incurred in connexion with the death of his brother, John Hoban, ganger, £47 10s. ...										48	
											9,589
Total Minister of Railways ...											62,589

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows:—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1898–9, the sum of £167,766 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 Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

11. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).**—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and sixty-seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight and ninety-nine,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

12. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 12 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Vermin Destruction Act 1890,’*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd August, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendment be printed and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

15. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Fink presented a Petition from Robert Russell, of Richmond, in the colony of Victoria, praying that the House will recognise his services in having surveyed and fixed the site of the city of Melbourne, and grant him such relief for the few remaining years of the lives of himself and his wife as to the House may seem fit.
On the motion of Mr. Fink, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration to-morrow.
The following Petitions, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, were presented :—
By Mr. Downward—
From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Berwick, under the common seal of the said Corporation.
From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Poowong and Jeetho, under the common seal of the said Corporation.
Mr. Beazley presented a Petition from William Gooley, of Stoney Creek, Gippsland, formerly farmer, but now of no occupation, praying that the House will take his case into favorable consideration as the first person who discovered gold at Gooley's Creek, in the colony of Victoria.
Mr. Deakin presented a Petition from John Robertson, of Moonee Ponds, praying that the House will investigate his proposals for monetary reform and the exact doctrine of right and of the public good he professes to have discovered.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland at Geelong*" without amendment.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th August, 1899. W. A. ZEAL,
President.
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of certain Land in the parish of Ararat*" without amendment.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th August, 1899. W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Moorpanyal Land Act 1897'*" without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th August, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law of Evidence with regard to the Office of Deputy Registrar-General.*"

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th August, 1899.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act for the Incorporation of the Mechanics' Institute at Geelong and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th August, 1899.

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

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

Audit Act 1890.—Addition to General Regulations respecting Public Accounts.

Land Act 1890.—Section 85.—Schedule of Swamp Lease containing Special Conditions.

Post Office Acts—

Regulations governing the Issue of Licences to Persons not being Subscribers to a Telephone Exchange to use the Telephone of a Subscriber.

Report upon the Affairs of the Post Office and Telegraph Department for the year 1898.

Water Act 1890.—Carrum Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business.

7. COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Brown moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Companies Act 1890*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,178,531 be granted to Her Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1899–1900, viz.:—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council	375
2. Legislative Assembly	2,650
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	150
4. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	930
5. The Library	650
6. Refreshment Rooms	250
7. Water Power for Parliament House	50
8. Parliament Gardens	145
9. Administrative and Scientific	7,735
10. Government Statist	3,365
11. Police	69,360
12. Penal Establishments and Gaols	14,500

Division No.	£
13. Hospitals for the Insane	27,060
14. Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	15,830
15. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery	5,305
16. Government Shorthand Writer	570
17. Audit Office and Public Service Board	2,670
18. Aborigines	1,000
19. Exhibitions	2,690
20. Grants	1,830
21. Miscellaneous	16,424
22. Education	7,192
23. Do.	129,775
24. Melbourne University	1,400
25. Technical Schools	4,000
26. Miscellaneous	720
27. Supreme Court	1,059
28. Law Officers of the Crown	4,509
29. Crown Solicitor	1,576
30. Prothonotary	558
31. Master in Equity and Lunacy	1,228
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	6,654
33. Patents	984
34. Sheriff	4,909
35. County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions	5,614
36. Police Magistrates and Wardens	3,425
37. Clerks of Courts	5,265
38. Coroners	2,024
39. Treasury	6,795
40. Income Tax	2,750
41. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	417
42. Government Printer	23,147
43. Advertising	1,100
44. Grant to Charitable Institutions	30,000
45. Transport, &c.	600
46. Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	1,000
50. Defence	51,445
51. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands	15,675
52. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	885
53. Botanical and Domain Gardens	1,987
54. Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Act	225
55. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	3,705
56. State Forests and Nurseries	4,866
57. Village Settlements and Labour Colonies	1,500
58. Miscellaneous	585
59. Public Works	7,463
60. Miscellaneous	370
61. Works and Buildings	43,250
62. Defence Works and Buildings	3,000
64. Trade and Customs and Mercantile Marine	15,380
65. Ports and Harbors, Immigration, and Fisheries	7,559
66. Distilleries and Excise	2,205
67. Explosives	790
68. Marine Board	840
69. Miscellaneous	166
70. Post and Telegraph Offices	88,046
71. Telegraph Lines	9,000
72. Mail Service	24,450
73. Miscellaneous	80
74. Mines and Water Supply	9,190
75. Prospecting for Gold and Coal	750
76. Waterworks in Country Districts	500
77. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works	3,600
78. Miscellaneous	1,600
79. Agriculture and Industries	1,379
80. Experimental Cultivation	50
81. Vine Diseases Eradication	3,000
82. Diseases in Stock	1,322
83. Vegetation Diseases	673
85. Miscellaneous	6,000
86. Public Health	3,918
87. Victorian Railways	440,000
88. Miscellaneous	2,337
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	£1,178,531

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows:—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1899–1900 the sum of £1,178,531 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 Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).**—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and seventy-eight thousand five hundred and thirty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

13. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the Sum of One hundred and sixty-seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight and ninety-nine*” without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th August, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and seventy-eight thousand five hundred and thirty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred*” without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th August, 1899.

15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 12 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.

 WEDNESDAY, 30TH AUGUST, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably prevented from taking the Chair at the meeting of the House this day, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair temporarily as Deputy-Speaker.

3. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, was presented :—

By Mr. McBride—

From the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of St. Arnaud, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. PAPER.—Mr. H. R. Williams presented—

Loan Expenditure on Existing Railway Lines.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 15th August, 1899, for a return showing the expenditure from loan funds in each of the years 1897-8 and 1898-9 on existing railway lines, as under, viz. :—

1. Permanent way, including regrading.
2. Rolling-stock—(a) Locomotives ; (b) Carriages ; and (c) Trucks.
3. Buildings.
4. Lighting.
5. Any other expenditure.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1).—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Insert the following new clause :—

- A. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained the council of any municipality may out of the municipal fund thereof from time to time pay such larger sums than Two shillings and sixpence by way of bonus or reward for the destruction of foxes as to such council shall seem fit.

And the said amendment was read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Best, the House agreed to the said amendment with the following amendment:—

At the end of the clause add—“ Provided however that the Governor in Council shall not pay to the council of any municipality any sum exceeding One shilling and threepence for any fox destroyed.”

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

6. GEELONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Schedule, line 5, after “ block ” insert “ 55A of the town of Geelong formerly known as.”

„ line 7, after “ block ” insert “ 55A of the town of Geelong formerly known as block.”

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

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

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 14 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Kennedy moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Kennedy moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration on Wednesday, 13th September next.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive and No. 7 be postponed until Wednesday, 13th September next; Nos. 2 and 6 to Wednesday, 18th October next; and No. 8 until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 21.

THURSDAY, 31st AUGUST, 1899.

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 of the House :—
Water Act 1890.—Mansfield Waterworks Trust.—Application for Additional Loan of £1,000.
3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, were presented :—

By Mr. Gavan Duffy—

From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Lancefield, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

By Mr. Langdon—

From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Gordon, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

BRASSEY,

*Governor.**Message No. 9.*

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at the Government Offices, 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 provide for the Sale of the Show Yards at Kerang.”

“An Act to abolish Plural Voting in the Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.”

“An Act to amend the Law of Evidence with regard to the Office of Deputy Registrar-General.”

“An Act to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of certain Land in the parish of Ararat.”

“An Act to amend the ‘Moorpanyal Land Act 1897.’”

“An Act relating to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland at Geelong.”

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and sixty-seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-six pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight and ninety-nine.”

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million one hundred and seventy-eight thousand five hundred and thirty-one pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 30th August, 1899.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Best presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
State Forests and Timber Reserves.—Fifth Progress Report of the Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves.—The Otway Forest: Its Resources, Management, and Control.

Mr. H. R. Williams presented—

Picola Railway Station.—Redgum Traffic.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 15th August, 1899, for a return showing—

1. The total number of tons of redgum sent from Picola Railway Station since the line to Picola was opened.
2. Total quantity sent from that station for the same period under what is known as the free abstract—A.

(700 copies.)

Mr. Foster presented—

National Water Supply Works.—Expenditure on Maintenance and Repairs.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 22nd August, 1899, for a return showing, under each heading and year separately, the amounts spent on maintenance and repairs, together with any other expenditure, on the Macorna Channel and Kow Swamp National Works, between the Murray and the Loddon Rivers, for the years from 1893 to 1899; also the same amounts in the same manner on the Laanecoore Weir and any other national head-works on or connected with the Loddon River.

Water Supply and Irrigation Trusts.—Expenditure on Maintenance and Repairs.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 22nd August, 1899, for a return showing, each Trust and year separately, the amount expended on maintenance and repairs for the years 1896, 1897, and 1898 on the works of the Water Supply and Irrigation Trusts named in the 5th column of the Schedule to the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill 1899.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Orders in Council—

Victorian Military Forces.—Alteration of Regulations.—Part VII.—Precedence and Distinction of Corps.

Victorian Naval and Military Forces.—Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Part IV.—Allowances.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Murphy 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 refusal of the Minister of Railways to carry out the provisions of the Act of Parliament for the construction of the line from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve.”

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

6. IRRIGATION AND RURAL TRUSTS.—INTEREST AND SINKING FUNDS.—Mr. Graham moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Morrissey, That there be laid before this House a return showing the aggregate amount of interest and sinking fund proposed to be charged to Irrigation and Rural Trusts in the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill; also the amount of interest received each year for the last three years from the same bodies.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petition, praying that in the schools maintained by the State the use of appropriate Scripture lessons, carefully selected upon broad and undenominational lines, may have the sanction of the House, was presented:—

By Mr. Cook—

From certain electors and inhabitants of Clifton Hill and North Fitzroy.

The following Petition, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, was presented:—

By Mr. John A. Isaacs—

From the President and Councillors of the United Shire of Beechworth, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
- Marine Board of Victoria.—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account from the 1st January to 31st December, 1898.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Assembly on an amendment of the Legislative Council in a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Vermin Destruction Act 1890.'*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 5th September, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Hawkers and Pedlers,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 5th September, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Poisons Act 1890,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 5th September, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

7. POISONS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to further amend the ‘Poisons Act 1890,’*” be now read a first time.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Hospitals and Charities Act 1890,’*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 5th September, 1899.

9. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Hospitals and Charities Act 1890,’*” be now read a first time.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. J. W. Mason 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 extremely unsatisfactory railway arrangements for passenger traffic in country districts during holiday times.*”

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—

Mr. J. W. Mason moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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

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

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

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

13. MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Bromley moved, pursuant to notice, That the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883 further Amendment Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bowser,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gurr,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Tellers.
Mr. McCay,	
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Watt.

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Mr. Brake,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Staughton.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Keys,	Tellers.
Mr. Levien,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. **ABSENTEE VOTERS.**—Mr. T. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House it is the duty of the Government to initiate upon an early date such legislation as will permit of seamen, shearers, commercial travellers, and others, who may be absent from their respective electorates upon the days parliamentary elections are held, to record their votes at any time between nomination and polling day.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

15. **RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS.**—Mr. T. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The total number of permanent officers and employés in the Railway Department.
2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
3. Their present rates of pay.
4. Their present classification.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. **MR. WILLIAM FLANAGAN.**—Mr. Methven moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Mr. William Flanagan; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Keys, Mr. White, Mr. Wilkins, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Hancock,	Mr. Staughton.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. McBride.

Nocs, 46.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bailes,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. McCay,	
Mr. McCoil,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. McArthur,
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

17. **GIPPSLAND LAKES' ENTRANCE.**—Mr. Staughton moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing separately the total amount of expenditure on the Gippsland Lakes' Entrance to date—

1. Capital.
2. Maintenance.
3. Interest on capital.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

18. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 24.

TUESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1898—
 Part V.—Vital Statistics, &c.
 Part VI.—Law, Crime, &c.
 Mr. Foster presented—
 Irrigation and Rural Trusts.—Interest and Sinking Funds.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 5th September, 1899, for a return showing the aggregate amount of interest and sinking fund proposed to be charged to Irrigation and Rural Trusts in the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill; also the amount of interest received each year for the last three years from the same bodies.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
 Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the year ending 30th June, 1899.
3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. NEERIM SOUTH AND NEERIM RAILWAY.—Mr. H. R. Williams, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the construction of a line of railway from Neerim South to Neerim be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. MILDURA AND YELTA RAILWAY.—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting Mildura and Yelta by means of a railway with one of the existing lines be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. McColl moved, as an amendment, That the words "Carrajung and Cohuna" be inserted after the word "Yelta."
 Debate continued.
 Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.
 Question—That the question of connecting Mildura and Yelta by means of a railway with one of the existing lines be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 25.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, were presented :—
 - By Mr. McLeod—
From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Minhamite, under the common seal of the said Corporation.
 - By Mr. Thomson—
From the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of Hamilton, under the common seal of the said Corporation.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fink 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 reply of the Honorable the Postmaster-General as to not granting the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company the right to open a Melbourne office."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Fink moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 - Water Act 1890—
Bacchus Marsh Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation for the Sale of Water.
Kerang East Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.
Macorna North Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate (Draft Form),
Regulation No. 7.
5. ROMSEY PUBLIC PARK BILL.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Best, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of a portion of the Romsey Public Park.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Best and Mr. Gavan Duffy do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Gavan Duffy then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of a portion of the Romsey Public Park,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. COLAC AND BEECH FOREST RAILWAY.—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of increasing the limit of expenditure fixed by section 5 of Act No. 1594 for the construction of the Colac to Beech Forest Railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Watt moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted after the word "Railway":—
"and also the question of affording railway facilities to the Beech Forest by means of an extension of the Forrest line."

And the debate not being concluded by half-past eight o'clock—Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until to-morrow, and that the consideration of the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 1.

8. CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DUTIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Morrissey moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Morrissey, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Kennedy do prepare and bring in the Bill.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 27th September instant.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Hamilton,	
Mr. Higgins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. T. Smith.

Noes, 50.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Keys,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. White,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McCay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Craven,
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. GEELONG MARKET BUILDINGS LEASING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion, this is a Private Bill."

Mr. Higgins moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Gurr moved, That the Petition, presented to the House on the 11th July last, from certain residents of the Town of Geelong, against this Bill be now read.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Bill ensued.

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

And, after debate—

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

Debate on main question continued.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Burton,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Rawson,	Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sterry,	Mr. Craven,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Styles,	Mr. Downward,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Hamilton,	Sir George Turner,	Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins.	Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Higgins,		Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Maloney,		Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. Keys,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. T. Smith.	Mr. Langdon,	Mr. White,
		Mr. Madden,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
		Mr. McBride,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
		Mr. McCay,	
		Mr. McColl,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
		Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

11. MELBOURNE AND GEELONG ALDERMEN ELECTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Maloney moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

And, after debate—

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 27.	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Shiels,	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. T. Smith,	Mr. Carter,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Styles,	Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Trenwith,	Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,	Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gurr,	Sir George Turner,	Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Vale,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Watt,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Wilkins,	Mr. Grose,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. McCay,	Mr. E. D. Williams,	Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. White.
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. H. R. Williams.	Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. McLean,		Mr. Keys,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. O'Neill,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Madden,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Beazley.	Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Thomson.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Resolved—That this House will, on Wednesday, 25th October next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 to 15 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 27th September instant, and No. 16 until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.

THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. COLAC AND BEECH FOREST RAILWAY.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the question of increasing the limit of expenditure fixed by section 5 of Act No. 1594 for the construction of the Colac to Beech Forest Railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report, *and on the following amendment:—* That the following words be inserted after the word “Railway”:*—*“and also the question of affording railway facilities to the Beech Forest by means of an extension of the Forrest line”—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.
And, after further debate—
Question—That the question of increasing the limit of expenditure fixed by section 5 of Act No. 1594 for the construction of the Colac to Beech Forest Railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
4. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Cameron reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 17 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 27.

TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, was presented :—

By Mr. Wheeler—

From the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Daylesford, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

BRASSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 10.

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

“*An Act for the Incorporation of the Mechanics’ Institute at Geelong and for other purposes.*”

“*An Act to amend the ‘ Vermin Destruction Act 1890.’*”

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 18th September, 1899.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Foster presented—

Irrigation and Waterworks Trusts.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 16th August, 1899, for a return showing the name of each Irrigation, Urban, Rural, and Waterworks Trust, showing the valuation and rate made by each Trust for the years 1896, 1897, and 1898.

Rating in Water Supply and Irrigation Trust Districts.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 22nd August, 1899, for a return showing—

1. At what amount in the £1 a rate will require to be struck and collected in each district sufficient to pay interest at 4 per cent. on the liability of each Water Supply and Irrigation Trust District as set out in column No. 5 in the Schedule to the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill 1899.
2. The rate struck in the £1 in each of the districts named in column No. 5 of the Schedule in the Bill named for the years 1897, 1898, and 1899, and the amount collected in each year ; also the amount of arrears now standing for each year.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Public Service Act 1890.—Regulations.

(700 copies.)

5. **VICTORIAN MINING ACCIDENT RELIEF FUND BILL.**—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Foster and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Foster then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 1.
7. **TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON TO THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.**—Mr. Graves moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with the transfer to the Lands Department of John Robert Jackson, telegraph operator, on the 19th May, 1896, and his subsequent retention in that Department up to this day; such Committee to consist of seven members to be appointed by ballot, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
 Debate ensued.
 Sir George Turner moved, as an amendment, That the following words be inserted after the word “day”:—“and specially whether the Minister of Lands was guilty in relation thereto of the improper conduct charged against him by the Honorable J. H. Graves, M.P., as reported in *Hansard* for the 12th September, 1899, and for the 19th September, 1899.”
 Debate continued.
 Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Sir George Turner moved, as a further amendment, That the words “to be appointed by ballot” be omitted.
 Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.
 Debate further continued.
 Question—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances connected with the transfer to the Lands Department of John Robert Jackson, telegraph operator, on the 19th May, 1896, and his subsequent retention in that Department up to this day, and specially whether the Minister of Lands was guilty in relation thereto of the improper conduct charged against him by the Honorable J. H. Graves, M.P., as reported in *Hansard* for the 12th September, 1899, and for the 19th September, 1899; such Committee to consist of seven members, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Sir George Turner moved, That the Select Committee consist of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Graves, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Outtrim, and Mr. Styles.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. **WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr. McColl moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 28.

 WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. McLean presented a Petition from the National Bank of Australasia Limited, under the common seal of the said Corporation, praying that, should the House think fit to direct any inquiry into the complaint of Mr. Angus Robertson against the bank, it may have leave to appear by its counsel and witnesses before any Committee that may be appointed and to take part in such inquiry.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
 - Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890—
 - Minor Articles used in Manufacture—
 - Cards, "Sambo," for making Necktie Bows.
 - Metal Ornaments commonly known in the trade as "Shoe Slides or Stars."
 - Explosives Act 1890.—Keeping of Explosives.—Alteration of Regulations.—Order in Council.
 - Fisheries Acts—
 - Close Season in the Wombat Creek.—Proclamation.
 - Notice of Proclamations under the Fisheries Acts to be revoked, and Proclamations to be made under the *Fisheries Act* 1890 relating to the Merri River, Lady Bay, and Hopkins River, near Warrnambool.
4. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
6. MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the Petition presented to the House this day from the National Bank of Australasia Limited, with reference to the complaint of Mr. Angus Robertson, be now read.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
The Petition was read by the Clerk
Mr. Graham moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson presented to this House last Session, and that the said Angus Robertson and the National Bank of Australasia Limited have leave to be heard by counsel before such Committee; such Committee to consist of Mr. Austin, Mr. Brown, Mr. McColl, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Higgins moved, as an amendment, That the words "with the view of ascertaining and reporting whether any alteration of the law in such cases is necessary" be inserted after the word "Session."
Debate continued.

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

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Higgins.

Tellers.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Methven moved, That the name of Mr. McCay be added after the name of Mr. Brown.

Question—That the name of Mr. McCay be added after the name of Mr. Brown—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson, presented to this House last Session, with the view of ascertaining and reporting whether any alteration of the law in such cases is necessary; and that the said Angus Robertson and the National Bank of Australasia Limited have leave to be heard by counsel before such Committee; such Committee to consist of Mr. Austin, Mr. Brown, Mr. McCay, Mr. McColl, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Trenwith, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	

Tellers.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. White.
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McArthur,	
Mr. McColl,	
Mr. Moule,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Salmon.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. White.
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. McArthur,	
Mr. McKenzie,	
Mr. Moule,	
Mr. Russell,	

Tellers.

Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Levien.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1899.

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1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Railway Employés.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 6th September, 1899, for a return showing—
 1. The total number of permanent officers and employés in the Railway Department.
 2. The number in each class or grade in each branch.
 3. Their present rates of pay.
 4. Their present classification.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Education Act 1890 and Teachers Act 1893.—Alteration of Regulations.—Order in Council.
3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and negatived.
 Sir George Turner moved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr. J. W. Mason moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Moule moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 17 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 30.

TUESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petition, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, was presented :—

By Mr. Outtrim—

From the Mayor and Councillors of the Borough of Carisbrook, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

Mr. Madden presented a Petition from certain ship-owners resident in Victoria and of agents and representatives in Victoria of ship-owners resident elsewhere but trading to Victoria as carriers of passengers and merchandise, praying that the House will not pass the Immigration Restriction Bill.

Mr. Zox presented a Petition from Vatoomall Wassiamall and Jejunal Gaganmal, resident partners in Melbourne of the firm of Wassiamall, Assomall, and Co., Oriental merchants and dealers in silks and fancy goods of Eastern manufacture only, praying that in dealing with the Immigration Restriction Bill the House will take into consideration the facts embodied in the Petition and grant to the Petitioners such relief from their disabilities as they ask for by the adoption of such means as the House in its wisdom may determine.

Mr. Zox presented a Petition from certain Chinese employers and workers in the furniture trade, protesting against the recommendation contained in the Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories for the year ended 31st December, 1898, to charge the Chinese manufacturers a high licence-fee, and praying that no such licence-fee be imposed.

Mr. Bennett presented a Petition from Arthur Henry Wrixon Daly, of No. 18 Stanley-street, in the City of Richmond, in the Colony of Victoria, clerk, but now out of employment, praying that the House will take into consideration the services of his late father, James Daly, as warden, police magistrate, and coroner, and grant to the Petitioner such compensation or give him such relief as the House may deem fit, both as an act of grace and in recognition of services rendered to Her Majesty and the Colony of Victoria by one of its earliest and ablest executive officers.

Mr. Deakin presented a Petition from John Robertson, of Moonee Ponds, praying that the House will investigate the question of currency reform.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Taverner presented—

Gippsland Lakes' Entrance.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 6th September, 1899, for a return showing separately the total amount of expenditure on the Gippsland Lakes' Entrance to date—

1. Capital.
2. Maintenance.
3. Interest on capital.

Mr. H. R. Williams presented—

Railway Employés receiving over £250 a Year.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 15th August, 1899, for a return showing—

1. The number of persons employed in the Railway Department who received over £250 per year in 1895 and 1898 respectively.
2. The total amount paid to such officers in 1895 and 1898 respectively.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Kennedy moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
- 5 POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 31.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, was presented :—

By Mr. Austin—
From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Ripon, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bowser 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 failure of the Department of Agriculture to check the spread of phylloxera in the Rutherglen district."

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Bowser moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
4. TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS.—Mr. Hamilton moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of telegraph messengers now in the Post and Telegraph Department who are receiving £60 per annum.
 2. The number of said messengers who are doing letter carriers' duty.
 3. The number doing letter sorters' duty.
 4. The number doing telegraph operators' duty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. COST OF GAOLS.—Mr. Cook moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing separately—
 1. The amount paid as salaries and wages, and the number of officers and men employed in connexion with each of the gaols (exclusive of police gaols) for the years 1888, 1893, and 1898.
 2. The cost of maintenance and repairs.
 3. The cost of gaol supplies, exclusive of raw material purchased for manufacturing purposes.
 4. The cost of materials for manufacturing purposes.
 5. The total expenditure for all purposes in each case.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
And the debate not being concluded by half-past eight o'clock—
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Sir John McIntyre moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Brown,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. White,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Beazley,
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Murray.

Tellers.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Bailes,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McBride,	

Tellers.

Mr. Moule,
Mr. Salmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Moule.

Tellers.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. White,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McArthur,	
Sir John McIntyre,	

Tellers.

Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. Salmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day. General Business, Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 11th October next, and No. 16 until to-morrow.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 32.

THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PETITION.**—Mr. McColl presented a Petition from certain ratepayers in that portion of the Loddon United Water Trust which is situated in the East Riding of the Gordon Shire, praying that such relief may be provided for them as may seem fair to the House in proportion to the value of the works of the Trust and just to the district in consideration of the benefits received and to the ability of the Petitioners to pay, and that provision be made to enable municipal bodies to take over liabilities within their boundaries, and to give them joint control of the water supply.
On the motion of Mr. McColl, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. **PAPER.**—Mr. Gavan Duffy presented—
Telegraph Messengers.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 27th September, 1899, for a return showing—
 1. The number of telegraph messengers now in the Post and Telegraph Department who are receiving £60 per annum.
 2. The number of said messengers who are doing letter carriers' duty.
 3. The number doing letter sorters' duty.
 4. The number doing telegraph operators' duty.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **GOULBURN AND LODDON WATER SUPPLY.**—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The surplus water available from the River Goulburn.
 2. The cost of the necessary works for conveying the water over the country between the Goulburn and the Loddon.
 3. The area to be commanded.
 4. Such other information as may be necessary to enable this House to consider the construction of such works.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. O'Neill 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 action of the East Loddon Shire Council in permitting certain public roads to be closed against general traffic."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. O'Neill moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
6. **WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Foster moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Foster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Water Supply Advances Relief Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

8. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Foster moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to relieve certain corporations of a part of their indebtedness for moneys borrowed from the State for water supply.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient to introduce a Bill to relieve certain corporations of a part of their indebtedness for moneys borrowed from the State for water supply.

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

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

Mr. Foster then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to relieve certain Corporations of a part of their indebtedness for moneys borrowed from the State for Water Supply,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Madden moved, by leave, That the Petition presented to the House, on Tuesday, 26th September instant, from certain ship-owners and others, praying that the House will not pass the Immigration Restriction Bill, be now read.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Best moved, by leave, That the Petition presented to the House on Tuesday, 26th September instant, from Vatoomall Wassiamall and Jejunal Gaganmal with reference to the Immigration Restriction Bill, be now read.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Bill resumed.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 17 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 33.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Beet Sugar Industry at Maffra—Reports, &c., on the.
 Central Depôt.—Report on a Proposed Central Depôt for the reception of Australian Products to be erected in London.—To the Colonies represented at the Agricultural Conferences held in Melbourne and Hobart in 1899.—By the Honorable J. W. Taverner, the Chairman of the Conference.
 Direct Trade with Manchester.—Report to the Colonies represented at the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture held in Melbourne and Hobart in January, 1899.—By the Honorable J. W. Taverner, Minister of Agriculture, Victoria.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 & 19 Vict., cap. 55, during the year 1898-9.
 Water Act 1890.—Orders in Council, &c.—
 Cohuna Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
 Increase of Trust District.
 Alteration of Trust District.
 North Boort Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.
 South Kerang Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
 Constituted.
 Scheme and Plan of Works.
 Regulations for the Election of Commissioners.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir John McIntyre 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 necessity of this House having submitted to it, during the present Session, the fullest possible information as to the intended subdivision of the colony into electorates for the House of Representatives of the Federal Parliament."
 Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
 Sir John McIntyre moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and negatived.
4. PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.—Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of all pensions, annual allowances, compensations, and gratuities paid yearly from 1870 up to the end of June, 1899, respectively.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. **ROMSEY PUBLIC PARK BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Best moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Best, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. **IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
7. **USURY PREVENTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Mr. Moule moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 17 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 34.

 WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Best, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of part of the Royal Park, Melbourne, and for the reservation of such part as a site for public recreation.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Best and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of part of the Royal Park, Melbourne, and for the Reservation of such part as a site for Public Recreation,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next, and Nos. 3 and 4 until this day.
5. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4 and Nos. 6 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
7. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS BALANCE-SHEET.—Mr. Higgins moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House it has now become expedient to have a proper balance-sheet drawn up, with the assistance of independent experts, showing the position of the Victorian Railways as a going concern, and showing under separate heads (as far as possible) the values, with particulars, of the several classes of assets.
Sir George Turner moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Motion for the adjournment of the debate, by leave, withdrawn.
Debate on main question ensued.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 25th October instant.

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8. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFORM.—Mr. Gray moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House provision should be made for the reduction of the property qualification of Members and electors of the Legislative Council, and the division of the provinces into single electorates.
Mr. Peacock moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. McArthur,	
Mr. McColl,	
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Craven,
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Gurr.

Tellers.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brake,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McCay,	
Mr. Methven,	
Mr. Moloney,	
Mr. Murray,	

*Tellers.*Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Beazley.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 25th October instant.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. V. ROBINSON,
*Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.*F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 35.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 - Land Act 1890.—Section 85.—Schedule of Swamp Lease containing Special Conditions.
 - Water Act 1890.—Borong Shire Council and the Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Application of Municipal Funds.
3. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL—FEES.—Mr. Peacock moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Fees to be charged under the Boilers Inspection and Regulation Bill.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
 On the motion of Mr. Peacock, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That the following Fees be charged under the Boilers Inspection and Regulation Bill, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
For every digester having a capacity of over 12 cubic feet	0	10	0
For every single boiler working up to 5-horse power	0	10	0
For every single boiler working over 5-horse power and up to 10-horse power	0	15	0
For every single boiler working over 10-horse power and up to 15-horse power	1	0	0
For every single boiler working over 15-horse power	1	10	0
For two or more boilers (in the same premises) over 15-horse power—			
Full charge for the first, viz.	1	10	0
And for every additional such boiler... ..	1	0	0
For two or more boilers (in the same premises) over 10-horse power and up to 15-horse power—			
Full charge for the first, viz.	1	0	0
And for every additional such boiler	0	15	0
For two or more boilers (in the same premises) over 5-horse power and up to 10-horse power—			
Full charge for the first, viz.	0	15	0
And for every additional such boiler	0	10	0
For two or more boilers (in the same premises) of up to but not exceeding 5-horse power—			
Full charge for the first, viz.	0	10	0
And for every additional such boiler	0	5	0

Provided however that the fee which may be charged any owner for the inspection at one time of any number of boilers in such owner's use in one enclosure shall not exceed Ten pounds.
 And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

4. BOILERS INSPECTION AND REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next, and the Order of the Day, General Business, until Wednesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 36.

TUESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That chairs be provided on the floor of the House for His Excellency the Right Honorable William, Earl Beauchamp, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and the Honorable James Alexander Kenneth Mackay, M.L.C., Vice-President of the Executive Council, New South Wales.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Best presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
State Forests and Timber Reserves.—Sixth Progress Report of the Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves.—The Stanley and Chiltern Forests : Their Resources, Management, and Control.
Mr. Peacock presented—
Cost of Gaols.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 27th September, 1899, for a return showing separately—
 1. The amount paid as salaries and wages, and the number of officers and men employed in connexion with each of the gaols (exclusive of police gaols) for the years 1888, 1893, and 1898.
 2. The cost of maintenance and repairs.
 3. The cost of gaol supplies, exclusive of raw material purchased for manufacturing purposes.
 4. The cost of materials for manufacturing purposes.
 5. The total expenditure for all purposes in each case.

(700 copies.)

Mr. Foster presented—

Goulburn and Loddon Water Supply.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 28th September, 1899, for a return showing—

1. The surplus water available from the River Goulburn.
2. The cost of the necessary works for conveying the water over the country between the Goulburn and the Loddon.
3. The area to be commanded.
4. Such other information as may be necessary to enable this House to consider the construction of such works.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. WAR IN THE TRANSVAAL.—VICTORIAN MILITARY FORCE.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That this House desires to express its loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty the Queen and its sympathy with Her Majesty's Imperial Government in the difficulties that have arisen in South Africa, and is of opinion that Victoria should equip and despatch a military force for service with the Imperial army in the Transvaal.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hamilton moved, as an amendment, That the words "should they be prolonged and the interests of the British Empire seriously threatened" be inserted before the word "Victoria."

Debate continued.

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

And, after debate—

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

Debate further continued.

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

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1899.

Debate further continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

<p>Mr. Cook, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Murray, Mr. Sangster,</p>	<p>Mr. Styles, Mr. J. B. Tucker.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tellers.</i></p> <p>Mr. McCay, Mr. Watt.</p>
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Noes, 69.

<p>Mr. Anderson, Mr. Austin, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Best, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Brake, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Burton, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Carter, Mr. Chirnside, Mr. Craven, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Downward, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Fink, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Foster, Mr. Gair, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Graham, Mr. Gray, Mr. Gurr, Mr. A. Harris, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs, Mr. John A. Isaacs, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Keys, Mr. Kirton, Mr. Levien, Mr. Madden,</p>	<p>Mr. J. W. Mason, Mr. McArthur, Mr. McColl, Mr. McGregor, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. McLean, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Methven, Mr. Moloney, Mr. Morrissey, Mr. Moule, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Rawson, Mr. Shiels, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. Staughton, Mr. Taverner, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Toutcher, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. A. L. Tucker, Sir George Turner, Mr. Turner, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. White, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. E. D. Williams, Mr. H. R. Williams, Mr. Zox.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tellers.</i></p> <p>Mr. McBride, Mr. Salmon.</p>
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And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That this House desires to express its loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty the Queen and its sympathy with Her Majesty's Imperial Government in the difficulties that have arisen in South Africa, and is of opinion that Victoria should equip and despatch a military force for service with the Imperial army in the Transvaal—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 67.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Best,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Graham,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. White,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Moule.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. Murphy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Rawson,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. McCay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Honorable Members then rose in their places, sang the National Anthem, and gave loud cheers for the Queen.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until this day.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 37.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. NEERIM SOUTH AND NEERIM RAILWAY.—Mr. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the Proposed Railway from Neerim South to Neerim; together with the Appendices and Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate Cremation and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.
4. CREMATION BILL.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to regulate Cremation and for other purposes,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 8th November next.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1899.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Incorporation and Government of the Prahran Mechanics' Institute,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

- Preamble, line 13, omit "Institute and have received" and insert "Institution and Circulating Library and there have been expended."
 ,, line 17, omit "Institute" and insert "Institution and Circulating Library."
 ,, line 19, omit "institute" and insert "institution."

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

A. All persons who are for the time being members of the society known as the Prahran Mechanics' Institution and Circulating Library shall be a body corporate (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "said incorporated body") by the name of "The Prahran Mechanics' Institution and Circulating Library Incorporated," and shall by that name have perpetual succession and a common seal and be capable in law of suing and being sued and shall have power to compound or to prove in any competent court all debts due to the said incorporated body; and, for the purposes of the said institution and library, the said incorporated body shall be capable in law of taking purchasing and holding all goods chattels and personal property whatsoever.

B. (1) All property of the said society in the possession or control of the trustees office-bearers or committee thereof shall become the property of the said incorporated body, and all moneys owing to the said trustees office-bearers or committee shall be recoverable by the said incorporated body as successors to the trustees office-bearers and committee of the said society.

(2) All debts and liabilities of the said society legally and properly incurred by the trustees office-bearers or committee thereof outstanding at the commencement of this Act shall by the operation of this Act become the debts and liabilities of the said incorporated body as successors to the trustees office-bearers and committee of the said society.

Clause 3, lines 11 and 12, omit "Prahran Mechanics' Institute" and insert "said incorporated body, and the two indentures specified in the Schedule to this Act shall be the property of the said body, and the Registrar-General shall without further or other authority than this Act on the production to him of each of the said indentures make an indorsement thereon stating that the said land hereditaments and premises are by virtue of this Act vested in the said incorporated body, and he shall also make a like entry on the registered memorial of such indentures in his office."

Clause 4, line 13, after "the" insert "committee of the."
 ,, line 14, omit "institute" and insert "institution."
 ,, line 17, omit "institute" and insert "institution."
 ,, lines 17 and 18, omit "and thereafter any rules previously in existence shall be of no force or effect."

Clause 5, omit this clause.

Clause 6, omit this clause.

Clause 7, omit this clause.

Insert the following new clauses :—

C. (1) The said incorporated body shall be governed by a committee of nine members, namely :—

a president who shall be the Mayor for the time being of the City of Prahran ;

four members who shall be elected by the council of the said city within one month after the commencement of this Act and in the month of January in each and every year, each such member being a councillor for a different ward of such city ; and

four members who shall be elected by the members of the said incorporated body in the month of January in each and every year ; and until such election the said James Stokes and the said George William Rusden shall be members of the committee of the said incorporated body.

(2) The committee shall be deemed to be constituted immediately on the commencement of this Act, and every elected member of the committee shall, subject to this Act, be so elected for the period ending on the last day of December in the year in which he is elected.

(3) The time and mode of election and manner of resignation and all matters relating to the office of the members of the committee elected by the members of the said incorporated body shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be provided for by rules and regulations of the said incorporated body made pursuant to this Act.

D. When the seat of any member of the committee of the said incorporated body becomes vacant from any cause other than at the expiration of the period for which he was elected, such seat shall be filled up by the election of a new member by the council or members of the said incorporated body by whom the member whose seat is vacant was originally elected ; such new member shall hold office only for the unexpired portion of the period for which his predecessor was elected.

E. If at any time the council of the said city or the members of the said incorporated body fail or refuse to elect a member of committee at the time appointed by this Act then the Governor in Council may appoint a member who shall for all purposes be deemed to have been elected by the said council or members (as the case may be).

F. Any three members of the committee of the said incorporated body (whether or not there is any vacancy in the full number of members of such committee) may at any meeting exercise all or any of the powers of the said committee.

G. The Rules of the Prahran Mechanics' Institution and Circulating Library, as revised on the twenty-eighth day of May One thousand eight hundred and eighty-one and in force at the commencement of this Act, shall except in so far as is inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act be and be deemed to be the rules and regulations of the said incorporated body until revoked by rules and regulations made pursuant to this Act.

H. The said incorporated body may demand recover and receive all such rents fees tolls and charges as may be determined upon by the committee from any person coming in or upon any lands held by or vested in the said incorporated body or any part thereof or into or upon any building standing or being upon the said lands.

I. Before any person intrusted with the custody or control of moneys whether secretary collector or other officer of the said incorporated body enters upon his office the said committee shall take sufficient security from him for the faithful execution of his office.

J. The committee shall cause full and accurate accounts to be kept of all sums of money received or expended on account of the said incorporated body and of the matters and things for which such sums of money shall have been received or expended.

K. The accounts of the said incorporated body shall before the thirty-first day of January in each and every year be balanced up to and inclusive of the thirty-first day of December in the year preceding; and forthwith on the accounts being so balanced an annual account shall be made up which shall exhibit a true statement of the total receipts and expenditure respectively of the said incorporated body during the year immediately preceding with the statement of the balance of such account, and all books accounts and vouchers of the said incorporated body shall be examined and audited by two auditors and the balance and account shall be certified by the treasurer of the said incorporated body and by the two said auditors.

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

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

7. **WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
9. **PETITION OF ANDREW ROWAN.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Petition of Andrew Rowan, presented to the House on the 10th August last, having been read—
Mr. R. Murray Smith moved, That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the *Crimes Act* 1891, so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.
Debate ensued.
Mr. T. Smith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 8th November next.
10. **MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bromley moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Carter moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.
Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Bill ensued.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Carter moved, That this Bill be committed to a Select Committee.
Question—put and negatived.
Mr. Bromley moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Bromley, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Wednesday, 25th October instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 10 and Nos. 12 to 17 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 25th October instant, and No. 11 until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 38.

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 - Education Act 1890 and Teachers Act 1893.—Orders in Council—
 - Boards of Advice.—Alteration of Regulations.
 - Training College.—Additional Regulation.
3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and negatived.
 - Sir George Turner moved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 - Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Rawson reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 - Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 39.

TUESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, was presented :—

By Mr. Gair—

From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Epping, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented—

Pensions and Gratuities.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 3rd October, 1899, for a return showing the amount of all pensions, annual allowances, compensations, and gratuities paid yearly from 1870 up to the end of June, 1899, respectively.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th June, 1899.

Water Act 1890.—Gunbower West Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation No. 1.

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

BRASSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 11.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the government, discipline, and maintenance of a Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 17th October, 1899.

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

5. VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 11, having been read—On the motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the government, discipline, and maintenance of a Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa.

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

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

6. **VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL.**—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the government discipline and maintenance of a Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty’s Regular Forces in South Africa,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. McBride 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 necessity of calling the attention of the Government to the perilous state of the cyanide industry within the colony, and to consider the best means of once more placing it on a sound footing.”
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. McBride moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
8. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to further amend the ‘Marine Act 1890,’*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1899.
W. A. ZEAL,
President.
Ordered—That the said amendments be printed and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
9. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Infant Life Protection Act 1890,’*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1899.
W. A. ZEAL,
President.
10. **INFANT LIFE PROTECTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Peacock moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Infant Life Protection Act 1890,’*” be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the provisions of the Companies Acts relating to Life Assurance and for other purposes,*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1899.
W. A. ZEAL,
President.
12. **LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to amend the provisions of the Companies Acts relating to Life Assurance and for other purposes,*” be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. **WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 40.

 WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. LOCOMOTIVE ENGINES.—Mr. Higgins moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. What amount has been expended from loan moneys for locomotive engines in the Victorian Railways.
 2. How many engines have been bought by that amount.
 3. How many of the 517 engines in existence on the 30th June, 1899, are in proper working order.
 4. What is the actual working value (as distinguished from the book value) of these engines.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Langdon presented a Petition from the President and Council of the Shire of Korong, under the common seal of the said Corporation, praying that the House will be pleased to order that a valuation be made of the works of the Loddon United Waterworks Trust, having regard to the benefit derived therefrom, and that such valuation may be adopted as the amount of the principal owing by the Trust under the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill.

Mr. Langdon presented a Petition from certain ratepayers of that portion of the Shire of Gordon which is situated on the west side of the River Loddon and within the boundaries of the Loddon United Waterworks Trust area, praying that such relief may be provided for them as may seem fair to the House in proportion to the value of the works, and to the benefits of such works to the district, and to the ability of the Petitioners to pay, and that provision be made to enable municipal bodies to take over liabilities within their boundaries, and to give them joint control of water supply.

Mr. McColl presented a Petition from the Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust, and certain land-owners within the area of the Trust, praying that the House will be pleased to cause a special inquiry to be held into the whole circumstances connected with the said Trust before a final determination is arrived at, and thus avoid their ruination, which must become inevitable if such further concession be not made as to render it practicable for them to meet their liability under the Water Supply Advances Relief Bill.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Charitable Institutions.—Report of Inspector for the year ended 30th June, 1899.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Public Service Acts.—Regulations.

(700 copies.)

5. **RAILWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION ACT 1898 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. H. R. Williams do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898.’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. **PILOTS’ ADVANCE REPAYMENT ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Pilots’ Advance Repayment Act 1898*.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Sir George Turner and Mr. Best do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Pilots’ Advance Repayment Act 1898.’*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. **WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with amendments.
 On the motion of Mr. Foster, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Foster moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
8. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to provide for the resumption by the Crown of a portion of the Romsey Public Park*” without amendment.
 W. A. ZEAL,
 President.
 Legislative Council,
 Melbourne, 18th October, 1899.
9. **WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
11. **LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY.**—Mr. Salmon moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the working and results of the Leongatha Labour Colony, and any means for its further extension and improvement, such Committee to consist of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Methven, Mr. McColl, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. J. B. Tucker, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to have leave to report the minutes of evidence from time to time, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. **RAILWAY TO BALLARAT, VIÂ BACCHUS MARSH.**—Mr. McLean moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total cost of constructing the second line of railway to Ballarat through Bacchus Marsh, including stations, rolling-stock, and all incidental expenses.
 2. The annual cost for interest, maintenance, and working expenses of the line.
 3. The estimated annual loss to the original line *viâ* Geelong by reason of the diversion of traffic through Bacchus Marsh.
 4. The estimated annual saving that would accrue to the country if the Bacchus Marsh line had not been constructed, and the whole of the traffic were carried on the line *viâ* Geelong.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
13. **EIGHT HOURS LABOUR IN THE RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.**—Mr. Kirton moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House no employé in the Railway Department should be required to work more than eight hours a day unless he is paid overtime.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Watt moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
 And, after debate—
 Motion for the adjournment of the debate, by leave, withdrawn.
 Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.

14. MOE SWAMP LANDS.—Mr. Methven moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to sell by public auction any of the land in the Moe Swamp, but that such land should all be made available for selection for men who at present have none.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Wednesday, 22nd November next; Nos. 2 and 3 until Wednesday next; and No. 4 until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 41.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably prevented from taking the Chair at the meeting of the House this day, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair temporarily as Deputy-Speaker.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read :—

BRASSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at the Government Offices, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of Parliaments, viz.:—
“An Act to amend the ‘Local Government Act 1890.’”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 16th October, 1899.
4. VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair: Mr. Murray reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker took the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 19 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 42.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT.—Intelligence of the death of Ephraim Lamén Zox, Esquire (one of the Members for Melbourne East), having been communicated to the House—
Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 43.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, was presented :—

By Mr. Cameron—

From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Upper Yarra, under the common seal of the said Corporation.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Bailes 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 action of the Honorable the Minister of Mines in proposing to issue conditional certificates to engine-drivers at mines."
- Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
- Mr. Bailes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and negatived.

4. CORRECTIONS IN VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following Report from the Clerk of the House :—

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 24th October, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER,

I have the honour to report that I have made the following corrections in the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the government discipline and maintenance of a Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa*," viz. :—

In the Preamble, page 2, line 10, the word "the" has been omitted before "section," and in line 19 the words "as follows" have been inserted after "same."

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

5. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
- Direct Trade with Manchester—Report on—By the Honorable J. W. Taverner, M.P., Minister of Agriculture (substituted for the Report laid on the Table of the Assembly, 3rd October instant).

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st January, 1899, to 30th June, 1899.

Explosives Act 1890.—Orders in Council—

Definition and Classification of Explosives amended.

Keeping of Explosives.—Additional Regulation.—Manufacture or Keeping, &c., of Fire-works.

Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1899.

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

BRASSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the sale of certain Lands set apart as a Site for a Mechanics' Institute at Hamilton.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 17th October, 1899.

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

7. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 13, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Best, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the sale of certain Lands set apart as a Site for a Mechanics' Institute at Hamilton.

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

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

BRASSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

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

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1899.

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

9. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 14, having been read—On the motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

BRASSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for certain purposes by increasing the amount of Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 23rd October, 1899.

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

11. **GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 15, having been read—On the motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for certain purposes by increasing the amount of Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock.

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

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

Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for certain purposes by increasing the amount of Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

12. **WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 22 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

14. **WAR IN THE TRANSVAAL—VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT.**—Sir George Turner informed the House that His Excellency the Governor had received the following cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies :—

"Her Majesty the Queen desires to thank the people of Victoria for their striking manifestation of loyalty and patriotism in their voluntary offer to send troops to co-operate with Her Majesty's Imperial Forces in maintaining her position and the rights of British subjects in South Africa.

"She wishes the troops God-speed and a safe return."

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Best,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir John McIntyre,	
Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Peacock,	Mr. Touthcher.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Forrest,	
Mr. Grose,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hamilton,	
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Gurr.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 8th November next.

16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive and Nos. 6 to 22 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 8th November next; No. 5 until Wednesday, 22nd November next; and No. 23 until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 44.

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Butter Trade—Report on the—By the Hon. J. W. Taverner, M.P., Minister of Agriculture.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. CROWN LEASE, REEDY CREEK.—Mr. McKenzie moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a copy of the papers in the matter of the application for forfeiture of the Crown lease, Reedy Creek.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Gillies moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
5. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Rawson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
Mr. Foster moved, That this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 46, 109, 139, 154.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Foster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1899.

- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Rawson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with further amendments.
On the motion of Mr. Foster, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Foster moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Mr. Foster, the House agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill:—
- Clause 5, page 3, line 3, after " Council " insert " as hereinafter provided."
 - „ line 6, omit " as hereinafter provided."
 - Clause 11, page 6, add new sub-section—
 - (7) Nothing in this section contained shall in any way prejudice or affect the borrowing powers of any council under the Local Government Acts.
 - Clause 12, line 36, after " meeting " insert " and of any extraordinary business to be transacted thereat."
 - Clause 13, line 10, after " commissioners " insert " to whom written notice of such failure has been given by any Commissioner of Audit or inspecting officer."
 - „ line 15, after " appoint " insert " and shall be paid into the Redemption Fund of such Trust."
 - „ at end of clause add new sub-section—
 - (3) The trust may pay out of its funds any premium payable in respect of such security.

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Clause 14, line 16, omit "In" and insert "For"; and omit all the words after "Act" and insert "there shall be substituted the following section, namely:—

49. The Governor in Council may at any time require the removal of any officer or employé whatsoever employed by any Waterworks Trust, and thereupon such Trust shall remove such officer or employé accordingly."

Clause 25, line 37, omit "Governor in Council" and insert "Minister."

" line 38, omit "appoint an officer to."

" line 39, after "works" add "and may appoint an officer to carry out such regulation and distribution."

Clause 29, lines 39-40, omit "not exceeding twenty-one years."

Clause 46, line 29, before "Schedule" insert "First."

Clause 48, line 42, omit "this Act" and insert "the Water Acts."

Division 8, omit heading, and insert the following new heading:—"Excision of Lands from Waterworks Trusts.—Abolition of Waterworks Trusts."

Clause 80, line 19, after "meeting" insert "and of any extraordinary business to be transacted thereat."

Clause 82, page 27, line 40, after "commissioners" insert "to whom written notice of such failure has been given by any Commissioner of Audit or inspecting officer."

" page 28, line 4, after "appoint" add "and shall be paid into the Redemption Fund of such Trust"; and add the following new sub-section:—

(2) The Trust may pay out of its funds any premium payable in respect of such security.

Clause 83, line 5, omit "In" and insert "For."

" lines 6-7, omit these lines and insert "there shall be substituted the following section, namely:—

225. The Governor in Council may at any time require the removal of any officer or employé whatsoever employed by any Trust, and thereupon such Trust shall remove such officer or employé accordingly."

Clause 91, page 30, line 43, after "Audit" insert "with the approval of the Governor in Council."

Clause 94, line 21, after "Trust" insert "or in the case of joint works by the Trusts concerned."

Clause 96, lines 41-4, omit these lines and insert "for the last paragraph there shall be substituted the following paragraph, namely:—

All moneys arising from any such sale or exchange shall be paid into the Redemption Fund of the Trust, and all moneys arising from such letting or demise shall be applied in the same manner as the rates payable to such Trust are applicable."

Clause 99, line 19, before "Any" insert "Subject to the provisions of section two hundred and ninety-seven of the Principal Act."

" line 20, omit "not exceeding twenty-one years."

Clause 109, page 35, line 11, before "Schedule" insert "First."

Clause 141, line 12, omit "or inhabitants."

Clause 143, line 16, omit "or inhabitants."

Clause 156, lines 22-3, omit "or moneys."

Schedule, insert "First."

Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 24 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
 No. 45.

TUESDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, was presented :—
 By Mr. Thomson—
 From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Dundas, under the common seal of the said Corporation.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Aborigines.—Thirty-fifth Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.
 Mr. Best presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Land Acts and Wattles Act 1890—Report of Proceedings taken under the Provisions of, during the year ending 31st December, 1898.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1899.
 Water Act 1890—
 Kerang East Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Direction to Board of Land and Works to construct a Subway for No. 2A Channel.—Order in Council.
 Macorna North Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 7.
 Twelve-mile Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
 Rating Regulation for 1899.
 Regulation for the Sale of Water.
4. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, and that the Clerk had noted the amendments made by the House on the consideration of the Report—
 Mr. Foster moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
 On the motion of Mr. Foster, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—
 Clause G, page 25, omit this clause.
 Mr. Foster offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—
 Notwithstanding that the water channels intersecting the land of any person owning or occupying land in the district of any Waterworks Trust belong to such Trust, the owner or occupier of such land shall for the purposes of the Thistles Acts and the Vermin Destruction Acts respectively be deemed and taken to be the owner lessee or occupier of the land on which such channels are constructed and also of such channels, and the said Acts shall be read and construed accordingly.
 And the said clause was read a second time.
 Mr. Langdon moved, as an amendment, That the words “and also of such channels,” in line 5, be omitted.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And the said clause was read a third time and added to the Bill.
 Mr. Irvine moved, That the word “permanently” be inserted after the word “Order” in clause BB, line 10.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.
 On the motion of Mr. Foster the House agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—
 Clause J, page 33, insert as a heading to this clause “Division 5.—Pumping Leases, Licences, &c.”
 „ „ line 8, omit “section” and insert “sections”; after “seventy-seven” insert “and two hundred and seventy-nine.”
 „ „ line 9, after “Five” insert “wherever occurring.”

Clause 99, at end of clause add—

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the said section a Trust may at any time and from time to time by notice in writing require any owner or occupier of land within the Trust district to make proper provision by dams or tanks for the storage on such land of such quantity of water as the Trust deems reasonable for domestic or stock supply.

(3) On the completion of such dams or tanks to the satisfaction of the Trust it shall be the duty of the Trust from time to time to supply water to fill up such tanks or dams and to give notice in writing to such owner or occupier whenever water will be so supplied.

(4) If such owner or occupier fails to make proper provision as aforesaid or to receive or admit into the said tanks or dams the water supplied by the Trust pursuant to any such last-mentioned notice such owner or occupier shall not be entitled to a supply from such Trust for domestic or stock supply purposes except in such quantities at such times and in such manner as the Trust may from time to time determine.

Clause C, page 34, line 10, omit "Irrigation and Water Supply."

Clause 109, line 2, omit "Waterworks."

„ line 9, after "district" insert "or may cause such valuation to be a valuation of the lands within the district according to the capital sum for which the fee-simple estate in such land would sell under such reasonable conditions of sale as a *bonâ fide* seller would require assuming the actual improvements (if any) had not been made and either such valuations may be made."

„ page 37, omit lines 1 to 7 inclusive.

Clause H, page 46, omit this clause.

Mr. Foster offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

Notwithstanding that the water channels intersecting the land of any person owning or occupying land in the district of any Trust belong to such Trust, the owner or occupier of such land shall for the purposes of the Thistles Acts and the Vermin Destruction Acts respectively be deemed and taken to be the owner lessee or occupier of the land on which such channels are constructed and also of such channels, and the said Acts shall be read and construed accordingly.

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

Mr. Gurr moved, That clause 139 be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Gurr moved, That the words "for the words 'five pounds' there shall be substituted the words 'seven pounds and ten shillings'" in clause 139, page 47, lines 1 and 2, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Gurr moved, That the words "and for the words 'sum of ten shillings per annum' there shall be substituted the words 'sum of twenty shillings per annum'" in clause 139, page 47, lines 2 to 4, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gillies,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. White,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Keys,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Trenwith.
Mr. Levien,	
Sir John McIntyre,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Gurr,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Salmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

- Clause 141, line 23, omit "Six" and insert "Five."
 " line 29, omit "Six" and insert "Five."
 Clause 143, line 24, omit "Six" and insert "Five."
 " line 30, omit "Six" and insert "Five."

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

- Clause 154, lines 6 and 7, omit "thirty-first day of December One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and on the."
 " line 7, after "June" insert "and the thirty-first day of December."
 " line 8, omit "thereafter."
 " line 10, omit "July" and insert "January."
 " line 11, omit "ninety-eight" and insert "ninety-seven."
 " at the end of the clause add the following new sub-section :—

(3) Any sum paid by the said commissioners in excess of Four pounds per centum per annum for interest for any time after the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven shall be credited against the sum Nine thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds seven shillings and five pence payable by the commissioners to the Treasurer of Victoria on the first day of July One thousand nine hundred and four.

Sir John McIntyre moved, That clause 161 be omitted.

Question—put and negatived.

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

5. WATER SUPPLY ADVANCES RELIEF BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Foster, read a third time.

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

- Preamble, line 7, after "wholly" insert "or partly."
 Clause 3, line 8, omit "fourth" and insert "third."
 " line 12, omit "seventh" and insert "fifth."
 Clause 4, lines 13–14, omit these lines and insert "During such period as the Dandenong Waterworks Trust receives no payment from the Commissioner of Railways for water supplied to him by the said Trust such Trust."
 " line 15, after "shall" insert "not"; omit "three" and insert "six."
 " line 17, omit "body" and insert "Trust."
 Sub-section (2)—omit this sub-section.
 Omit "Schedules" and insert "Schedule."
 Omit "First Schedule."

Add new column—

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After "Talbot Borough" add "Wangaratta Borough"; and in column 2 insert "2,966," and in column 4 insert "958," and in column 5 insert "900."

Opposite "Dandenong" add, in column 6, "3,500."

Opposite "Horsham Borough," in column 3 insert "7,712."

Mr. Langdon moved, That the figures "1,717," opposite "Loddon United," in column 3, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the figures "9,893."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Mothven,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Fink,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. White,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Brake,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Brown,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keys,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Salmon.
Mr. J. W. Mason,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Foster, the House, after debate, agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—

After "United Echuca and Waranga" add "United Echuca and Waranga (in lieu of any claim to have any portion of the district excised)." In column 3 insert "5,000."

In column 5, opposite "Wimmera United," omit "11,408" and insert "11,950."

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

In column 3, opposite "Carrum," omit "6,732" and insert "7,732."

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

Second Schedule.—Omit this Schedule.

On the motion of Mr. Foster, the Clerk was authorized to make the consequential alterations in the totals in the several columns of the Schedule.

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

6. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. Clause 5, line 9, omit "the port of Melbourne" and insert "any port in Victoria."
2. " line 13, omit "Melbourne" and insert "such port."
3. Clause 6, line 18, omit "fourteen days" and insert "one month from the day upon which the certificate of survey expired."
4. Clause 7, lines 32-4, omit "employed in coasting only or actually trading between any port of Victoria and of any of the colonies of New South Wales New Zealand Queensland South Australia Tasmania or Western Australia" and insert "carrying cargo loaded in any port of the colonies of Australia Tasmania or New Zealand and intended to be landed in Victoria."
5. " line 35, omit "such colony" and insert "of such colonies."
6. " lines 43 and 44, omit "the property of such owner or."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 to 3 agreed to.

Amendment 4—

Mr. McCay moved, That the word "Victoria," in line 5, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "any of such colonies."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the amendment—put and negatived.

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

Amendment 4, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment 5 agreed to.

Amendment 6 disagreed with.

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

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 23 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 46.

 WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir George Turner, and the same was read :—
 BRASSEY,
Governor. *Message No. 16.*
 The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at the Government Offices, 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 provide for the government discipline and maintenance of a Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty’s Regular Forces in South Africa.”
 “An Act to provide for the Incorporation and Government of the Prahran Mechanics’ Institute.”
 “An Act to provide for the resumption by the Crown of a portion of the Romsey Public Park.”
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 27th October, 1899.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 Land Act 1890—Section 85.—Schedule of Swamp Lease containing Special Conditions.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 7.
5. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL.—Mr. E. D. Williams moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the creation of a corporate body in which property belonging to the Congregational College of Victoria may be vested and for declaring the trusts on which same is to be held, and that all Standing Orders relating to the introduction of Private Bills and the payment of fees by the promoters on its passage through the House be remitted in regard to the said Bill.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. E. D. Williams and Mr. McCay do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. E. D. Williams then brought up a Bill intituled “A Bill to provide for the creation of a Corporate Body in which property belonging to the Congregational College of Victoria may be vested and for declaring the Trusts on which same is to be held,” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 22nd November instant.
6. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the Order of Business on Wednesday in each week be suspended for this evening, so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. RAILWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION ACT 1898 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—
 Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. PILOTS' ADVANCE REPAYMENT ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Rawson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment.
 On the motion of Sir George Turner, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Sir George Turner moved, That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Sir George Turner moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Sir George Turner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Rawson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir George Turner, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
 Debate resumed.
 Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Peacock moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Rawson reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 21 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 47.

THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. COLAC AND BEECH FOREST RAILWAY.—Mr. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of Increasing the Limit of Expenditure for the Colac and Beech Forest Railway; together with the Appendices and Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that yesterday he issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Melbourne East, in the place of Ephraim Lamén Zox, Esquire, deceased.
4. MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK.—Mr. Graham moved, by leave, That leave be given to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Angus Robertson to report the minutes of evidence from time to time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, the 14th November instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of the Notices of Motion, General Business.
7. PRESTON LOAN BILL.—Mr. Gair moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Shire of Preston to construct certain permanent works and undertakings in lieu of certain other permanent works and undertakings.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Gair and Mr. Outtrim do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Gair then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Shire of Preston to construct certain permanent Works and Undertakings in lieu of certain other permanent Works and Undertakings,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 22nd November instant.
8. SUPREME COURT AND COUNTY COURT APPEALS.—Mr. McCay moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of appeals in civil matters from each Supreme Court Judge or Acting Judge from 1st January, 1896, to 30th September, 1899.
 2. The number of such appeals allowed, disallowed, and pending in the case of each Judge or Acting Judge.
 3. A like return for each Judge or Acting Judge of the County Court.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Sir George Turner moved, That this House will, on Tuesday, 14th November instant, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday, 14th November instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, 14th November instant.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at five minutes past eleven o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 14th November instant.

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 48.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT.—Intelligence of the death of Michael Stapleton, Esquire (one of the Members for Grenville), having been communicated to the House—
Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn until half-past seven o'clock this day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at forty minutes past four o'clock, adjourned until half-past seven o'clock.

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 49.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

(HALF-FAST SEVEN O'CLOCK.)

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a return to the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Melbourne East, by which it appeared that Samuel Gillott, solicitor, of "Edensor," Brunswick-street, Fitzroy, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Samuel Gillott, Esquire, was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Fresh, Canned, and Dried Fruit and Tinned Meat Trades—Report on the, by the Honorable J. W. Taverner, M.P., Minister of Agriculture.
Mr. H. R. Williams presented—
Railway to Ballarat, *via* Bacchus Marsh.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th October, 1899, for a return showing—
 1. The total cost of constructing the second line of railway to Ballarat through Bacchus Marsh, including stations, rolling-stock, and all incidental expenses.
 2. The annual cost for interest, maintenance, and working expenses of the line.
 3. The estimated annual loss to the original line *via* Geelong by reason of the diversion of traffic through Bacchus Marsh.
 4. The estimated annual saving that would accrue to the country if the Bacchus Marsh line had not been constructed, and the whole of the traffic were carried on the line *via* Geelong.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to Act of Parliament—

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—Statement showing the Names, Remuneration, Duties, &c., of all Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Assembly under the authority of Part IX. of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* during the period from 16th November, 1898, to 14th November, 1899.

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

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—Statement of Temporary Appointments in the Department of the Library.

Municipalities' Loans Extension Act 1898.—Alteration of Regulations.—Order in Council.

5. COMPLAINT—THE "AGE" NEWSPAPER.—Complaint being made to the House by William Henry Moule, Esquire, Member for Brighton, of an article in the *Age* newspaper of this day, printed and published by J. W. Packer, Collins-street, Melbourne, commenting upon an inquiry now being made by a Select Committee of the House into the circumstances connected with the transfer to the Lands Department of John Robert Jackson, telegraph operator, and his subsequent retention in that Department—
The said newspaper was handed in, and the article complained of having been read—Mr. Moule moved, That J. W. Packer, publisher of the *Age* newspaper, do attend this House to-morrow.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

(700 copies.)

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the government discipline and maintenance of a Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa*" without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th October, 1899.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the observance of certain Public and Bank Holidays*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th November, 1899.

8. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL.—Sir George Turner moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act relating to the observance of certain Public and Bank Holidays*," be now read a first time.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act for the proper supervision of the Slaughtering of Animals and the Sale of Meat and for other purposes*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th November, 1899.

10. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL.—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act for the proper supervision of the Slaughtering of Animals and the Sale of Meat and for other purposes*," be now read a first time.

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

11. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 17 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

13. COMPLAINT—THE "AUSTRALASIAN" NEWSPAPER.—Complaint being made to the House by Mackay John Scobie Gair, Esquire, Member for Bourke East, of portions of articles in the *Australasian* newspaper of the 7th, 21st, and 28th October, and the 4th November, 1899, printed and published by Alfred Martin Ebsworth, Collins-street, Melbourne, commenting upon an inquiry now being made by a Select Committee of the House into the circumstances connected with the transfer to the Lands Department of John Robert Jackson, telegraph operator, and his subsequent retention in that Department—

The said newspapers were handed in, and the portions of the articles complained of having been read—Mr. Gair moved, That Alfred Martin Ebsworth, publisher of the *Australasian* newspaper, do attend this House to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 50.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. COMPLAINT—THE “AGE” NEWSPAPER.—The Order of the Day for the attendance of J. W. Packer, publisher of the *Age* newspaper, having been read—The Serjeant-at-Arms informed the House that J. W. Packer was in attendance.

Mr. J. W. Packer was then called in, and, having appeared at the Bar of the House, was examined as follows :—

Mr. Speaker.—What is your name ?

Mr. Packer.—John William Packer.

Mr. Speaker.—Are you the publisher of the *Age* newspaper ?

Mr. Packer.—Yes.

Mr. Speaker.—Complaint has been made to this House of an article in the *Age* newspaper of Tuesday, the 14th November instant, commenting upon an inquiry by a Select Committee of this House into the circumstances connected with the transfer to and retention in the Lands Department of John Robert Jackson ; and I have to ask you if you desire to make any explanation in reference to the publication of that article ?

Mr. Packer.—My explanation is that we regard it as fair comment.

Mr. Speaker.—I find it impossible to hear the statements of the gentleman at the Bar, and I would suggest that he come to the Table of the House.

Mr. Packer was then brought to the Table by the Serjeant-at-Arms, and his examination was continued as follows :—

Mr. Speaker.—Have you any explanation to make with regard to this article ?

Mr. Packer.—Merely that the article is intended as fair comment on the evidence given before the Committee. If there has been any infringement of the privileges of the House it has been accidental.

Mr. Speaker.—Anything else ?

Mr. Packer.—No.

Mr. Speaker.—Does any Honorable Member wish to put any questions to Mr. Packer ?

Mr. Moule.—Can Mr. Packer give the House the name of the person who wrote the article ?

Mr. Packer.—I am ignorant of it ; I do not know the writer.

Mr. Moule.—I should like to ask—Will he furnish the House, if he can find out, with the name of the writer ?

Mr. Speaker (to Mr. Packer).—Can you do that ?

Mr. Packer.—I cannot undertake to do it.

Mr. Packer was ordered to withdraw, and having withdrawn—

Mr. Moule moved, That the publication of the said article in the said *Age* newspaper is a contempt and breach of the privileges of this House, and that the said J. W. Packer being guilty of a contempt and breach of the privileges of this House be for the said offence committed to Her Majesty's Gaol, Melbourne ; and that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. COMPLAINT—THE “AUSTRALASIAN” NEWSPAPER.—The Order of the Day for the attendance of A. M. Ebsworth, publisher of the *Australasian* newspaper, having been read—The Serjeant-at-Arms informed the House that A. M. Ebsworth was in attendance.

Mr. A. M. Ebsworth was then called in, and, having appeared at the Bar of the House, was examined as follows :—

Mr. Speaker.—What is your name ?

Mr. Ebsworth.—Alfred Martin Ebsworth.

Mr. Speaker.—Are you the publisher of a newspaper known as the *Australasian* ?

Mr. Ebsworth.—Yes, sir.

Mr. Speaker.—Complaint has been made to this House of portions of articles in the *Australasian* of the 7th, 21st, and 28th October, and 4th November, 1899, commenting upon an inquiry by a Select Committee of this House into the circumstances connected with the transfer to and retention in the Lands Department of John Robert Jackson ; and I have to ask you if you desire to make any explanation in reference to the publication of the said articles ?

Mr. Ebsworth.—As publisher of the *Australasian* I beg to state that the articles now complained of were published without any intention of infringing on the law and privileges of Parliament. They were published under the impression that when a Select Committee reports its proceedings from day to day, such proceedings are at once open to the public, like all other proceedings and documents laid on the Table of the House. It is evident that some doubt exists on this subject. When once the law and privileges of Parliament have been clearly defined, they will be duly observed by the *Australasian*.

Mr. Speaker.—Does any Honorable Member desire to ask Mr. Ebsworth any questions? I think we had better allow Mr. Ebsworth to approach the Table of the House, so that his statements may be distinctly heard.

Mr. Ebsworth having approached the Table—

Mr. Fink said—As the complaint is really not of publishing a report of the proceedings, but of introducing comments into that report, I would like to ask Mr. Ebsworth whether the publisher claims the right to comment on such proceedings as those in this particular case before the judgment of the Committee is rendered.

Mr. Ebsworth.—I do not think there was any intention on the part of the conductors of the journal to influence the Committee in any way; the proceedings were simply commented upon for the information of the general public. I do not think we assume any right to interfere with the proceedings of the Committee in any way whatever.

Mr. Gair.—I desire to ask whether Mr. Ebsworth will give the name of the writer of the paragraphs complained of?

Mr. Ebsworth.—I regret that I cannot give that. As the publisher, I am alone responsible for what appears in that paper.

Mr. Gair.—That is not an answer. I want to know if Mr. Ebsworth knows the name of the writer of the paragraphs complained of—yes or no.

Mr. Ebsworth.—I do not.

Mr. Toutcher.—Mr. Ebsworth says that these articles were published for the information of the public, and I would like to ask him—Were they published to try and influence the public in any way?

Mr. Ebsworth.—They were not intended to influence the public in any way in the matter, but simply to give them an idea of the state of the proceedings of the Committee at that particular time.

Mr. Trenwith.—Mr. Ebsworth says he does not know the name of the writer, and yet he knows exactly the object of the articles. I want to ask how he knows what the object was, if he does not know who wrote them.

Mr. Ebsworth.—The object of publishing a newspaper is to give information to the general public. That is why I assume that these comments were made for that purpose.

Mr. Ebsworth was ordered to withdraw, and having withdrawn—

Mr. Gair moved, That the publication of the said articles in the said *Australasian* newspaper is a contempt and breach of the privileges of this House, and that the said A. M. Ebsworth being guilty of a contempt and breach of the privileges of this House be for the said offence committed to Her Majesty's Gaol, Melbourne; and that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant accordingly.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 20 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

6. CLAIMS OF EDWARD WARDLE.—Mr. Wheeler moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Edward Wardle in connexion with the Coliban water scheme, such Committee to consist of Mr. Bailes, Mr. J. Harris, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Outtrim, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Austin,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McCay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gillott,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. White,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Beazley,
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. CHEYNE v. THE EAST LODDON SHIRE COUNCIL.—Mr. O'Neill moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government should indemnify Andrew Cheyne against any law costs that may arise in the matter of an appeal by the owners of the Serpentine estate to the Privy Council *re* the case of *Cheyne v. The East Loddon Shire Council*, or that the Governor in Council should take action to prevent the re-erection of swing-gates across certain public roads joining or intersecting the Serpentine estate now or hereafter being closed against public traffic.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. McCay,	
Mr. McColl,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Craven.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Higgins,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Turner.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Kennedy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Madden,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. CLAIMS OF EX-CONSTABLE KEEGAN.—Mr. Gurr moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of ex-Constable Keegan, of Geelong, such Committee to consist of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Grose, Mr. Murphy, Mr. O'Neill, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until to-morrow, and Nos. 2 to 26 inclusive until Wednesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 51.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRIVILEGE.—J. W. PACKER AND A. M. EBSWORTH.—Mr. Speaker said—I have to acquaint Honorable Members that, pursuant to the Orders of the House made yesterday, I have this day issued Warrants for the committal to Her Majesty's Gaol, Melbourne, of J. W. Packer, publisher of the *Age* newspaper, and A. M. Ebsworth, publisher of the *Australasian* newspaper, who were adjudged guilty of a contempt and breach of the privileges of the House, and that the Serjeant-at-Arms has reported to me that he has arrested Mr. Packer and Mr. Ebsworth under the authority of the said Warrants. I am also informed by the Serjeant-at-Arms that Mr. Packer and Mr. Ebsworth are desirous of making a further communication to the House. If it be the pleasure of Honorable Members to hear them I will direct the Serjeant-at-Arms to bring Mr. Packer and Mr. Ebsworth to the Table of the House.
 Mr. Packer was then called in, and having appeared at the Table—
Mr. Speaker said—The Serjeant-at-Arms has informed me that you wish to supplement the observations you made to the House last night.
Mr. Packer.—I wish to say, Mr. Speaker, that I regret that anything should have appeared in the *Age* capable of being deemed a breach of the privileges of the House.
Mr. Speaker.—Have you anything further to say?
Mr. Packer.—No, except that I am sorry I have not been able to make myself audible; I am suffering from a severe cold.
 Mr. Packer was ordered to withdraw, and having withdrawn—
 Mr. Ebsworth was called in, and appeared at the Table—
Mr. Speaker said—The Serjeant-at-Arms has informed me that you are desirous of supplementing the observations you made to the House last night.
Mr. Ebsworth.—I simply desire to express an apology that anything should have appeared in the *Australasian* amounting to a breach of the privileges of this House.
 Mr. Ebsworth was ordered to withdraw, and having withdrawn—
 Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. J. W. Packer and Mr. A. M. Ebsworth, having apologized to the House for the breach of privilege which they have committed, be discharged out of custody on payment of the fees for arrest and commitment.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Subsequently—
 Mr. Speaker said—I have to inform the House that the Serjeant-at-Arms has reported to me that Mr. Packer and Mr. Ebsworth have paid the fees in accordance with our Standing Orders, and that they have now been discharged from custody.
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. **TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON TO THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.**—Mr. Outtrim, Chairman, by leave, brought up a Report from the Select Committee upon the Transfer of J. R. Jackson to the Lands Department; together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 52.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

BRASSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a copy of a despatch received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to the Joint Address from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of this colony praying that Her Majesty would be pleased to cause to be introduced into the Imperial Parliament a measure for the establishment of an Australian Commonwealth.

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th November, 1899.

Colonial Office, Downing-street,
27th September, 1899.

Victoria.—No. 61.

MY LORD,

I have duly received and have had much pleasure in laying before the Queen the Joint Address from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Victoria praying that Her Majesty would cause to be introduced into Parliament a measure for passing into law the Federal Constitution of an Australian Commonwealth, and I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the Address very graciously.

Upon the receipt of similar Addresses from the Legislatures of the other Colonies proposing to join in Federal Union, the matter will receive the immediate attention of Her Majesty's Government.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

(Signed) J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor, The Right Honorable Lord Brassey, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

3. ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that on Friday last he issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Grenville, in the place of Michael Stapleton, Esquire, deceased.
4. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the expenditure of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for Railways.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. H. R. Williams and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. H. R. Williams then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Expenditure of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money for water supply in country districts.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Foster then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money for Water Supply in Country Districts,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for certain purposes by increasing the amount of Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock*” without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st November, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Pilots’ Advance Repayment Act 1898*” without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st November, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to further amend the ‘Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898*” without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st November, 1899.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine*” without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st November, 1899.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 53.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Intelligence of the death of John Hancock, Esquire (the Honorable Member for Footscray), having been communicated to the House—
Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 54.

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Graves presented a Petition from the President and Councillors of the Shire of Mansfield, under the common seal of the said Corporation, praying that the House will cause the narrow-gauge line from Whitfield to Mansfield through Tolmie to be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways immediately after the Neerim line, as promised by the Minister on the 14th June last to a local deputation.
On the motion of Mr. Graves, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Education.—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1898–9.
Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Greater Britain Exhibition at London, 1899.—Progress Report of the Commissioners for Victoria, to the Right Honorable the Premier.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
Companies Act 1890.—Summary of Statements for the year 1898 made by Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.
Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—Statement showing the Names, Remuneration, Duties, &c., of all Persons temporarily employed in the Departments of the Legislative Council and the Parliament Gardens.
Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Orders in Council—
Victorian Military Forces.—Alteration of Regulations.—Part II.—Permanent Forces.
Victorian Naval and Military Forces.—Alteration of Financial and Store Regulations.—Part VII.—Stores.
Victorian Naval Forces.—Alteration of Regulations.—Part II.—Permanent Naval Forces.
Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the quarter ending 30th September, 1899.
4. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL.—Mr. Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill relating to State school teachers.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Peacock and Sir George Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Peacock then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to State School Teachers*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir George Turner moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Bennett moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "it is desirable in the interests of the country that an expression of opinion should be obtained to ascertain whether the Ministry still retains the confidence of this House."
Debate ensued.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Sir George Turner moved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 20 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 2.

7. **THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL—PROPOSED VISIT TO ENGLAND.**—Mr. A. L. Tucker moved, pursuant to notice, That this House disapproves of the proposed visit of the Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs to England for the purpose of conducting before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council the appeal of a private corporation—the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited—against the judgment of five Judges of the Supreme Court of Victoria in the municipal rating case of *The Fitzroy City Council v. The said Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company*, he being Her Majesty's Attorney-General for Victoria, and, as such, chief Law officer of the Crown in the present Administration.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Debate continued.

Question—That this House disapproves of the proposed visit of the Honorable Isaac Alfred Isaacs to England for the purpose of conducting before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council the appeal of a private corporation—the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company Limited—against the judgment of five Judges of the Supreme Court of Victoria in the municipal rating case of *The Fitzroy City Council v. The said Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company*, he being Her Majesty's Attorney-General for Victoria, and, as such, chief Law officer of the Crown in the present Administration—put and negatived.

8. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole house having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 20 inclusive, and Order of the Day, General Business, No. 30, be postponed until Tuesday next; Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1, until Wednesday, 13th December next; and Nos. 2 to 29 inclusive until Wednesday, 6th December next.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. V. ROBINSON

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 55.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

BRASSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 18.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at the Government Offices, 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 amend the ‘Pilots’ Advance Repayment Act 1898.’*”
- “*An Act to further amend the ‘Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898.’*”
- “*An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.*”
- “*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for certain purposes by increasing the amount of Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock.*”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 27th November, 1899.

3. PAPERS.—Sir George Turner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Phylloxera—Report on—By the Hon. J. W. Taverner, M.P., Minister of Agriculture.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890—
Minor Articles used in Manufacture—
Shoe Counters (paper).
Steel Hubs.
Fisheries Act 1890—
Netting in the Murray River and its Tributaries.
Notice of Intention regarding Fishing in the Barwon River.
4. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that provision may be made by an Act of Parliament to give effect to the proportional system of representation in the election of Senators to represent Victoria in the Federal Senate, was presented :—
By Mr. Brown—
From the President and Councillors of the Shire of Shepparton, under the common seal of the said Corporation.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Acts with regard to Valuations,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 28th November, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

6. VENTILATION OF MINES BOARD.—Mr. Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That the Board appointed on the 18th July, 1898, to deal with the applications which have been received for the bonus of £1,000 offered by the Government for the best method of ventilating mines having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by this House on the 1st September, 1898, and not yet having finally dealt with such applications, the House concurs in the expenditure by such Board for the purposes of their inquiry and report of a further sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. NEERIM SOUTH AND NEERIM RAILWAY.—Mr. H. R. Williams moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House it is not expedient to carry out the work of constructing the Neerim South to Neerim Railway.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. NEWTOWN AND PITFIELD RAILWAY.—Mr. H. R. Williams, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, moved, pursuant to notice, That the construction of a line of railway from Newtown to Pitfield be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Clause 2, paragraph (*f*), line 24, after the word "crew" insert "and who would in the opinion of any such officer be a prohibited immigrant but for the exemption contained in this paragraph."

Mr. Madden moved, That the following words be added to clause 8, viz.:—"And the vessel may be refused a clearance outwards until such penalty has been paid or until provision has been made by the master to the satisfaction of the officer appointed under this Act for the conveyance out of the colony of the prohibited immigrant who may have been so landed, in which case the penalty is to be remitted."

Debate ensued.

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

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

Clause 17, lines 7 and 8, omit the words "not exceeding One hundred pounds."

Mr. R. Murray Smith offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

A. (1) If any person (hereinafter referred to as the employer) proves to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that it is necessary or desirable in connexion with the exercise of the religion or business of the employer for him to obtain a permit as hereinafter mentioned the Commissioner may in writing permit the entry into Victoria in any year of not more than five persons who have been engaged or employed by the employer and who would otherwise be prohibited immigrants.

Permit for introduction of five persons for exercise of the religion or business of employer.

(2) No such permit shall be given unless and until the employer and two sufficient sureties to be approved of by the Commissioner shall have entered into a bond in such form as the Commissioner directs binding them jointly and severally and their executors and administrators to pay to Her Majesty the sum of Two hundred pounds for each person so engaged or employed in any of the undermentioned conditions not being duly fulfilled and observed with regard to such person (that is to say):—

Bond for return &c. of such persons.

(a) that the employer shall not at any one time directly or indirectly have in his employ or service more than five persons who would except for the provisions of this section be prohibited immigrants, and that no such persons shall be engaged or employed in any occupation business duties or services other than such as are necessary in connexion with the exercise of the religion or business of the employer ;

Conditions of bond.

- (b) that the employer shall retain in his own exclusive service and employment every person engaged or employed by him as aforesaid until such person is returned as hereinafter mentioned ;
- (c) that every person engaged and employed as aforesaid shall by and at the expense of the employer be returned to the country from which he came within five years from his arrival in Victoria, and that in the event of the employer's death within the said five years every such person so engaged and employed shall by and at the expense of the said sureties be as soon as possible returned to the country from which he came; and that before any such person is so returned seven days' notice in writing of intention to return such person shall be given to the Commissioner by the employer or such sureties as the case may be ;
- (d) that a distinct statement in writing of the names and descriptions of all persons so engaged and employed and the occupation business duties and services engaged in and performed by them respectively shall be furnished by the employer to the Commissioner in the month of January in each and every year and shall be verified by a statutory declaration of the employer ;
- (e) that the employer shall at all times on written request of the Commissioner give all proper and reasonable facilities in his power to enable the Commissioner to ascertain whether the conditions of the bond have been or are being duly fulfilled or observed ; and
- (f) that the employer and sureties shall not by any means direct or indirect attempt to evade the conditions of the said bond.

And the said clause was read a second time.

Mr. Best moved, as an amendment, That the words " or business," in line 3, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Best moved, as a further amendment, That the words " or business," in line 20, be omitted.

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

Mr. Best moved, That the following sub-section be added to the clause :—

- (3) In the event of proceedings being taken by or on behalf of Her Majesty for a breach of any of the conditions of the said bond, the burden shall rest upon the person sued for such breach of proving compliance with any conditions alleged to have been broken.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-section proposed to be added be so added—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. McCay.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. White.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Salmon,
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1899–1900.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow:—

Resolved—That the following sum be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION NO. 1.		
		LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
1		The President	1,000	
1		The Chairman of Committees	500	
2			1,500	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Allowances to Witnesses attending Committees, and Expenses incidental to Committees	25	
		Total Division No. 1	1,525	
		The sum of ... ..	...	975

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £391,663 be granted to Her Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1899–1900, viz.:—

Division No.		£
2.	Legislative Assembly	858
4.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates	385
5.	The Library	233
6.	Refreshment Rooms	100
7.	Water Power for Parliament House	25
8.	Parliament Gardens	36
9.	Administrative and Scientific	2,156
10.	Government Statist	901
11.	Police	22,253
12.	Penal Establishments and Gaols	5,485
13.	Hospitals for the Insane	9,235
14.	Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	5,209
15.	Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery	1,236
16.	Government Shorthand Writer	164
17.	Audit Office and Public Service Board	820
18.	Aborigines	485
19.	Exhibitions	1,050
21.	Miscellaneous	3,538
22.	Education	2,373
23.	Do.	42,650
24.	Melbourne University	355
25.	Technical Schools	500
26.	Miscellaneous	240
27.	Supreme Court	328
28.	Law Officers of the Crown	1,403
29.	Crown Solicitor	493
30.	Prothonotary	186
31.	Master in Equity and Lunacy	386
32.	Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	2,266
33.	Patents	328
34.	Sheriff	1,803
35.	County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions	2,280
36.	Police Magistrates and Wardens	1,350
37.	Clerks of Courts	1,690
38.	Coroners	1,008
39.	Treasury	2,235

Division No.	£
40. Income Tax	920
41. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	140
42. Government Printer	8,084
43. Advertising	500
44. Grant to Charitable Institutions	25,000
45. Transport, &c.	800
50. Defence	10,015
51. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands	5,220
52. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	295
53. Botanical and Domain Gardens	663
54. Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Act	76
55. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	1,244
56. State Forests and Nurseries	1,476
57. Village Settlements and Labour Colonies	300
59. Public Works	2,496
60. Miscellaneous	150
61. Works and Buildings	14,510
62. Defence Works and Buildings	1,000
63. Road Works and Bridges	2,500
64. Trade and Customs and Mercantile Marine	5,188
65. Ports and Harbors, Immigration, and Fisheries	2,689
66. Distilleries and Excise	715
67. Explosives	305
68. Marine Board	381
69. Miscellaneous	56
70. Post and Telegraph Offices	28,115
71. Telegraph Lines	3,005
72. Mail Service	8,150
73. Miscellaneous	30
74. Mines and Water Supply	3,089
75. Prospecting for Gold and Coal	200
76. Waterworks in Country Districts	180
77. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works	1,500
78. Miscellaneous	560
79. Agriculture and Industries	417
80. Experimental Cultivation	100
82. Diseases in Stock	475
83. Vegetation Diseases	200
85. Miscellaneous	3,038
86. Public Health	1,296
87. Victorian Railways	140,000
88. Miscellaneous	542
	£391,663

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.

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

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

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

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

13. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1899–1900 the sum of £391,788 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 Sir George Turner and Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

14. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 4).**—Sir George Turner then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and ninety-one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

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

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 21 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until this day.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 56.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and ninety-one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th November, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to relieve certain Corporations of a part of their indebtedness for moneys borrowed from the State for Water Supply*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th November, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Water Act 1890,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th November, 1899.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendments be printed, and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

4. PETITION.—Mr. A. Harris presented a Petition from certain ratepayers and residents of the Shire of Walhalla, praying that the House will be pleased to pass an Act for the construction of a railway from Moe to Walhalla.

On the motion of Mr. A. Harris, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir George Turner moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 57.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **ISSUE OF WRIT.**—Mr. Speaker announced that this day he issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Footscray, in the place of John Hancock, Esquire, deceased.
3. **WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.**—Mr. McLean moved, pursuant to notice, That this House no longer retains confidence in the Government because of its administrative weakness and of its vacillating conduct of public business culminating in having voted for the imprisonment of a man after having declared that his offence was not proved, and advised the House to proceed no further with his proposed punishment.
Debate ensued.

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

FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1899.

Debate continued.

Question—That this House no longer retains confidence in the Government because of its administrative weakness and of its vacillating conduct of public business culminating in having voted for the imprisonment of a man after having declared that his offence was not proved, and advised the House to proceed no further with his proposed punishment—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Brown,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. White.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Austin,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Moule.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gair,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Gurr,	
Mr. A. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Maloney.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 58.

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1899.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ERROR IN DIVISION LIST.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that in the division that took place in the House on Friday morning last the Tellers for the "Noes" inadvertently recorded the name of the Honorable Member for Collingwood, Mr. Wilkins, instead of that of the Honorable Member for Gippsland West, Mr. Turner; whereupon Mr. Speaker directed the Clerk to correct the Division List accordingly.
3. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a return to the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Grenville, by which it appeared that David Kerr, merchant, Buninyong, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
4. MEMBER SWORN.—David Kerr, Esquire, was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Fink presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Technical Education.—Second Progress Report of the Royal Commission on Technical Education.—Manual and Practical Instruction in Primary Schools.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 Public Service Act 1890.—Regulations.
6. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Deakin moved, by leave, That the Committee of Public Accounts have leave, during the remainder of the Session, to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fink moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 9th January next.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.
On the motion of Mr. Fink, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Beazley also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday, 9th January next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1899–1900.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow:—
Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION NO. 2.		
		LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
1		The Speaker	1,250	
1		The Chairman of Committees	740	
2			1,990	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		FIRST DIVISION.		
1		The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly ...	1,000	
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
1	L.	The Clerk Assistant	850	850
		Subdivision No. 4.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	2	The Second Clerk Assistant, Clerk of Private Bills, and Clerk of Committees	600	
1	2	Clerk of the Papers and Accountant	600	
1	3	Serjeant-at-Arms and Assistant Clerk of Committees	450	
1	4	Assistant Clerk of the Papers	350	
1	4	Reader	325	
1	5	Assistant Reader and Telegraph Operator ...	200	
6			2,525	

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION No. 2.				
Subdivision No. 5.				
SERJEANT-AT-ARMS DIVISION.				
			Maxi- mum. £	
1		Housekeeper*	276	275
10		Doorkeepers†... ..	188	1,878
1		Hall Keeper	200	200
1		Hall Porter	188	188
1		Engineer	210	210
1		Engineer's Assistant	168	168
15				2,919
25		Total SALARIES		9,284
Subdivision No. 6.				
CONTINGENCIES.				
		Fuel, Light, and Water, Stores, Stationery, and Incidental Expenses ...		600
		Charwomen, Lift Attendant, and other Temporary Non-Clerical Assistance		550
		Expenses of Select Committees, including Allowances to Witnesses ...		25
				1,175
		Total Division No. 2		10,459
		The sum of		5,995
DIVISION No. 3.				
PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.				
		Incidental Expenses, including Allowances to Witnesses		250
		The sum of		50
DIVISION No. 4.				
VICTORIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES.				
SALARIES.				
Subdivision No. 1.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	2f	Chief Reporter		600
2	2f	Reporters		1,025
1	2	Reporter		420
1	2	Reporter		420
2	5	Clerks (to act as Short-hand Amanuenses and Type-writers)		400
7				2,865
Subdivision No. 2.				
CONTINGENCIES.				
		Stores, Stationery, and Incidental Expenses		75
		Type-writing and Reporting Assistance		370
				445
		Total Division No. 4		3,310
		The sum of		1,685

* With quarters, fuel, light, and water.

	Minimum Rate of Pay.	Scale of Annual Additions.		Maximum Rate of Pay.	All increments to accrue from 1st July.
		Number.	Amount.		
† Doorkeepers	48s. per week	8	3s. per week	72s. per week	

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 5.		
		THE LIBRARY.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	2	The Librarian	600	
1	5	Clerk	200	
2			800	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1		Messenger	188	
3		Total SALARIES	988	
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Books and Bookbinding	600	
		Fuel, Light, Water, Stationery, Postage Stamps, Incidentals, Allowance to Charwoman, and to Temporary Messenger	650	
			1,250	
		Total Division No. 5	2,238	
		The sum of		1,120
		DIVISION No. 6.		
		REFRESHMENT ROOMS.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Wages of Staff	275	
		Fuel, Light, and Incidental Expenses	400	
		Total Division No. 6	675	
		The sum of		225
		DIVISION No. 7.		
		WATER POWER FOR PARLIAMENT HOUSE	300	
		(Required for the following purposes :—The protection of the Parliament Buildings from fire ; working the Legislative Council lift, the lift to the Library corridor, and the Kitchen lift ; and also for working the machinery for the ventilation of the Legislative Assembly chamber and adjoining rooms.)		
		The sum of		160
		DIVISION No. 8.		
		PARLIAMENT GARDENS.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1		Foreman Gardener	168	168
2		Gardeners	132	264
3				432
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Incidental Expenses	100	
		Total Division No. 8	532	
		The sum of		301

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION No. 9.				
ADMINISTRATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC.				
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.				
Subdivision No. 1.				
SALARIES.				
FIRST DIVISION.				
1		The Under-Secretary		1,000
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.				
1		Assistant Government Medical Officer ...	Maximum. £ 500	350
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	3	Acting Chief Clerk		485
1	2	Clerk		600
1	2	Inspector of Officers in Charge of Stores ...		600
1	3	Accountant		485
1	3	Clerk		485
4	4	Clerks		1,700
13	5	Clerks *		2,400
		Allowance to 3rd Class Officer discharging the duties of Secretary to the Police Superannuation Board and the Police Medical Board ...		50
22				6,805
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1		Caretaker of Government Offices, Spring-street †	Maximum. £ 150	180
1		Senior Messenger	132	120
1		Messenger and Attendant	120	120
1		Junior Messenger and Attendant	72	72
1		Junior Messenger	66	60
1		Female Housekeeper	48	50
6				602
<i>(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)</i>				
1	x	Government Medical Officer		1,200
31		Total SALARIES, Chief Secretary's Office ...		9,957
Subdivision No. 2.				
CONTINGENCIES.				
Telegrams, Stores, Stationery, Books, Fuel, Light, Water, and Incidentals, including temporary allowance to Female Housekeeper in lieu of quarters, Orderly's Allowance, Flags and Office Stationery for His Excellency the Governor				2,360
Cost of Indexing <i>Government Gazette</i>				120
Repairs to Old Treasury Buildings, Fittings, Furniture, &c. ...				100
				2,580
Total Chief Secretary's Office				12,537

* One acting in Executive Council Office and paid under Schedule D, Part IV., 18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 55.—† With quarters, fuel, light, and water.

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION No. 9.				
OBSERVATORY.				
Subdivision No. 3.				
SALARIES.				
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.				
	Sc. & L.		Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Acting Government Astronomer ...	725	400
1		Assistant	300	300
1		Assistant	250	250
1		Assistant	190	190
1		Meteorological and General Assistant ...	180	150
5				1,290
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	5	Meteorological and Photographic Assistant ...		200
1	5	Weather Telegraph Clerk		184
1	5	Clerk		40
3			Maxi- mum.	424
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
			£	
1		Mechanical Attendant	132	120
1		Junior Messenger and Attendant	72	72
1		Junior Messenger and Attendant	66	60
3				252
11		Total SALARIES, Observatory		1,966
Subdivision No. 4.—CONTINGENCIES.				
Stores, Fuel, Light, Incidentals, Labour, Books, Instruments, Repairs, Photographic Materials, Travelling Expenses, &c.				550
Weather Service, Local and Intercolonial, including Attendance to Time-ball and Tide-gauge, Williamstown				185
Renewal of Instruments supplied to Meteorological Observers, Apparatus for testing Air Meters for the public, Seismograph and Instruments for measuring Photographic Star Plates and Cloud Plates ...				480
Measuring, Reducing, and Preparing for Publication Magnetic Curves, Cloud Photographic Plates, Arrears of Astronomical Computations and Extra Meridian Work				440
				1,655
Total Observatory				3,621
GOVERNMENT BOTANIST.				
Subdivision No. 5.				
SALARIES.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	4	Clerk, acting as Curator, National Herbarium ...		350
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
			£	
1		Herbarium Assistant	144	96
1		Herbarium Assistant	144	72
2				168
3		Total SALARIES, Government Botanist		518
Subdivision No. 6.				
CONTINGENCIES.				
Stores, Stationery, and Incidentals				110
Total Government Botanist				628

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 9.		
		INSPECTION OF FACTORIES AND SHOPS.		
		Subdivision No. 7.		
		SALARIES.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	4	Chief Inspector of Factories	295	
3	5	Addition to Salary of Chief Inspector Clerks	50 600	
4				945
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
4		Inspectors of Factories	240	960
3		Inspectors of Factories	180	540
3		Female Inspectors of Factories	150	408
10				1,908
14		Total SALARIES, Factories and Shops ...		2,853
		Subdivision No. 8.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Travelling Expenses, Expenses of Servants' Registry Office Act, Expenses of Special Boards, Stores, Stationery, and Incidentals ...		1,000
		Total Inspection of Factories and Shops ...		3,853
		FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.		
		Subdivision No. 9.		
		SALARIES.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	2	Actuary for Friendly Societies	600	
1	4	Clerk	287	
7	5	Clerks	1,395	
		Acting Registrar for Friendly Societies (nine months)	150	
9				2,432
		Subdivision No. 10.		
		(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)		
1	x	Registrar of Friendly Societies (three months) ...	100	
10		Total SALARIES, Friendly Societies ...		2,532
		Subdivision No. 11.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Stores and Incidentals		60
		Total Friendly Societies		2,592
		MISCELLANEOUS.		
		Subdivision No. 12.—(Inalterable.)		
		Agent-General—Expenses of Staff and Office	2,000	
		Allowance for Expenses to Lieutenant-General Sir Andrew Clarke, G.C.M.G., as Acting Agent-General	1,500	
				3,500
		Total Division No. 9		26,731
		The sum of		14,869

Number.	Classification			£	£
DIVISION No. 10.					
GOVERNMENT STATIST.					
SALARIES.					
Subdivision No. 1.					
CLERICAL DIVISION.					
1	3	Assistant Government Statist	...	485	
1	4	Assistant Government Statist	...	350	
4	4	Clerks	...	1,249	
25	5	Clerks	...	4,700	
1	5	Clerk	...	40	
<u>32</u>				<u>6,824</u>	
Subdivision No. 2.					
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.					
				Maxi- mum.	
1		Junior Messenger	...	£ 72	72
1		Junior Messenger	...	66	60
<u>2</u>					<u>132</u>
<u>34</u>		Total SALARIES	...		<u>6,956</u>
Subdivision No. 3.					
CONTINGENCIES.					
		Stores, Travelling, and Incidental Expenses	...	225	
		Collecting and compiling Agricultural and other Statistics	...	2,000	
		Compiling Indexes of Births, Deaths, and Marriages	...	150	
					<u>2,375</u>
Subdivision No. 4.					
		Allowances to Registrars	...	4,500	
		Total Division No. 10	...	13,831	
		The sum of	...	...	8,708
DIVISION No. 11.					
POLICE.					
SALARIES.					
Subdivision No. 1.					
CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.					
<u>1</u>	x	Chief Commissioner *	...	900	
Subdivision No. 2.					
CLERICAL DIVISION.					
1	3	Accountant	...	485	
1	3	Chief Clerk	...	310	
1	4	Clerk	...	350	
5	5	Clerks	...	1,000	
<u>8</u>					<u>2,145</u>

* With quarters.

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION No. 11.				
SALARIES AND WAGES.				
Subdivision No. 3.				
GENERAL POLICE.				
1	x	Inspecting Superintendent*	500	
10	x	Superintendents,* at £375, one to 30th September only, with allowance as officer in charge of Plain-clothes Police of £50 per annum ...	3,482	
8	x	Inspectors,* at £300, including allowances of £50 per annum to Senior Officer, Russell-street Station, and of £75 per annum to officer in charge of Plain-clothes Police from 1st October	2,507	
15	x	Sub-Inspectors,* at £255, one from 1st October only	3,762	
1	x	Drill Instructor* (foot), with brevet rank of Sub-Inspector, at 11s. 6d. daily	210	
98	x	Sergeants,* 1st Class—Forty-nine, with daily pay from 10s. 6d. to 11s.	18,141†	
		2nd Class—Forty-nine, with daily pay from 9s. 6d. to 10s. 6d.		
1340	x	Constables,* Senior—One hundred and fifty-two (seven from 1st January, 1900, only), with daily pay from 8s. to 10s. Ordinary — Eleven hundred and eighty-eight (forty-three from 1st January, 1900, only), with daily pay from 6s. to 9s. 6d.	192,780‡	
		Extra pay to members of the Force on plain-clothes duty, viz.:—Seven at 5s. 6d. daily, twelve at 3s. 6d. daily, ten at 2s. 6d. daily, five at 1s. 6d. daily, and twenty-five at 1s. daily		
1	x	Hospital Wardsman, at not exceeding 7s. daily ...	2,519	
			128	
1474			224,029	
		Deduct to be repaid by the Mint, Railway Department, and Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	£1,140	
		To be repaid from the Licensing Act Fund, being the pay of six Sub-Inspectors acting as Inspectors under Act No. 1111, and of three Constables solely employed on duties in connexion with the Licensing Act	1,948	
			3,088	
			220,941	
1483			223,986	
Total SALARIES				

Subdivision No. 4.**CONTINGENCIES.**

Allowance to Officers in lieu of Grooms, and for repairs to Saddlery used by them, at £40 each yearly	680
Allowance in lieu of Quarters, Fuel, Light, and Water to Sub-Officers and Constables living out of Barracks	8,000
Forage	7,200
Travelling Expenses	6,600
Stores	2,500
Fuel, Light, and Water	4,000
Shoeing and Farriery	900
Purchase of Horses	600
Medical Expenses of Police, and for Clothing destroyed in the execution of duty	200
Incidentals, Repairs to Saddlery, and Expenses of Black Trackers	2,400

NOTES ON SALARIES.

* With quarters, fuel, light, and water.—† Including 1s. a day additional pay to ninety-eight Sergeants after ten years' service, 1s. a day additional pay to twelve Sergeants (2nd class) losing promotion on account of age, and 6d. a day additional pay to sixteen Sergeants over 55 years of age and in important charges.—‡ Including 1s. a day additional pay to eight hundred and eighty Constables after ten years' service, 6d. a day additional pay to two hundred and eleven Constables after six years' service, 1s. a day additional pay to fifteen Constables, eleven employed as Superintendents' Clerks, two as Horse-breakers, one as Mounted Drill Instructor, and one as Storekeeper at Depot, and 6d. a day additional pay to four Constables over 55 years of age and in important charges.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 11.		
Transport of Prisoners	2,900	
Burial of Destitute Persons	1,500	
Maintenance, &c., of Prisoners while in charge of Police	600	
Law Costs incurred by the Police	200	
Rewards for the Apprehension of Offenders	100	
Allowances to Cooks and Female Searchers	300	
Allowance to Medical Officer to the Police Force *	400	
Provisions, &c., for Police Hospital *	200	
	39,280	
Total Division No. 11	263,266	
The sum of ... ..	...	147,398

* Expenditure will be partly met by stoppages from the pay of the men in Hospital.

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £348,499 be granted to Her Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1899–1900, viz.:—

Division No.	£
12. Penal Establishments and Gaols	4,085
13. Hospitals for the Insane	9,615
14. Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	5,213
15. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery	1,403
16. Government Shorthand Writer	164
17. Audit Office and Public Service Board	853
18. Aborigines	468
20. Grants	633
21. Miscellaneous	1,695
22. Education	2,665
23. Do.	44,308
24. Melbourne University	353
25. Technical Schools	1,800
26. Miscellaneous	240
27. Supreme Court	299
28. Law Officers of the Crown	1,278
29. Crown Solicitor	453
30. Prothonotary	181
31. Master in Equity and Lunacy	326
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	2,166
33. Patents	278
34. Sheriff	303
35. County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions	2,030
36. Police Magistrates and Wardens	1,426
37. Clerks of Courts	1,690
38. Coroners	508
39. Treasury	2,240
40. Income Tax	932
41. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	140
42. Government Printer	8,024
43. Advertising	500
45. Transport, &c.	150
46. Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	150
50. Defence	16,388
51. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands	4,716
52. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	296
53. Botanical and Domain Gardens	664
54. Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Act	76
55. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	1,244
56. State Forests and Nurseries	1,476
57. Village Settlements and Labour Colonies	250
59. Public Works	2,500
60. Miscellaneous	150
61. Works and Buildings	7,726
62. Defence Works and Buildings	250
64. Trade and Customs and Mercantile Marine	5,164
65. Ports and Harbors, Immigration, and Fisheries	1,440
66. Distilleries and Excise	710
67. Explosives	250
68. Marine Board	306

Division No.	£
69. Miscellaneous	56
70. Post and Telegraph Offices	34,666
71. Telegraph Lines	2,316
72. Mail Service	8,150
73. Miscellaneous	30
74. Mines and Water Supply	3,090
75. Prospecting for Gold and Coal	290
76. Waterworks in Country Districts	176
77. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works	1,476
78. Miscellaneous	550
79. Agriculture and Industries	452
80. Experimental Cultivation	16
82. Diseases in Stock	444
83. Vegetation Diseases	200
85. Miscellaneous	3,556
86. Public Health	2,296
87. Victorian Railways	150,000
88. Miscellaneous	560
	£348,499

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

9. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Mr. Fink, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Beazley also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday, 9th January next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—
Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1899–1900 the sum of £376,659 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. Fink and Mr. Salmon do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
11. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 5).**—Mr. Fink then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and seventy-six thousand six hundred and fifty-nine pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
Mr. Fink moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Fink moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Fink, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Fink, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 21 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, 9th January next.
13. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and seventy-six thousand six hundred and fifty-nine pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred*” without amendment.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fink moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at forty minutes past five o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 9th January next.

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 59.

TUESDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 1900.

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

BRASSEY,
Governor. *Message No. 19.*

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at the Government Offices, 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 Three hundred and seventy-six thousand six hundred and fifty-nine pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred.”

Government House,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1899.
3. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a return to the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Footscray, by which it appeared that Samuel Mauger had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
4. MEMBER SWORN.—Samuel Mauger, Esquire, was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
5. ISSUE OF WRITS.—Mr. Speaker announced that since the adjournment of the House he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve for the following Electoral Districts, viz. :—

Gippsland North, in the place of the Honorable Allan McLean ;
Normanby, in the place of the Honorable William Shiels ;
Lowan, in the place of William Hill Irvine, Esquire ;
Maryborough, in the place of the Honorable Alfred Richard Outtrim ;
Numurkah and Nathalia, in the place of the Honorable George Graham ;
Gunbower, in the place of the Honorable James Hiers McColl ;
Castlemaine, in the place of James Whiteside McCay, Esquire ;
Melbourne North, in the place of William Alexander Watt, Esquire ; and
Talbot and Avoca, in the place of the Honorable Charles Carty Salmon ;

who had severally accepted offices of profit under the Crown.

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6. RETURNS TO WRITS.—Mr. Speaker also announced that he had received returns to Writs, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen had been duly elected for the respective districts set opposite their several names :—

Allan McLean, for the Electoral District of Gippsland North.
 William Shiels, "Summerland House," Fitzroy-street, Saint Kilda, for the Electoral District of Normanby.
 William Hill Irvine, for the Electoral District of Lowan.
 Alfred Richard Outtrim, of Maryborough, for the Electoral District of Maryborough.
 George Graham, of Wunghuu, farmer, for the Electoral District of Numurkah and Nathalia.
 James Hiers McColl, of Bendigo, engineer, for the Electoral District of Gunbower.
 Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson, law student, for the Electoral District of Castlemaine.
 William Alexander Watt, accountant, of 17 Chapman-street, North Melbourne, for the Electoral District of Melbourne North.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had not yet received the return to the Writ issued by him for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Talbot and Avoca, although the election had been held ; but he had received a telegram from the Returning Officer informing him that Charles Carty Salmon, of Daisy Hill Park, Talbot, surgeon, had been duly elected.

7. MEMBERS SWORN.—The following Members were then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law, viz.:—The Honorable Allan McLean, The Honorable William Shiels, The Honorable William Hill Irvine, The Honorable Alfred Richard Outtrim, The Honorable George Graham, The Honorable James Hiers McColl, The Honorable William Alexander Watt, The Honorable Charles Carty Salmon, and Harry Sutherland Wightman Lawson, Esquire.

8. PAPERS.—Mr. Irvine presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

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

Mr. Irvine presented—

Supreme Court and County Court Appeals.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 2nd November, 1899, for a return showing—

1. The number of appeals in civil matters from each Supreme Court Judge or Acting Judge from 1st January, 1896, to 30th September, 1899.
2. The number of such appeals allowed, disallowed, and pending in the case of each Judge or Acting Judge.
3. A like return for each Judge or Acting Judge of the Court Court.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Companies Act 1896.—Rules under Division VII.

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

Water Act 1890.—Wandella Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Rating Regulation.

9. RAILWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION ACT 1898 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Outtrim moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Outtrim and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Outtrim then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

10. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McColl moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Land Acts.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

11. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL.—Mr. Graham moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to indemnify the councillors of various municipalities for borrowing moneys by overdrafts on bankers for the purposes of their municipalities contrary to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1890*.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Graham and Mr. Outtrim do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Graham then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to indemnify the Councillors of various Municipalities for Borrowing Moneys by Overdrafts on Bankers for the purposes of their Municipalities contrary to the provisions of the 'Local Government Act 1890,'*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

12. LICENCES VALIDATING BILL.—Mr. Shiels moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to validate certain licences.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Shiels and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to validate certain Licences,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

BRASSEY,

Governor.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the government, discipline, and maintenance of a Second Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa.

Government Offices,
8th January, 1900.

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

14. VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 20, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McLean, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the government, discipline, and maintenance of a Second Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa.

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

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

Mr. McLean then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the government discipline and maintenance of a Second Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clause 1, line 8, after “same” insert “and shall come into operation on the first day of March One thousand nine hundred.”

Clause 3, line 4, omit “with provision for inquiry in the meantime” and insert “from the commencement of this Act.”

Clause G, omit this clause.

Mr. Irvine offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

G. Within twelve months after the commencement of this Act a Royal Commission shall be appointed consisting of members of both Houses of Parliament for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the operation of the Factories and Shops Acts and the effect of the said Acts upon the trades and industries to which they apply and their effect on trade manufacture labour and commerce and as to the necessity for amendments in such Acts and the nature of such amendments and for such other purposes as the Governor in Council may think fit.

Mr. Irvine moved, That the said clause be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Carter moved, as an amendment, That the word “twelve,” in the first line of the clause, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word “three.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

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

- Clause 4, line 21, after “employ” insert “such person.”
 Clause 6, line 4, omit “all or any manufacturing operations at which.”
 „ line 5, omit “which.”
 „ line 6, omit “is used.”
 Clause 15, line 27, omit “first” and insert “secondly.”
 Clause 16, page 4, line 39, omit “give” and insert “after having given.”
 „ line 40, omit “to” and insert “so to do.”
 „ page 5, line 1, after “elected” insert “as hereinafter provided or.”
 „ „ line 6, after “Parliament” insert “and sent to each member of Parliament.”
 „ „ line 23, after “Minister” insert “In the case of the Special Board for Men’s and Boys’ Clothing the representatives of the employers shall consist of three representatives of makers of ready-made clothing and two of makers of order clothing, and the rolls for the election of such respective representatives shall be prepared and votes given in such manner as may be prescribed.”
 „ „ lines 24 and 25, omit these lines.
 „ „ line 26, omit “or.”
 „ „ line 27, omit “such” and insert “any.”
 „ „ line 28, omit “sufficient number of persons” and insert “person”; omit “representatives” and insert “representative.”
 „ „ line 29, omit “occupiers of factories or work-rooms or of persons employed” and insert “employers or employés.”
 „ „ line 30, omit “persons” and insert “person.”
 „ „ line 31, omit “occupiers or persons employed” and insert “employers or employés.”
 „ page 7, line 26, after “only” insert “for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing either inside or outside a factory or work-room any articles or for doing any work.”
 „ „ line 40, after “therefor” insert “subject to and.”
 „ page 8, line 3, after “inspector” insert “who if he thinks fit may disallow the same or may refer the same to a Special Board which may disallow the same, and until disallowed by the Chief Inspector or such Special Board such piece-work prices or rates shall be deemed to be so fixed.”
 „ „ line 7, before “lower” insert “which has been so disallowed by the Chief Inspector or Special Board or a piece-work price or rate.”
 „ „ line 8, omit “him” and insert “such first-mentioned person.”
 „ „ line 22, before “Any person” insert “(20).”

At end of clause 16 add new sub-sections (21) and (22)—

(21) No person shall for a period of three months after the commencement of this Act be or be deemed to be guilty of any contravention of the provisions of this section with regard to the proportionate number of apprentices or improvers employed by him provided that the total number of apprentices and improvers employed by him does not exceed the total number of apprentices and improvers he is entitled to employ.

(22) No person shall be or be deemed to be guilty of any contravention of this section with regard to the number of apprentices in his employ if he proves that at the time of entering into the indentures of apprenticeship or agreement in respect of the last apprentice employed by him and for six months previous thereto he had in his employ such number of persons other than apprentices and improvers as at that date entitled him to the number of apprentices (including such last apprentice) in his employ.

Mr. Irvine offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

H. (1) For the purposes of the election of members of any Special Board the Minister may by notice in the *Government Gazette* announce his intention of nominating certain persons named in such notice as representatives of employers and employés upon any Special Board.

(2) Unless within one month after such notice appears in the *Government Gazette* one-tenth in number of the employers or employés (as the case may be) in the process trade or business to be affected by any determination of such Special Board nominate in writing to the Minister some other person or persons as representatives of employers or employés (as the case may be) the Governor in Council may appoint as members of such Special Board the persons whose names appeared in the said notice and such persons shall be deemed for all purposes to have been duly elected members of such Special Board under the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts.

(3) In the event of one-tenth in number of the employers or employés nominating some person or persons other than those named by the Minister (hereinafter described as "asking for an election") an election as may be prescribed by regulations shall take place and the persons named by the Minister and those nominated by the employers or employés (as the case may be) shall be deemed to have been duly nominated as candidates for election to such Special Board.

(4) An election shall not be necessary for employers in the event of the employés only asking for an election, and an election shall not be necessary for employés in the event of employers only asking for an election.

(5) For the purpose of deciding whether one-tenth in number of employers agree in asking for an election the Register kept by the Chief Inspector in accordance with section nine of the Principal Act may be used and only the employers registered therein as carrying on the process trade or business affected shall be counted.

(6) For the purpose of deciding whether one-tenth in number of employés agree in asking for an election the Minister may accept as the correct number of all employés the number stated to be employed in the process trade or business affected as set out in the last published Annual Report of the Chief Inspector or may decide the matter on any other evidence which may appear to him to be satisfactory.

(7) The Minister may take such steps as appear to him necessary to enable him to decide whether one-tenth in number of the employers or employés engaged in the process trade or business of a butcher or seller of meat agree in asking for an election.

(8) The Governor in Council may make regulations requiring employers in any process trade or business to forward such information as may be requisite to compile the necessary rolls for such election, and such regulations may impose penalties not exceeding Five pounds for any failure to comply with such regulations.

(9) The Minister's decision as to whether one-tenth in number of employers or employés have or have not asked for an election shall be final, and shall not be subject to be questioned or reviewed in any court of law or otherwise howsoever.

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

Mr. Irvine offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

J. (1) If any person desires to dispute the validity of any determination of any Special Board made or purporting to have been made under any of the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts it shall be lawful for such person to apply to the Supreme Court upon affidavit for a rule calling upon the Chief Inspector to show cause why such determination should not be quashed either wholly or in part for the illegality thereof; and the said court may make the said rule absolute or discharge it with or without costs as to the court shall seem meet.

(2) Every such determination of any Special Board shall unless and until so quashed have and be deemed and taken to have the like force validity and effect as if such determination had been enacted in the Factories and Shops Acts, and shall not be in any manner liable to be challenged or disputed; but any such determination may be altered or revoked by any subsequent determination under the Factories and Shops Acts.

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

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

Clause 26, lines 23 and 24, omit all words to "office" inclusive and insert "Whenever there is a vacancy in a Special Board and."

„ lines 24 and 25, omit "may appoint another member" and insert "without any previous notice or election appoints some person."

„ lines 25, omit "and such member" and insert "such person."

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

Omit clause 27.

Mr. Deakin offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

A. Every Special Board when fixing the lowest wages price or rate to be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons shall also determine the maximum number of hours per week for which such lowest wages price or rate shall be payable according to the nature or conditions of his work; and the wages price or rate payable for any shorter time worked shall be not less than a *pro rata* amount of such price or rate, or (as the case may be) shall be not less than any price or rate specified in the conditions of any suspension by the Minister or as expressly provided for by the Factories and Shops Acts. The Board shall also fix a higher wages price or rate than that set forth in the determination of the Board which shall be paid to any employé who works for any time in excess of the maximum number of hours so fixed.

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

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

Clause 33, line 17, after "namely" insert "(a) in sub-section (1) after the word 'Malvern' there shall be inserted the word 'Caulfield.'"

„ line 34, after "which" insert "are or."

Clause 34, line 37, omit "where the Act applies" and insert "wherever the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts apply to shops."

Mr. McGregor moved, That the words "Metropolitan district," in clause 34, page 11, line 42, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "colony."

Debate ensued.

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

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

Clause 34, page 12, line 3, after "shop" insert "in the Metropolitan district."

Mr. Gurr offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

C. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Factories and Shops Acts section forty-eight of the *Factories and Shops Act 1896* shall apply and is hereby extended to every shire.

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

Mr. Gray moved, That the following new sub-section be inserted after sub-section (2) in clause 34, page 12:—

The closing time for all shops (except those mentioned in the Fourth Schedule) situate within the Metropolitan district shall in every week be as follows:—On Monday and Tuesday seven o'clock; on Wednesday one o'clock or seven o'clock whichever of these times is chosen by the shopkeeper in pursuance of this Act; on Thursday seven o'clock.

On Friday—

- (a) seven o'clock where the closing time on the preceding Wednesday was one o'clock.
- (b) ten o'clock where the closing time on the preceding Wednesday was seven o'clock.

On Saturday—

- (a) one o'clock where the closing time on the preceding Wednesday was seven o'clock.
- (b) ten o'clock where the closing time on the preceding Wednesday was one o'clock.

And all such shops shall close on those days not later than the hours above mentioned which shall be hours after the hour of noon on each day.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the sub-section proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.		Noes, 55.	
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Brake,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Trenwith,	Mr. Brown,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. White,	Mr. Carter,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Wilkins.	Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Gray,		Mr. Downward,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Hamilton,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Duggan,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Fink,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. T. Smith.	Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Peacock,
		Mr. Foster,	Mr. Rawson,
		Mr. Gair,	Mr. Russell,
		Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Salmon,
		Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Shiels,
		Mr. Graham,	Mr. Staughton,
		Mr. Graves,	Mr. Taverner,
		Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
		Mr. Gurr,	Sir George Turner,
		Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Turner,
		Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Vale,
		Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
		Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wheeler,
		Mr. Keys,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
		Mr. Kirton,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
		Mr. Langdon,	
		Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Madden,	Mr. Moule,
		Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Thomson.
		Mr. McArthur,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Clause 40, line 33, omit "persons" and insert "person."

Mr. Higgins moved, That the words "as an hospital wardsman or nurse or" be inserted after the word "employed," in clause 40, line 34.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Moule moved, That the words "as a clerk or bookkeeper or cashier or other person engaged in any office or," in clause 40, lines 34 and 35, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 42.
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Brake,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Trenwith,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,	Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Watt.	Mr. Fink,
Mr. Hamilton,		Mr. Forrest,
Mr. Higgins,		Mr. Gair,
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Gillott,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. T. Smith.	Mr. Graham,
		Mr. J. Harris,
		Mr. Irvine,
		Mr. John A. Isaacs,
		Mr. Kennedy,
		Mr. Langdon,
		Mr. Lawson,
		Mr. Madden,
		Mr. J. W. Mason,
		Mr. McArthur,
		Mr. McBride,
		Mr. McColl,
		Sir John McIntyre,
		Mr. McLean,
		Mr. Morrissey,
		Mr. O'Neill,
		Mr. Outtrim,
		Mr. Peacock,
		Mr. Rawson,
		Mr. Russell,
		Mr. Shiels,
		Mr. Staughton,
		Mr. Taverner,
		Sir George Turner,
		Mr. Vale,
		Mr. Wheeler,
		Mr. White,
		Mr. E. D. Williams,
		Mr. H. R. Williams.
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Moule,
		Mr. Turner.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Clause 40, line 44, after "afternoon" insert "but this paragraph shall not apply to any person employed in delivering bread."

Clause 45, line 13, omit "and."

In Schedule, opposite No. 1476, omit "Sections four, five, and six" and insert "Sub-section (3) of section four and section six."

„ opposite No. 1518, omit "Sections three and five" and insert "Section three."

„ in the column "Nature and Extent of Repeal," omit "In section fifty-four as amended by section five of the *Factories and Shops Act 1897* the paragraph commencing with the words 'for requiring occupiers of factories.'"

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. 2 to 21 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 60.

 WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1900.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the government discipline and maintenance of a Second Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

3. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that since the adjournment of the House last night he had received the return to the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Talbot and Avoca, by which it appeared that Charles Carty Salmon, of Daisy Hill Park, Talbot, surgeon, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
4. CORRECTIONS IN FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following Report from the Clerk of the House :—

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 10th January, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

In clause 1, line 6, the figures "1899" have been omitted and "1900" inserted.

In clause 16, page 7, line 15, the word "partially" has been omitted and "partly" inserted.

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

5. PAPERS.—Mr. McColl presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

State Forests and Timber Reserves—

Seventh Progress Report of the Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves.—
The Forests of the County of Delatite; being the King River, Winteriga, Dueran, Too-rour, Toombullup, and Minor Reserves: Their Resources, Management, and Control.

Eighth Progress Report of the Royal Commission on State Forests and Timber Reserves.—
Grazing Lands in the Parishes of Wurrin, Wangarabell, Koola, and Derdang: Genoa River Forest, East Gippsland.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Land Acts.—Alteration of Regulations under the Land Acts.—Order in Council.

(700 copies.)

6. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 24 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
8. GRAIN RATES ON THE VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.—Mr. Langdon moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the proposed alteration in the rates for carriage of grain on the Victorian railways is, on account of numerous anomalies, unsatisfactory, and that all differential rates now charged for carriage of grain on various lines of said railways be abolished.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
9. BUNGAREE JUNCTION TO RACE-COURSE RESERVE RAILWAY ACT.—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to notice, That, in view of the fact that this House has passed an Act intituled "*An Act for the purpose of constructing a Railway Siding from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve,*" this House requests the Government to bring in the necessary Bill to give effect to the said Act.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
10. PHYLLOXERA.—Mr. Sterry moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the methods and means which have been adopted in dealing with the Phylloxera outbreak, and generally as to the best means of dealing with and checking the spread of the pest; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bowser, Mr. Graham, Mr. Gurr, Mr. J. W. Mason, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Toutcher, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
11. PATENT OFFICE.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Deakin, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of copies of specifications sold by the Patent Office in each year under the present Act and the revenue derived therefrom, distinguishing fees paid by patent agents from those paid by other persons.
 2. The number and value of the search fees paid to the Patent Office in each year for the same period, and similarly distinguished.
 3. The number of copies of the *Patent Office Index* published since 1890 which have been sold, and the receipts therefrom, distinguished as in the preceding returns.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. MUNICIPAL VALUATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—
 1. Title, after "Valuations" add "and for other purposes."
 2. Clause 2, line 12, omit "council thereof" and insert "person rated therefor."
 3. " page 2, line 3, after "or" insert "refuse to reduce or may."
 4. " " line 4, after "rate-book" insert "and the council of any such municipality shall forthwith amend the rate so intended to be reduced or increased by altering or amending the rate-book in conformity with such reduction or increase, and no alteration in the rate-book shall be valid unless the same be initiated by the Chairman of the municipality in the presence of the council and the date of such alteration be also inserted."
 5. " " line 4, after "reduction" insert "or refusal."
 6. " " line 8, omit "of valuation; and" and insert "or refusal to make an alteration (as the case may be) of valuation; and the said appeal shall be dealt with by justices in a Court of Petty Sessions or by a County Court in as nearly as may be the same way as appeals by persons thinking themselves aggrieved on the ground of unfairness or incorrectness in the valuation of any rateable property included in any rate are dealt with by justices or County Courts under the Local Government Acts, and the said Acts with such substitutions as may be necessary shall be read and construed accordingly; and subject to any such appeal."
 7. " " line 10, omit "calculated."
 8. " " line 10, after "accordingly" add "and calculated for the remainder of the municipal year in lieu of the rates for the same period payable under the previous valuation and the rates payable and paid shall be adjusted accordingly."

9. Insert the following new clauses :—

A. It shall be lawful for the council of any municipality from time to time, upon the application of any person liable to the payment of any rate under the provisions of the Principal Act or any Acts amending the same, to remit or excuse in respect of any building which shall be wholly and continuously unoccupied for any period not less than three months the payment of so much of such rates as shall be proportionate to the time during which such building shall be so unoccupied.

B. In section sixty-four of the *Local Government Act* 1891 the words "Eight pounds per centum per annum" shall as from the thirtieth September One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine be omitted and the words "Five pounds per centum per annum" substituted therefor.

C. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Local Government Acts or in any Act relating to the City of Melbourne or Town of Geelong no rate made under any of the said Acts on any rateable property after the commencement of this Act shall be or remain a charge upon such property nor be recoverable from either the owner or occupier rated nor shall distress warrants be issued in respect of rates made in the City of Melbourne and Town of Geelong after the expiration of six years from the making of such rate.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendment 1 agreed to.

Mr. T. Smith moved, That amendment 2 be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

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

And, after debate—

Motion for the adjournment of the debate, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—That amendment 2 be agreed to—put and negatived.

Amendments 3 to 9 disagreed with.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to one of the said amendments and have disagreed with the other amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 31 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday next, and No. 3 until Wednesday, 31st January instant.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 61.

THURSDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Deakin, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY.—Mr. Kennedy, Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from the Select Committee upon the Leongatha Labour Colony.
The Report was read by the Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
Water Act 1890.—Wandella Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Increase of Trust District and Alteration of Boundaries.—Order in Council.
5. RAILWAY REGRADING.—Mr. Styles moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the estimated approximate cost of reducing the present ruling gradients to not less than 1 in 80 on each of the undermentioned railways. Such estimates to include the cost of any deviation of the lines which may be desirable in order to lessen the outlay:—

	Present Ruling Gradient.
Essendon to Wodonga	1 in 50
Melbourne to Echuca, <i>via</i> Castlemaine	1 in 50
Eaglehawk to Ultima	1 in 50
Korong Vale to Sea Lake	1 in 50
Dunolly to Cronomby Tanks	1 in 50
Murtoa to Hopetoun	1 in 66
Ballarat to Inglewood, <i>via</i> Maryborough	1 in 40
Geelong to Serviceton	1 in 50
Melbourne to Korumburra	1 in 40

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. PAPER.—Mr. Outtrim presented—
Railway Regrading.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Outtrim, read a third time.
On the motion of Mr. Outtrim, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill:—
Clause 1, line 6, omit “1899” and insert “1900.”
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

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8. **WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
 On the motion of Mr. Outtrim, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Outtrim moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Outtrim, read a third time.
 On the motion of Mr. Outtrim, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—
 Clause 1, line 6, omit “ 1899 ” and insert “ 1900.”
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

9. **WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. Clause 5, line 45, omit “ two ” and insert “ three.”
2. Clause 6, line 6, omit “ by any council.”
3. “ line 18, after “ copy ” insert “ or in the case of a Trust which has caused a valuation to be made pursuant to Division 5 of this Part, from such valuation.”
4. After clause 6 insert the following new clause :—
 - A. (1) The Governor in Council may upon the application of any Waterworks Trust by Order declare that the district of any Waterworks Trust whether created before or after the commencement of this Act shall for the purpose of the election of commissioners of such Trust be divided into ridings, and may upon such application by Order fix the boundaries of such ridings, or from time to time alter such ridings and boundaries, and may upon such application at any time vary or repeal any such Order. Division in ridings of . . . Waterworks Districts.
 - (2) When any Order is made dividing any district into ridings such Order, except so far as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of enabling the commissioners for such ridings to be elected prior to such date, shall not take effect until a date fixed in such Order, when all the commissioners for the district whether elected or appointed shall go out of office. When Order to begin to take effect.
 - (3) In any such Order as aforesaid the Governor in Council shall determine the number of commissioners (whether one or more) of the Trust of the district so divided into ridings to be from time to time elected for each of such ridings and the period for which such commissioners shall hold office. Number and tenure of commissioners for each riding. Comp. No. 1156 ss. 182, 191.
 - (4) No person shall be eligible for election as a commissioner of a Waterworks Trust for any riding unless he be the owner or an occupier under lease of land situated within such riding, and no person except as aforesaid shall continue to be a commissioner of such Trust for such riding after he has ceased to be the owner or an occupier under lease of land within such riding. Qualification of commissioners for riding. 1b. ss. 192, 202.
 - (5) The qualification for electors of commissioners of a Waterworks Trust for any riding and the number of votes in respect of such qualification shall be the same as the qualification provided for electors of commissioners in the last preceding section of this Act, save and except only that the land in respect of which the elector for a riding shall be qualified to vote shall be land within such riding, and if an elector possesses a qualification in respect of land situate in two or more ridings he shall be entitled to vote only in respect of the land within one riding, and he shall intimate to the returning officer for which riding he determines to exercise his franchise. Qualification of electors for riding.
 - (6) All the provisions of the Water Acts relating to commissioners of Waterworks Trusts, and relating to the election of such commissioners shall so far as is consistent with this section apply to commissioners of a Trust to be elected for a district divided into ridings under this section, and to the election of any such commissioners. Provisions of Principal Act to apply to commissioners of Trusts elected for ridings.
 - (7) This section does not apply to urban divisions or to commissioners therefor. Non-application to urban divisions.
5. Clause 7, line 31, omit “ a ratepayer of ” and insert “ liable to be rated under the Water Acts in respect of property in.”
6. Clause 10, line 21, omit “ chairman ” and insert “ commissioners.”

7. Clause 36, omit sub-clause (1) and insert the following new sub-clause :—
 (1A) If it be proved to the satisfaction of the Minister that from any unforeseen cause it would be inequitable to require any Waterworks Trust to make the payments due in any year to the Redemption Fund, and also to pay the interest due in any year on the whole amount of its indebtedness, the Minister may recommend the Treasurer to suspend for any period not exceeding one year in whole or in part the said payments to such Redemption Fund and payment of such interest.
8. „ sub-clause (2), at end of sub-clause add :—“ Provided that the Governor in Council shall not make any such Order in Council while and so long as the amount suspended under any previous Order in Council remains unpaid.”
9. Clause 48, line 29, after “ shall ” insert “ so far as any particular rateable property is concerned.”
10. „ line 30, omit “ the rateable ” and insert “ such.”
11. Clause 52, line 22, omit “ sessions.”
12. Clause 58, lines 4 and 5, omit “ due at the commencement of this Act or thereafter.”
13. „ lines 7 and 8, omit “ of the commencement of this Act or from the time.”
14. „ line 8, omit “ became ” and insert “ become.”
15. „ line 9, omit “ whichever may have last happened.”
16. „ after sub-clause (4) insert the following new sub-clause :—
 (4A) In any case where under the Water Acts any property is chargeable with rates to any Trust the secretary of such Trust shall upon the application of any person in writing addressed to such secretary stating in such application the particulars of the property in respect of which information is required as to the rates due or payable thereon and upon payment of a fee of One shilling forthwith sign and give to such applicant or send by registered letter by post to the person so applying (whose name and address shall be stated in such application) a certificate in writing signed by such secretary, in which certificate it shall be stated what (if any) rates are due or payable to such Trust in respect of such property with the particulars of such rates and when the same became due or payable or that no such rates are then due or payable as the case may be. The production of such certificate so signed shall for all purposes whatsoever be deemed conclusive proof that at the date thereof no rates were due or payable to such Trust other than those stated in such certificate in respect of such property.
17. Clause 78, line 29, after “ lessor ” insert “ if he has so transferred his right to vote.”
18. Clause 79, line 32, after “ may ” insert “ upon the application of any Trust.”
19. „ line 35, after “ may ” insert “ upon such application.”
20. „ line 37, after “ may ” insert “ upon such application.”
21. Clause 116, line 34, after “ shall ” insert “ so far as any particular rateable property is concerned.”
22. „ line 35, omit “ the rateable ” and insert “ such.”
23. Clause 126, lines 1 and 2, omit “ due at the commencement of this Act or thereafter.”
24. „ lines 4 and 5, omit “ of the commencement of this Act or from the time.”
25. „ line 5, omit “ became ” and insert “ become.”
26. „ line 6, omit “ whichever may have last happened.”
27. „ after sub-clause (4) insert the following new sub-clause :—
 (4A) In any case where under the Water Acts any property is chargeable with rates to any Trust the secretary of such Trust shall upon the application of any person in writing addressed to such secretary stating in such application the particulars of the property in respect of which information is required as to the rates due or payable thereon and upon payment of a fee of One shilling forthwith sign and give to such applicant or send by registered letter by post to the person so applying (whose name and address shall be stated in such application) a certificate in writing signed by such secretary, in which certificate it shall be stated what (if any) rates are due or payable to such Trust in respect of such property with the particulars of such rates and when the same became due or payable or that no such rates are then due or payable as the case may be. The production of such certificate so signed shall for all purposes whatsoever be deemed conclusive proof that at the date thereof no rates were due or payable to such Trust other than those stated in such certificate in respect of such property.

28. Clause 130, omit sub-clause (1) and insert the following new sub-clause :—

(1A) If it be proved to the satisfaction of the Minister that from any unforeseen cause it would be inequitable to require any Waterworks Trust to make the payments due in any year to the Redemption Fund, and also to pay the interest due in any year on the whole amount of its indebtedness, the Minister may recommend the Treasurer to suspend for any period not exceeding one year in whole or in part the said payments to such Redemption Fund and payment of such interest.

29. „ sub-clause (2), at end of sub-clause add :—“ Provided that the Governor in Council shall not make any such Order in Council while and so long as the amount suspended under any previous Order in Council remains unpaid.”

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 4 agreed to with the following amendments :—

Lines 1 and 2, omit the words “upon the application of any Waterworks Trust.”

Line 5, omit “upon such application.”

Line 7, omit “upon such application.”

Amendments 5 and 6 agreed to.

Amendments 7 and 8 disagreed with.

Amendments 9 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Amendments 12 to 15 inclusive postponed.

Amendment 16 disagreed with.

Amendment 17 agreed to.

Amendments 18 to 20 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendments 21 and 22 agreed to.

Amendments 23 to 26 inclusive postponed.

Amendments 27 to 29 inclusive disagreed with.

Ordered—That the further consideration of the amendments of the Legislative Council be postponed until Tuesday next.

10. **HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. Clause 2, line 10, omit “during the last two years.”

2. „ line 11, omit “twelve” and insert “three.”

3. „ same line, omit “Victoria” and insert “Australasia; and.”

4. „ sub-clause (b), omit this sub-clause.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until Tuesday next.

12. **MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Clause 1, line 6, omit “1899” and insert “1900.”

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

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

Boilers Inspection and Regulation Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

Poisons Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Sailors' Home Land Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Usury Prevention Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund Bill—Second reading.

Old-age Pensions Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Coal Mines Bill—Second reading.

Railways Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 15 to 18 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
15. **RAILWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION ACT 1898 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Outtrim, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 20 be postponed until Tuesday next.
17. **MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Graham, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Graham, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
18. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 22 be postponed until Tuesday next.
19. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
20. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 24 be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 62.

TUESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1900.

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

2. PAPERS.—Mr. McLean presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1898.—Part VII.—Production.

Mr. Outtrim presented—

Locomotive Engines.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 18th October, 1899, for a return showing—

1. What amount has been expended from loan moneys for locomotive engines in the Victorian Railways.
2. How many engines have been bought by that amount.
3. How many of the 517 engines in existence on the 30th June, 1899, are in proper working order.
4. What is the actual working value (as distinguished from the book value) of these engines.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Public Service Act 1890.—Regulations.

Water Act 1890.—Bairnsdale Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation No. 13.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to certain general rules and orders made under the 'Companies Act 1896,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

4. COMPANIES (RULES AND ORDERS) BILL.—Mr. McLean moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act relating to certain general rules and orders made under the 'Companies Act 1896,'*" be now read a first time.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to continue the 'Vegetation Diseases Act 1896,'*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 16th January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

6. **VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 CONTINUATION BILL.**—Mr. McLean moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled “*An Act to continue the ‘Vegetation Diseases Act 1896,’*” be now read a first time.

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

7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Burton 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 question of the purchase by the Government of Victoria of the patent rights of the Australian Gold Recovery Company in the use of cyanide of potassium for the recovery of gold.”

Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

8. **WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the amendments postponed on Thursday, the 11th instant, for further consideration were read and are as follow:—

- 12. Clause 58, lines 4 and 5, omit “due at the commencement of this Act or thereafter.”
- 13. „ lines 7 and 8, omit “of the commencement of this Act or from the time.”
- 14. „ line 8, omit “became” and insert “become.”
- 15. „ line 9, omit “whichever may have last happened.”
- 23. Clause 126, lines 1 and 2, omit “due at the commencement of this Act or thereafter.”
- 24. „ lines 4 and 5, omit “of the commencement of this Act or from the time.”
- 25. „ line 5, omit “became” and insert “become.”
- 26. „ line 6, omit “whichever may have last happened.”

And, after debate—

Amendments 12 and 13 agreed to, with the following consequential amendment:—Line 6, after “Trust” insert “and also all rates due at the commencement of this Act in respect of any property by any person who at the commencement of this Act remains the owner of such property.”

Amendment 14 disagreed with, and the following consequential amendment made:—After “became” insert “or becomes.”

Amendment 15 disagreed with, and the following consequential amendment made:—Lines 9 and 10, omit “or occupier.”

Amendments 23 and 24 agreed to, with the following consequential amendment:—Line 3, after “Trust” insert “and also all rates due at the commencement of this Act in respect of any property by any person who at the commencement of this Act remains the owner of such property.”

Amendment 25 disagreed with, and the following consequential amendment made:—After “became” insert “or becomes.”

Amendment 26 disagreed with, and the following consequential amendment made:—Lines 6 and 7, omit “or occupier.”

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

9. **LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McColl moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 63.

 WEDNESDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Gray 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 question of the issue of circulars to electors *re* being on the roll."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Gray moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Kennedy moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Kennedy, read a third time.
Mr. Keys moved, That the words "all persons who have supplied material for such contract and" be inserted after the word "whether," in clause 4, line 11.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and negatived.
On the motion of Mr. Kennedy, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—
Clause 1, line 5, omit "1899" and insert "1900."
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. E. D. Williams moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. E. D. Williams moved, That this Bill be committed to a Select Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. E. D. Williams moved, by leave, That such Committee consist of Mr. Bowsor, Mr. Gurr, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. Higgins, and the Mover; three to be the quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. PRESTON LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—

Mr. Speaker said—In my opinion this is a Private Bill.
Sir George Turner moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Clause 1, line 5, omit "1899" and insert "1900."

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until Wednesday, 31st January instant.

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

Petition of Andrew Rowan—Resumption of debate on the question—That in the opinion of this House legislation should be introduced with the object of amending section 38 of the "Crimes Act 1891," so that in case a prisoner shall, in any statement made by him by virtue of the said section, make any attack upon the character or dealings of any person or institution, the court shall be at liberty either to allow the prisoner to be cross-examined upon such portions of his statement as contained such personal attacks or to allow any witness or witnesses to be called by the Crown in order to disprove or challenge the statements made as to such persons or institutions by the prisoner.

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

County Court Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 8 to 13 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 31st January instant.

12. TRACTION ENGINES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Sterry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Resolved—That this House will, on Wednesday, 31st January instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. LAND ACT 1898 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bailes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Resolved—That this House will, on Wednesday, 31st January instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 16 and 17 be postponed until Wednesday, 31st January instant.

15. HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SITE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—In my opinion this is a Private Bill.

Mr. Thomson moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Clause 1, line 41, omit "1899" and insert "1900."

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

16. PETITIONS OF MESSRS. KIRBY, BATES, AND BEILBY.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of these Petitions having been read—

Sir John McIntyre moved, That the Petitions of Messrs. James Kirby, Thomas Bates, and John Wood Beilby—also the case of Robert Russell—be taken into consideration by the Government with the view of some provision being made by the State on their behalf.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 20, 21, 23, 24, and 29 be postponed until Wednesday, 31st January instant, and No. 28 until to-morrow.

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

Petition of Robert Russell—To be considered.

Moe Swamp Lands—Resumption of debate on the question—That in the opinion of this House it is not desirable to sell by public auction any of the land in the Moe Swamp, but that such land should all be made available for selection for men who at present have none.

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

Local Government Act 1890 further Amendment Bill (No. 3)—Second reading.

Abolition of Coupons Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

20. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 64.

THURSDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
On the motion of Mr. McColl, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. McColl moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McColl, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. McLean, and the same was read :—

BRASSEY,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at Government House, 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 provide for the government discipline and maintenance of a Second Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty’s Regular Forces in South Africa.”

Government House,
Melbourne, 12th January, 1900.

And then the House, at fifty-nine minutes past ten o’clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 65.

TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1900.

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 of the House :—
 Friendly Societies—Twenty-first Annual Report on.—Report of the Actuary for Friendly Societies for the year 1898, to which are appended the Valuations, Contributions, and Benefits, Statistics of Friendly Societies, &c.
3. LOANS TO LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES.—Mr. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total loans granted to the 30th June, 1899, the amount advanced, the interest paid, the interest outstanding, and the balance due after deducting the amounts written off by the *Water Supply Advances Relief Act* 1899, so far as regards each Local Governing Body, Waterworks Trust, and Irrigation and Water Supply Trust respectively.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PAPER.—Mr. Outtrim presented—
 Loans to Local Governing Bodies.—Return to the foregoing Order.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.
 On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Beazley also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1899-1900.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow :—
Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899-1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz :—

Number.	Classification	DIVISION No. 12.	£	£
		PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND GAOLS.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1		Inspector-General	750	
1		Chief Clerk and Accountant	600	
1		Governor of Gaol*	500	
1		Governor of Gaol*	485	
4		Clerks	1,170	
1		Storekeeper	216	
3		Clerks	600	
		Addition to Salary of Captain Evans, Inspector-General of Penal Establishments and Gaols †	50	
12			4,371	

* With quarters, fuel, light, water, and prisoner servants, as provided by Gaol Regulations.—† In accordance with terms of appointment to the office.

Number.	Classification	DIVISION No. 12.	Maxi- mum.	£	£
		Subdivision No. 2.	£		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.			
1		Governor of Gaol *	300	300	
4		Governors of Gaols*—One at £234, three at £225	225	909	
1		Deputy Governor *	275	275	
1		Storekeeper at Melbourne Gaol † ...	168	174	
1		Photographer	264	264	
1		Overseer of Woollen Factory	252	240	
1		Overseer of Works *	220	220	
5		Overseers	210	964	
1		Senior Chief Warder *	225	225	
5		Chief Warders *	234	1,192	
2		Chief Warders †			
17		Senior Warders †	174	3,352	
4		Senior Warders * †			
1		Hospital Chief Warder *	178	165	
1		Hospital Senior Warder	156	144	
1		Hospital Warder	136	132	
1		Artisan Warder	160	147	
		Male Warders—	Number.	Grade.	
153			38§	1	153
			38§	2	147
			38§	3	141
			2	4	135
			1		130
			36		112
					21,229 ||
1		Governor of Female Prison *	192	192	
1		Sub-Matron *	156	120	
1		Sub-Matron *	100	112	
1		Hospital Nurse and Warder *	102	102	
1		Hospital Nurse and Warder *	96	66	
18		Female Warders—One at 5s. 3d. per diem, seventeen from £5 to £8 10s. per month	102	1,587 ||	
224					32,111
		Subdivision No. 3.			
		(Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.)			
1		Overseer of Mat-makers			230
237		Total SALARIES			36,712
		Subdivision No. 4.			
		CONTINGENCIES.			
		Chaplains—Allowance to			825
		Working Prisoners—Allowance to			550
		Provisions			6,800
		Stores, including Clothing, Bedding, and Materials for Manufacture ...			3,400
		Fuel, Light, and Water			2,700
		Medicines and Medical Attendance			1,450
		Forage, Burials, and Relief to Destitute Prisoners on discharge ...			350
		Books for Library and School			70
		Travelling Expenses and Incidentals			1,560
					17,705
		Total Division No. 12			54,417
		The sum of			24,150

* With quarters, fuel, light, water, and prisoner servants, as provided by Gaol Regulations.—† Transferred with the higher salary.—‡ Acting Chief and Senior Warders to be paid at the rate of £153 per annum, being the salary of a First Grade Warder in accordance with the Regulations in force on 14th January, 1894; eight to be paid also 6d. per diem for ten years' service in the Penal and Gaols Branch.—§ Of the Warders appointed prior to 15th January, 1894, 37 who are senior in the service to be paid at the rate of £153 per annum, being the salary of First Grade Warders in accordance with the Regulations in force on 14th January, 1894; 37, being those next in seniority to the Warders paid £153, to be paid at the rate of £147 per annum, being the salary for Second Grade Warders in accordance with said Regulations; 37, being those next in seniority to the Warders paid £147, to be paid at the rate of £141 per annum, being the salary for Third Grade Warders, in accordance with said Regulations.—|| Includes 6d. per diem for ten years' service in the Penal and Gaols Branch.

Number.	Classification.		£	£
DIVISION NO. 13.				
HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE.				
SALARIES.				
Subdivision No. 1.				
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.				
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1	M.	Inspector of Lunatic Asylums* ...	850	} 5,592
1	"	Medical Superintendent* ...	850	
1	"	Medical Superintendent* ...	650	
1	"	Medical Superintendent* ...	625	
2	"	Medical Superintendents* ...	520	
1	"	Medical Superintendent* ...	360	
2	"	Senior Medical Officers* ...	340	
5	"	Junior Medical Officers* ...	300	
1	Ed.	Head Teacher, Idiot Asylum* ...	198	
15				5,592
Subdivision No. 2.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	2	Clerk and Accountant†	} 4,630
2	3	Secretaries* ...	...
1	3	Secretary* ...	...
1	3 ^f	Secretary* ...	...
1	4 ^f	Secretary* ...	...
1	5	Secretary* ...	...
2	4	Clerks† ...	...
8	5	Clerks† ...	...
1	5	Clerk† ...	...
18				4,630
Subdivision No. 3.				
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Dispenser* ...	192	} 5,174
1		Engineer* ...	228	
2		Engineers* ...	210	
1		Engineer* ...	150	
1		Engineer* ...	132	
1		Farm Bailiff* ...	252	
1		Farm Bailiff* ...	216	
1		Farm Bailiff* ...	156	
2		Farm Bailiffs* ...	132	
1		Matron* ...	192	
1		Matron* ...	132	
2		Matrons* ...	156	
2		Matrons* ...	96	
1		Junior Messenger ...	72	
5		Junior Messengers ...	66	
3		Head Attendants* ...	252	
4		Head Attendants* ...	132	
3		Hospital Attendants ...	162	
2		Hospital Attendants ...	120	
1		Head Nurse (for nine months) ...	...
1		Hospital Nurse (for three months) ...	96	
1		Hospital Nurse ...	96	
3		Hospital Nurses ...	60	
1		Head Teacher, Female, Idiot Asylum* ...	108	
1		Senior Attendant, Idiot Asylum ...	...
1		Senior Nurse, Idiot Asylum ...	60	
1		Assistant Instructor, Male, Idiot Asylum ...	100	
1		Assistant Instructor, Female, Idiot Asylum ...	60	

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION No. 13.				
Artisan Staff—				
			Maxi- mum. £	
3	Carpenters†	...	144	} 6,823
3	Carpenters†	...	120	
1	Carpenter†	...	120	
2	Painters†	...	132	
4	Painters†	...	108	
9	Cooks, Male	...	144	
4	Cooks, Male	...	108	
2	Cooks, Female	...	48	
1	Gardener*	...	156	
1	Carter	...	74	
2	Carters	...	74	
2	Storement†	...	162	
3	Storement†	...	144	
3	Tailors†	...	144	
1	Tailor†	...	120	
4	Shoemakers†	...	144	
2	Shoemakers†	...	120	
1	Blacksmith†	...	132	
1	Blacksmith†	...	112	
1	Fireman†	...	68	
7	Tailoresses†	...	84	
1	Sewing Mistress, Idiot Asylum†	...	78	
8	Laundresses	...	90	
10	Laundresses, Assistant	...	36	
1	Laundress	...	48	
2	Laundresses, Assistant	...	36	
250	Attendants†—1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades	...	23,650	
203	Nurses||—1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades	...	8,175	
578	Total Subdivision No. 3	...	43,822	
611	Total SALARIES	...	54,044	
Subdivision No. 4.				
CONTINGENCIES.				
	Chaplains—Allowance to	...	480	
	Provisions and Extra Articles	...	31,500	
	Clothing and Bedding and Material for Manufacture	...	9,250	
	Stores (including Repairs), Purchase of Stock, Books, &c.	...	3,000	
	Medicines and Medical Comforts	...	1,800	
	Forage	...	300	
	Fuel, Light, and Water	...	7,500	
	Maintenance of Lunatics in General Hospitals	...	300	
	Expenses in connexion with the Committal and Transport of Lunatics	...	1,600	
	Expenses in connexion with Boarding out Patients	...	600	
	Temporary Employés, Incidentals, &c.	...	2,750	
	Total Contingencies	...	59,080	
	Total Division No. 13	...	113,124	
	The sum of	...	...	57,854

NOTES TO DIVISION No. 13, HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE.

All officers except those marked † receive quarters, fuel, light, water, and washing.—The Medical Staff, Secretaries, Farm Bailiffs, Matrons, Dispensers, Head Attendants, Head Teacher Male, and Engineers are allowed milk, vegetables, and patient servant in addition.—The Farm Bailiffs are allowed grass for a horse in addition.—The Medical Staff and Secretaries are allowed grass for one horse and one cow in addition.—Those marked * are allowed quarters for their families in addition.—The Head Female Teacher, Instructors, Messengers, Attendants, Nurses, Cooks, and Laundresses receive rations in addition.—† No attendant to be paid less than £60 per annum.—|| No nurse to be paid less than £30 per annum.

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION No. 14.				
DEPARTMENT FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND REFORMATORY SCHOOLS.				
SALARIES.				
Subdivision No. 1.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	2	Secretary and Inspector	600	
1	4	Acting Accountant, &c.	350	
2	4	Clerks—One at £350 and one at £325	675	
8	5	Clerks—Seven at £200 and one at £40	1,440	
12			3,065	
Subdivision No. 2.				
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Waggonette Driver*	96	126
1		Messenger	96	108
1	f	Matron, Girls' and Boys' Receiving Depôts*	156	122
5		Attendants, Girls' and Boys' Receiving Depôts—Four at £83*, and one at £48*	90	380
1		Female Instructor*	90	72
1		Nurse and Attendant*	90	80
1		Instructor acting as Officer in sub-charge of Boys' Depôt*	156	156
3	f	Instructors, Boys' Receiving Depôt—One at £132, one at £126, one at £102*	144	360
14			1,404	
Subdivision No. 3.				
(Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.)				
1		Maintenance Officer†		183
1		Visiting Officer		250
2				433
28		Total SALARIES		4,902
Subdivision No. 4.				
CONTINGENCIES.				
		Provisions		475
		Clothing and Bedding		100
		Fuel, Light, and Water		300
		Stores, Stock, &c.		300
		Medical Attendance, Medicines, &c.		50
		Incidentals, and Transport, and Travelling Expenses		1,100
				2,325
Subdivision No. 5.				
		In aid of Industrial Schools established by private contributions, at a rate not exceeding 5s. per week for each child, and to provide Outfits for Children sent to service		1,000
		In aid of Reformatory Schools established by private contributions, at a rate not exceeding 10s. per week for each child, and to provide Outfits for Children sent to service		6,000
		Expenses of Boarding out Children, and to provide Outfits for Children sent to service		48,000
		Expenses of Boarding out Children whose periods of commitment have expired, but who, by reason of affliction, cannot be sent to service		325
				55,325
		Total Division No. 14		62,552
		The sum of		30,990

* With quarters, fuel, light, and water.—† Paid to Police Department, this officer being a member of the Police Force.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 15.		
		PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		PUBLIC LIBRARY.		
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.	Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1	Sc.	Librarian*	610	455
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	4f	Assistant ... ..	...	300
1	4	Assistant ... ..	...	300
7	5	Assistants ... ..	...	1,397
1	5	Accountant ... ..	...	200
10				2,197
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.	Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Bookbinder and Attendant	180	180
2		Senior Attendants	156	312
5	f	Attendants	120	540
1		Junior Messenger and Attendant, acting as Attendant	72	72
10		Junior Messengers and Attendants	72	660
19				1,764
30		Total SALARIES, Public Library ...		4,416
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM.		
		(Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.)		
1		Curator and Mineralogist ... ..	...	300
1		Assistant ... ..	...	90
2				390
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.	Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1	f	Carpenter and Model Maker	168	168
1		Senior Attendant	156	156
1	f	Attendant	120	102
3				426
5		Total SALARIES, Industrial and Technological Museum		816

* With quarters.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 15.		
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		NATIONAL MUSEUM.		
		<i>(Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.)</i>		
	Sc.	PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
1		Curator of the Zoological Collections (for nine months)		225
1		Palæontologist		300
2				525
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	4 f	Clerk, acting as Secretary to Museum ...		220
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
3	f	Taxidermists (one for three months) ...	252	520
2	f	Osteologists and Articulators ...	204	348
2	f	Assistant Taxidermists ...	168	288
1	f	Carpenter and Attendant ...	126	141
1	f	Attendant	120	114
1	f	Charwoman ... ..	...	50
10				1,461
13		Total SALARIES, National Museum ...		2,206
		Subdivision No. 4.		
		NATIONAL GALLERY.		
		<i>(Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.)</i>		
1		Director of the National Gallery and Master of the School of Art		600
1		Instructor and Master in the School of Design ...		300
1		Caretaker		70
1		Attendant		50
4				1,020
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Senior Attendant	156	156
4	f	Attendants	120	420
1	f	Labourer	120	108
6				684
10		Total SALARIES, National Gallery ...		1,704
58		Total SALARIES, Division No. 15 ...		9,142

		£	£
DIVISION No. 15.			
Subdivision No. 5.			
CONTINGENCIES.			
Public Library.—Purchase of Books and Periodicals, Binding, Stationery, Stores, and Incidental Expenses, including salaries of Temporary Junior Assistants		5,000	
Industrial and Technological Museum.—Purchase of Specimens, Fittings, Cases, Chemicals, Stores, and Incidental Expenses		300	
National Museum.—Purchase of Specimens, Stores, Stationery, and Incidental Expenses		250	
National Gallery.—Purchase of Pictures and Picture Frames, Models for Art Classes, Lectures on Anatomy, and Incidental Expenses		1,000	
Building and General.—Insurance, Lighting, Cleaning, Protection against Fire, Stationery, Stores, and Incidental Expenses		2,925	
Repairs, &c., Glass Cases, Fittings, and Furniture for the Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery		1,000	
Furniture, Glass Cases, Fittings, &c., for National Museum		200	
Fittings for new Lending Library Room		200	
Total Contingencies		10,875	
Total Division No. 15		20,017	
The sum of	8,806
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DIVISION No. 16.			
GOVERNMENT SHORTHAND WRITER.			
SALARIES.			
Subdivision No. 1.			
CLERICAL DIVISION.			
1	1f	Government Shorthand Writer	610
1	2	Assistant Shorthand Writer	600
1	3	Clerk to act as Assistant	485
1	5	Clerk	200
4			1,895
Subdivision No. 2.			
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.			
1		Junior Messenger (maximum £72)	72
5		Total SALARIES	1,967
Subdivision No. 3.			
CONTINGENCIES.			
Clerical Assistance		100	
Stores and Incidentals		100	
		200	
Total Division No. 16		2,167	
The sum of ... ..		...	1,029

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION No. 17.				
AUDIT OFFICE AND PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.				
SALARIES.				
Subdivision No. 1.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
2	2	Clerks	1,200	
5	3	Clerks	2,355	
8	4	Clerks	2,580	
19	5	Clerks	3,800	
34			9,935	
Subdivision No. 2.				
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
2		Junior Messengers	144	
36		Total SALARIES	10,079	
Subdivision No. 3.				
CONTINGENCIES.				
		Travelling Expenses	230	
		Fuel, Stores, Incidentals, &c.	150	
		Expenses in connexion with the Clerical and Non-Clerical Examinations	200	
			580	
		Total Division No. 17	10,659	
		The sum of		5,446
DIVISION No. 18.				
ABORIGINES.				
SALARIES.				
Subdivision No. 1.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	4	Superintendent, Coranderrk*	266	
Subdivision No. 2.				
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1		Matron, Coranderrk*	77	
1		Messenger and Attendant	120	
2			197	
Subdivision No. 3.				
(<i>Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.</i>)				
1		General Inspector and Secretary	450	
4		Total SALARIES	913	
Subdivision No. 4.				
CONTINGENCIES.				
		Medical Attendance and Medicines	150	
		Stores, Provisions, Clothing, Transport, and Incidentals	2,930	
		Repairs and Improvements to Stations	200	
		Labour, Purchase of Stock, Seeds, and other Expenses of Cultivation	460	
		Management of Stations, Depôts, including Insurance	452	
		Travelling Expenses of Members of Board, Officers, and Aborigines	260	
		Stationery and Office Expenses... ..	120	
			4,572	
		Total Division No. 18	5,485	
		The sum of		3,032

* With quarters and rations.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 19.		
EXHIBITIONS.		
1. To meet expenses incurred by the Trustees of the Exhibition Building	1,250	
2. Painting the exterior of Building, and Repairs	1,500	
3. Expenses in connexion with the Greater Britain Exhibition ...	5,000	
Total Division No. 19	7,750	
The sum of ... ..	...	1,820
DIVISION No. 20.		
GRANTS.		
No. 1. For the purpose of aiding the Funds of Free Libraries and Country Museums	3,500	
The Grant to be distributed subject to the following conditions:—		
I. That no more than one-sixteenth of the entire sum be divided amongst the Institutions within ten miles of Melbourne.		
II. That where the Free Library or Museum is part of, or connected with, a Mechanics' or other Institution, all the books, periodicals, and newspapers in such Institution, or all the articles in the Museum, as the case may be, are to be available to the public in the Free Library or Museum on all occasions when they are available to subscribers.		
III. That the Grant be distributed subject to Regulations to be approved by the Governor in Council.		
2. For the purpose of aiding the funds of Free Libraries and Country Museums, to be allotted amongst Institutions the Trustees or Committees of which have made themselves personally liable for debts contracted, and amongst Free Libraries and Country Museums which require special aid on account of their having been recently established or on account of exceptional conditions	1,000	
3. To the Zoological and Acclimatisation Society	3,500	
4. To the Royal Society	100	
5. To the Victorian Artists' Society	100	
6. To the Art Galleries for Ballarat, Bendigo, and Warrnambool (to be distributed subject to Regulations to be approved by the Governor in Council)	500	
7. To be equally divided between the Geelong and Western District Fish Acclimatising Society and the Ballarat Fish Acclimatisation Society, to assist these Societies in the Acclimatisation and Distribution of Freshwater Fish throughout the colony, and for providing additional Breeding Ponds	100	
8. To the College of Pharmacy	500	
9. In aid of the expenses of the Pharmacy Board in connexion with the administration of the Pharmacy and Poison Acts ...	200	
10. To the Victorian Society for the Protection of Animals ...	50	
Total Division No. 20	9,550	
The sum of ... ..	...	6,642
DIVISION No. 21.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 1. Annual Allowances, Compensation, and Gratuities to late Employés in the Government service or their Widows—(Inalterable):—		
(1) Annual allowance in lieu of compensation on services having been dispensed with:—		
To Alfred Buck—Overseer, Penal Department	£135 0 0	
„ Robert Kelly—Overseer, Penal Department	86 13 4	
„ Mrs. Emma S. Narracott—Sub-Matron, Geelong Industrial Schools	35 0 0	
„ Mrs. Henrietta Allen, Attendant, Industrial and Reformatory Schools	31 16 4	
	£288 9 8	289
(2) Annual Allowance to Widow of Sergeant Kennedy (£48 19s. 6d.), murdered in the Wombat Ranges, in addition to her Pension under the <i>Police Regulation Act</i> 1890, equal to full pay of her deceased husband to 30th June, 1900		49

	£	£
DIVISION No. 21.		
(3) Annual Allowance to Constable McIntyre, in addition to his Pension under the <i>Police Regulation Act 1890</i> , rendered unfit for duty through exposure at the time of the Wombat Ranges murders by the Kelly gang	52	
(4) Annual Allowance, at the rate of £1 per week, to Michael Reardon for injuries received in the attack on the Kelly outlaws at Glenrowan	53	
(5) Annual Allowance to Constable Hugh Bracken, in addition to his Pension under the <i>Police Regulation Act 1890</i> , for special service rendered and injury received at the destruction of the Kelly gang at Glenrowan, £29 15s. 3d.	30	
(6) Annual Allowance to Senior Constable Alexander, in addition to his Pension under the <i>Police Regulation Act 1890</i> , who was injured in the execution of his duty, £11 14s. 1d.	12	
(7) Annual Allowance to Constable Albert Ernest Vizard, who was injured in the execution of his duty, in addition to his Pension under the <i>Police Regulation Act 1890</i> , £20 13s. 9d.	21	
No. 2. Allowance to Visitor at the City Court and Lock-ups	100	
No. 3. Commissions and Boards of Inquiry	1,000	
No. 4. To meet deficiency in the Police Superannuation Fund (in accordance with section 34 of the <i>Police Regulation Act 1890</i>)	15,000	
No. 5. Allowance to Instructor of the Blind, and for the purchase of Books	170	
No. 6. New Hebrides Steam Communication	800	
No. 7. Moiety of the cost of preparing the Melbourne and Sydney portion of the International Astrophotographic Catalogue	200	
No. 8. To reimburse Mr. James McKenzie amount belonging to him, which was found on a prisoner and paid into Revenue	4	
No. 9. Expenses in connexion with the Australasian Federal Constitution Poll	7,500	
No. 10. Expenses in connexion with the distribution of copies of the Amended Commonwealth Bill	500	
Total Division No. 21	25,780	
The sum of ... ..	...	3,594

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

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

III.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 27.		
		SUPREME COURT.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		(<i>Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.</i>)		
1		Chief Clerk—Under the <i>Supreme Court Act 1890</i>	1,200	
4		Judges' Associates	1,150	
5			2,350	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
2	4	Judges' Associates	700	
7		Total SALARIES	3,050	
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Travelling Expenses of Their Honours the Judges	800	
		Total Division No. 27	3,850	
		The sum of ... ..	...	1,794
		DIVISION No. 28.		
		LAW OFFICERS OF THE CROWN.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		FIRST DIVISION.		
1		The Secretary to the Law Department	750	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
	L.		Maximum.	
			£	
1		Parliamentary Draftsman	1300	1,300
1		Assistant in Attorney-General's Office	285	200
2				1,500
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	3	Chief Clerk and Accountant		485
1	3	Collector of Imposts under Act No. 1140		600
1	3	Clerk		485
1	4	Clerk		350
9	5	Clerks		1,800
13				3,720

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION NO. 28.		
		Subdivision No. 4.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Caretaker and Senior Messenger... ..	...	130
1		Messenger	120	120
1		Junior Messenger	72	72
1		Lift Attendant	32/10	33
4				355
		Subdivision No. 5.		
		(Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.)		
4		Prosecutors for the Queen, to act throughout Victoria—One at £1,100, one at £860, and two at £660		3,280
1		Government Analytical Chemist *		600
5				3,880
25		Total SALARIES		10,205
		Subdivision No. 6.—CONTINGENCIES.		
		Professional Assistance, including Costs and Expenses of Legal Pro- ceedings		3,000
		Fuel, Light, Water, Stores, Travelling and Incidental Expenses		1,000
		For Defence of Persons without means charged with Capital Crimes, and Aborigines charged with Indictable Offences		150
		Allowance to Members of the Companies' Auditors' Board		150
		Victorian Law Reports, Law Times, &c., including Books and Reports for Library		650
				4,950
		Total Division No. 28		15,155
		The sum of		6,162
		DIVISION NO. 29.		
		CROWN SOLICITOR.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
1	L.	Crown Solicitor		1,000
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
3	3	Clerks		1,420
2	4	Clerks		700
12	5	Clerks		2,400
17				4,520
		Deduct—to be repaid by Railway Department		600
				3,920
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
2		Type-writers	144	240
2		Junior Messengers	72	144
4				384
22		Total SALARIES		5,304
		Subdivision No. 4.—CONTINGENCIES.		
		Stores, Travelling and Incidental Expenses		400
		Total Division No. 29		5,704
		The sum of		2,649

* Finds his own Assistant and Chemicals.

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION NO. 30.				
PROTHONOTARY.				
SALARIES.				
Subdivision No. 1.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	2	Prothonotary	600	
2	4	Clerks	700	
4	5	Clerks	800	
7			2,100	
Subdivision No. 2.				
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1		Junior Messenger	72	
8		Total SALARIES	2,172	
Subdivision No. 3.				
CONTINGENCIES.				
		Stores and Incidental Expenses	30	
		Total Division No. 30	2,202	
		The sum of ... ..	...	1,086
DIVISION NO. 31.				
MASTER IN EQUITY AND LUNACY.				
SALARIES.				
Subdivision No. 1.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	1	Chief Clerk and Officer for Probate Duty ...	750	
1	2	Second Clerk and Registrar of Probates and Administrations	600	
1	3	Clerk	485	
1	4	Clerk	350	
8	5	Clerks	1,600	
12			3,785	
Subdivision No. 2.				
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1		Messenger	120	
13		Total SALARIES	3,905	
Subdivision No. 3.				
CONTINGENCIES.				
		Expenses connected with the Duties on Estates of Deceased Persons ...	500	
		Stores, Travelling and Incidental Expenses, including Guarantee Premium of Master-in-Equity under Section 255 of Act No. 1142 ...	75	
			575	
		Total Division No. 31	4,480	
		The sum of ... ..	...	2,114

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 32.		
		REGISTRAR-GENERAL AND REGISTRAR OF TITLES.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
1	x	Commissioner of Titles	1,500	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
2		Grade. 2 Examiners (one acting as Chief Examiner)	Maximum. £ 650	1,300
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	2	Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	600	
1	2	Clerk *	600	
3	3	Clerks †	1,455	
12	4	Clerks	3,825	
1	5	Clerk and Compositor	200	
46	5	Clerks	9,045	
64			15,725	
		SURVEY BRANCH.		
		Subdivision No. 4.		
	S.	PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
1		Surveyor and Chief Draughtsman ...	Maximum. £ 600	600
9		Junior Draughtsmen	200	1,695
10				2,295
		Subdivision No. 5.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
2	3	Draughtsmen	900	
		Grade.	Maximum.	
1	4 f	1 Draughtsman	£ 300	300
1	4 f	2 Draughtsman	270	270
4	4 f	3 Draughtsmen	240	960
2	5	Draughtsmen	400	
2	5	Clerks	400	
12				3,230
		Subdivision No. 6.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1		Clerk	Maximum. £ 204	204
1		Senior Messenger ‡ (and Caretaker) ...	150	156
8		Junior Messengers	72	528
1		Labourer	120	74
11				962
100		Total SALARIES		25,012

* Deputy Registrar-General, and Assistant Registrar of Titles.—† Two Assistant Registrars of Titles.—‡ With quarters.

DIVISION No. 32.

Subdivision No. 7.

CONTINGENCIES.

Temporary Clerical Assistance and Temporary Draughtsmen ...	473
Purchase of Parchment for Certificates of Titles, Check Surveys and Lithographing, and Works of Reference for Library ...	200
Fuel, Light, Water, and Stores, including Cases for Register Book, and Incidental Expenses ...	500

1,173

Total Division No. 32 ... 26,185

The sum of ... 12,833

DIVISION No. 33.

Number.	Classification	PATENTS.					
		SALARIES.					
		Subdivision No. 1.				Maxi- mum.	
	G.	PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.				£	
3		Examiners of Patents	...	...	400	1,130
		Subdivision No. 2.					
		CLERICAL DIVISION.					
1	8	Senior Examiner	...	...	...	450
1	4	Clerk	...	...	...	300
3	5	Clerks	...	...	...	600
5						1,350	
		Subdivision No. 3.				Maxi- mum.	
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				£	
1		Messenger*	...	...	120	120
1		Type-writer	...	...	144	120
2						240	
10		Total SALARIES	...	...	...	2,720

Subdivision No. 4.

CONTINGENCIES.

Fuel, Light, Water, Stores, and Incidental Expenses, including Photo-lithography, &c., for Indexes, Payment of Experts, and Books for Library ...	200
Printing and Lithographing Index of Patents for the Years 1893 to 1896 inclusive ...	900

1,100

Total Division No. 33 ... 3,820

The sum of ... 1,902

* With quarters.

Number.	Classification	DIVISION No. 34.					£	£	
		SHERIFF.							
		SALARIES.							
		Subdivision No. 1.							
		CLERICAL DIVISION.							
1	2	Sheriff	...	...	...	...	600	
2	4	Clerks	...	...	...	...	625	
3	5	Clerks	600		
<hr/>							1,825		
6		Deduct—to be repaid by Supreme Court Library Committee						200	
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		Subdivision No. 2.							
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.							
						Maxi- mum.			
						£			
1		Superintendent, Law Courts (acting)*	174	156		
4		Court Keepers, Criers, and Messengers*	...	...	...	132	570	
1		Messenger	...	...	...	120	120	
1		Attendant at Law Courts	...	...	...	120	120	
3		Labourers	...	...	...	120	282	
5		Junior Messengers	72	348		
2		Bailiffs	204	408		
<hr/>							2,004		
17									
<hr/>							3,629		
23		Total SALARIES					...		
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		Subdivision No. 3.							
		CONTINGENCIES.							
		Allowances to Witnesses at the Supreme Court Sittings for the hearing of Criminal Trials	2,750		
		Fees to Jurors	...	...	...	...	5,000	
		Fuel, Light, Water, Stores, Travelling and Incidental Expenses, and Wages of Charwomen	...	...	...	...	1,300	
		Refund to Bailiffs of Guarantee Premiums when their gross receipts do not amount to £65	...	...	...	...	200	
<hr/>							9,250		
		Total Division No. 34					...	12,879	
		The sum of					3,061

* Acting Superintendent, Law Courts, Melbourne, and Court Keeper, Geelong, have quarters, fuel, light and water; Court Keeper, Ballarat, fuel, light, and water.

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

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

IV.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 35.		
		COUNTY COURTS, COURTS OF INSOLVENCY, COURTS OF MINES, GENERAL AND PETTY SESSIONS.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
5	x	Judges at £1,500	7,403	
1		Judge (acting for three months)	375	
6			7,778	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	1	Official Accountant	750	
1	4	Clerk	297	
3	5	Clerks	600	
5			1,647	
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
				Maxi- mum.
			£	
1		Messenger and Crier, Insolvent Court, Melbourne	120	120
1		Courtkeeper, Crier, and Messenger, County Court, Melbourne	156	146
1		Messenger, City Police Court, Melbourne *	120	120
3				386
14		Total SALARIES	9,811	
		Subdivision No. 4.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Assessors' and Jurors' Fees		350
		Allowances to Witnesses at General and Petty Sessions, and at Inquests and Magisterial Inquiries, in accordance with the Regulations of the Governor in Council		1,900
		Allowances to Acting Clerks of Courts at various places who are not under the provisions of the <i>Public Service Act</i> 1890		1,250
		Office-keepers' Allowances		1,600
		Travelling Expenses of County Court Judges (to be fixed by an Order in Council from time to time)		950
		Travelling Expenses of Clerks of Courts, including the Travelling Expenses of those who act at more than one Court		3,000
		Fuel, Light, Water, Stores, and Incidental Expenses for Courts in Melbourne and throughout the colony		1,000
		For Purchase of 300 copies of <i>Irvine's Justices of the Peace</i>		345
		To recoup the Official Accountant fees paid by him for having the accounts when audited filed		75
				10,470
		Total Division No. 35	20,281	
		The sum of		7,537

* With quarters, fuel, light, and water.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 36.		
		POLICE MAGISTRATES AND WARDENS.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
	L.	PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.	Maximum.	
			£	
1		Police Magistrate, Metropolitan ...	950	950
1		Police Magistrate, First Grade ...	750	750
14		Police Magistrates, Second Grade ...	650	9,100
3		Police Magistrates, Second Grade ...	550	1,500
19				12,300
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Travelling Expenses ...		3,250
		Total Division No. 36 ...		15,550
		The sum of ...		7,324
		DIVISION No. 37.		
		CLERKS OF COURTS.		
		SALARIES.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	3	Chief Clerk, Insolvency Court, Clerk of the Peace and Registrar of the County Court, Melbourne	485	
1	3	Clerk ...	450	
19	4	Clerks ...	6,125	
66	5	Clerks ...	13,200	
87		Total Division No. 37 ...		20,260
		The sum of ...		9,925
		DIVISION No. 38.		
		CORONERS.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.	Maximum.	
			£	
1		Labourer, City Morgue ...	120	94

	£	£
DIVISION No. 38.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
No. 1. Coroner's Commuted Allowance, subject to approval by the Governor in Council	650	
2. Surgeons—Remuneration to, for each <i>post-mortem</i> examination by dissection, £2 2s. ; and £1 1s. for attendance, &c., at each Inquest or Inquiry and Adjournment, with Travelling Expenses at the rate of 1s. per mile from usual place of abode to place of intended Inquest or Inquiry, one way only, subject to the payment of special fees in exceptional cases under the authority of the Minister	4,000	
3. Jurors' Fees	850	
4. Payments in respect to Inquests and Magisterial Inquiries; Stores, Fuel, Light, &c.; Travelling Expenses (actual) of Justices of the Peace when holding Inquests or Magisterial Inquiries; and Incidental Expenses	500	
	6,000	
Total Division No. 38	6,094	
The sum of ... ..	...	1,746
DIVISION No. 38A.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Refund of fine inflicted on George Presley, by the Bench of Magistrates at Birchip, on the 21st January, 1898, under the <i>Health Act</i> 1890, 10s.	1	
The sum of ... ..	...	1

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

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

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Shiels moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 66.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL.—Mr. E. D. Williams, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee upon this Bill; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Sir John McIntyre, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Select Committee upon Standing Orders.
The Report was read by the Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table, to be printed, and to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
4. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. Shiels moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the Order of Business on Wednesday in each week be suspended for this evening, so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Supreme Court Act 1890* with regard to the boundaries of the Eastern and Central Bailiwicks.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Irvine and Mr. Outtrim do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Irvine then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Supreme Court Act 1890' with regard to the Boundaries of the Eastern and Central Bailiwicks,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money for Water Supply in Country Districts*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Councillors of various Municipalities for Borrowing Moneys by Overdrafts on Bankers for the purposes of their Municipalities contrary to the provisions of the 'Local Government Act 1890'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Expenditure of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Mining Development Act 1896'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898'*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Marine Act 1890,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendment with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed, and have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Assembly on an amendment made by the Legislative Council with a further amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Hawkers and Pedlers,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendments with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government Acts with regard to Valuations,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on some of their amendments with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed, and do not insist on their amendment to insert clauses A, B, and C.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

10. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions. On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day. Mr. Beazley also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1899-1900.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow :—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899-1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 51.		
		SURVEY, SALE, AND MANAGEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		FIRST DIVISION.		
1		Secretary for Lands and Registrar of Land Tax ...	800	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
	S.	PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Surveyor-General	700	600
2		Senior Assistant Surveyors	385	770
5		Assistant Surveyors	360	1,570
1		Draughtsman	360	360
6		Junior Draughtsmen	200	1,096
15				4,396
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	2	Chief Clerk and Accountant		485
4	3	Clerks		1,905
23	4	Clerks		6,836
72	5	Clerks		12,460
1	2	Chief Draughtsman		485
1	3	Draughtsman		485
			Number.	Grade.
16	4f	Draughtsmen	4	1
		Draughtsmen	3	2
		Draughtsmen	9	3
1	4	Lithographer		325
1	4	Photographer		350
2	5	Lithographers		400
16	5	Draughtsmen		3,200
138				31,101

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 51.		
		Subdivision No. 4.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Engraver	360	360
1		Typewriter	78	78
1		Lithographic Printer	240	204
3		Printers	192	504
2		Assistant Printers	120	240
1		Stone Polisher	132	132
1		Assistant Photographer	216	180
1		Engineer	216	180
10		Crown Lands Bailiffs	204	1,604
1		Senior Messenger	132	132
2		Junior Messengers	72	144
1		Plan Moulder	166	150
25				3,908
		Subdivision No. 5.		
		(Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.)		
3		Clerks		290
10		Draughtsmen		1,600
13				1,890
192		Total SALARIES		42,095
		Subdivision No. 6.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Additional Assistance		1,600
		Office Cleaners		850
		Equipment Allowances (Surveyors)		650
		Forage Allowances (Crown Lands Bailiffs)		880
		Wages of Labourers in Survey Parties		2,998
		Fuel, Light, and Water		130
		Stores, Stationery, Incidentals, Engrossing, &c., by Contract		1,800
		Photographic Stores		100
		Travelling Expenses		2,000
		Commissions on Sales of Land		50
		Claims under the Land Act		400
		Allowance to Crown Lands Bailiff		100
				11,558
		Subdivision No. 7.		
		Surveys by Contract, Surveys of Standard Lines, Feature Surveys, and Road Surveys		3,000
		Surveys under the <i>Settlement on Lands Act 1893</i>		50
		Payment of balances of Survey Fees under the provisions of Section 183, <i>Land Act 1898</i>		6,000
				9,050
		Total Division No. 51		62,703
		The sum of		32,446

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 52.		
		PUBLIC PARKS, GARDENS, AND RESERVES.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
2		Gardeners	Maxi- mum. £ 132	264
		Subdivision No. 2.—(Inalterable.)		
		No. 1. Maintenance and Improvement of Treasury Gardens and Studley Park		375
		2. Grant to the Committee of Management for Maintaining and Improving the following Gardens and Parks, jointly vested in the Board of Land and Works and the City Council of Melbourne, on the understanding that a sum of £2,000 be contributed by such Council, viz.:—Fitzroy Gardens, Carlton Gardens, Flagstaff Gardens, Yarra Park, Prince's Park, Fawkner Park, Flinders Park, Lincoln Square, Argyle Square, Curtain Square, Macarthur Square, Murchison Square, Darling Square, and University Square		2,000
		3. Grant to the Committee of Management for Maintaining and Improving Edinburgh Gardens, City of Fitzroy, on the understanding that a sum of £200 be contributed by the Fitzroy City Council		200
		4. Grant to the Committee of Management for Maintaining and Improving Darling Gardens, City of Collingwood, on the understanding that a sum of £150 be contributed by the Collingwood City Council		150
		5. Grant to the Richmond City Council for maintaining the Barkly Gardens, on the understanding that a sum of £50 be contributed by the Richmond City Council		50
		6. To the Committee of Management of the Metropolitan Parks and Gardens for the Painting and Repairs of the Metropolitan Parks and Gardens, jointly vested in the Board of Land and Works and the City Council of Melbourne, on the understanding that the sum of £500 be contributed by such Council		500
				3,275
		Total Division No. 52		3,539
		The sum of		1,784
		DIVISION No. 53.		
		BOTANICAL AND DOMAIN GARDENS.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
1	Sc.	Curator of Botanic Gardens*		600
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	4	Clerk†		350
1	5	Clerk		200
2				550

* With quarters.—† With quarters while residing at Botanical Gardens.

Number.	Classification	DIVISION No. 53.				£	£
		Subdivision No. 3.					
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.					
					Maxi- mum.		
					£		
2		Foremen	...	...	...	168	336
12		Gardeners	...	...	...	132	1,554
1		Label Writer	...	...	...	132	114
2		Mechanics	...	...	...	144	270
1		Carpenter	...	...	...	156	156
1		Carpenter's Assistant	...	...	...	120	120
2		Junior Gardeners	...	...	...	84	168
14		Labourers	...	...	...	126	1,474
2		Carters	...	...	...	126	222
1		Labourers' Boy	...	...	...	48	60
1		Night Watchman	...	...	...	132	114
39							4,588
		Subdivision No. 4.					
		<i>(Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.)</i>					
1		Gardener for Government House	...	...	...		108
1		Label Writer	...	...	...		132
1		Gardener	...	...	...		126
3							366
45		Total SALARIES	...	...	...		6,104
		Subdivision No. 5.					
		CONTINGENCIES.					
		Additional Labour, also Sunday Watchman	...	...	...		343
		Cartage of Stone, Gravel, &c.	...	...	...		193
		Forage and Shoeing for Cart-horses	...	...	...		126
		Purchase of Seeds and Plants	...	...	...		70
		Sundry Works, &c.	...	...	...		410
		Outer Domain Improvements, &c.	...	...	...		690
							1,832
		Total Division No. 53	...	...	...		7,936
		The sum of	...	...	...		4,014
		DIVISION No. 54.					
		EXPENSES OF CARRYING OUT THE LAND TAX ACT.					
		SALARIES.					
		Subdivision No. 1.					
		CLERICAL DIVISION.					
		Registrar of Land Tax (see "Secretary for Lands").					
1	3	Chief Clerk	...	...	...		350
1	4	Clerk	...	...	...		350
2		Total SALARIES	...	...	...		700
		Subdivision No. 2.					
		Expenses generally	...	...	...		200
		Total Division No. 54	...	...	...		900
		The sum of	...	...	...		464

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 55.		
		EXTIRPATION OF RABBITS AND WILD ANIMALS.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Chief Inspector under Vermin Destruction Act	370	320
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	5	Clerk ... ..	...	200
2		Total SALARIES ... ..	...	520
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		Expenses generally in carrying out the Vermin Destruction Act, including subsidies to Shire Councils for the destruction of foxes and wild dogs	14,300
		Total Division No. 55	14,820
		The sum of	7,283
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		DIVISION No. 56.		
		STATE FORESTS AND NURSERIES.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1	G.	Conservator of Forests	750	750
1		Inspector of Forests	400	400
1		Assistant Inspector of Forests	290	290
3			...	1,440
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
2	4	Clerks ... ..	...	650
1	4f	Draughtsman ... ..	...	240
2	5	Clerks ... ..	...	400
5			...	1,290
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
23		Foresters	204	2,965
31		Total SALARIES ... ..	...	5,695

	£	£
DIVISION No. 56.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Allowances, Travelling Expenses, &c.	2,743	
Tools, Stores, &c.	100	
Forage for Cart-horses	50	
Fencing State Forests, Wire Netting, &c.	175	
Rewards for information <i>re</i> careless use of Fire in State Forests	20	
Planting, Thinning, Labour, Seed, &c., in Wattle and other Plantations	4,236	
Planting and Sowing 200 acres, Majorca Forest Plantation	300	
Supervising Sleeper and Timber operations, including wages and allowances for Thirteen Foremen	1,750	
Improving Tracks, &c., at Mount Macedon	100	
Improvements and Thinning, &c., in State Forests	2,500	
	11,974	
Total Division No. 56	17,669	
The sum of	8,342
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DIVISION No. 57.		
VILLAGE SETTLEMENTS AND LABOUR COLONIES.		
Village Settlements and Expenses in connexion therewith	500	
Labour Colonies	3,000	
Total Division No. 57	3,500	
The sum of	850
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DIVISION No. 58.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 1. Expenses of Engine-driver, West Melbourne Swamp	50	
2. Improvement of Albert Park and Lake	500	
3. To the Trustees of Ocean Park, Sorrento, licence-fees for Grazing and Lime sites	4	
4. To the Committee of Management of the Hepburn Mineral Spring Park, fees received for the occupation of the site of the Mineral Spring	50	
5. Publication of Pamphlet by Conservator of Forests and Collection of Victorian Woods for Agent-General's Office	94	
6. For the erection of Buildings in and for the improvement of Scoresby Park, Fern-tree Gully	500	
7. Registration of Liens in connexion with Seed Wheat Advances	53	
Total Division No. 58	1,251	
The sum of ... ..	...	66

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

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

V.—TREASURER.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 39.		
		TREASURY.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		FIRST DIVISION.		
1		Under-Treasurer	853	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
2	{ 1	Receiver and Paymaster, Melbourne	600	
1	{ 1	Accountant to the Treasury	600	
8	{ 2	Chief Clerk	485	
26	{ 3	Clerks and Receivers and Paymasters, including	3,845	
46	{ 4	one Secretary to the Tender Board, one In-	8,455	
	{ 5	specting Officer (Act No. 1323), and one Paying	8,982	
		Officer of Pensions		
83			22,967	
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
			Maximum.	
			£	
1		Despatch Clerk	156	200
1		Messenger	120	120
2		Junior Messengers	72	144
4				464
		Subdivision No. 4.		
		(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)		
1		Clerk		40
89		Total SALARIES		24,324
		Subdivision No. 5.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Allowances to Collectors of Imposts (unclassified), &c.		170
		Allowances to Postmistresses who perform Treasury duties		104
		Temporary Clerical Assistance, &c.		225
		Office-cleaners		570
		Travelling Expenses		700
		Stores, Stationery, Fuel, Light, Water, and Incidental Expenses		700
				2,469
		Total Division No. 39		26,793
		The sum of		13,278

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 40.		
		INCOME TAX OFFICE.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
1	x	Commissioner of Taxes (see Master-in-Equity). Allowance to Commissioner... ..	300	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	1	Deputy Commissioner of Taxes	600	
1	3	Chief Clerk	485	
1	3	Accountant	485	
2	4	Clerks	675	
42	5	Clerks	7,302	
47			9,547	
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
			Maximum	
3		Assistants	£ 174	450
2		Junior Assistants	72	120
5				570
53		Total SALARIES		10,417
		Subdivision No. 4.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Fuel, Light, Water, Stores, and Stationery, Incidental and Travelling Expenses and Clerical Assistance		400
		Total Division No. 40		10,817
		The sum of		5,295

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 41.		
		CURATOR OF ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
1		Curator—Allowance (in addition to commission) not to exceed	50	
		SALARIES.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	3	Chief Clerk	350	
1	4	Accountant	325	
1	4	Clerk	285	
4	5	Clerks	588	
7			1,548	
8		Total SALARIES, &c.	1,598	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Stores, Fuel, Light, Water, and Incidental Expenses	80	
		Total Division No. 41	1,678	
		The sum of ... ..	...	838

		DIVISION No. 42.			
		GOVERNMENT PRINTER.			
		SALARIES.			
		Subdivision No. 1.			
		CLERICAL DIVISION.			
1	1	Government Printer	750		
1	2	Superintendent	450		
1	3	Accountant	300		
1	3	Printing Overseer	282		
1	4 f	Printing Sub-Overseer	246		
1	5	Store Clerk	200		
1	4 f	Computer	264		
1	3	Stamp Printing Overseer	485		
1	4 f	Stamp Printing Sub-Overseer	270		
1	4	Clerk and Ticket Printer	325		
1	4	Clerk	350		
11	5	Clerks	2,180		
1	4 f	Type Storeman	228		
1	4 f	Warehouseman	228		
		Grade.			
1	4 f	1st Reader	246		
2	4 f	3rd Readers	456		
1	4 f	4th Readers	220		
3	4 f	Foremen of Compositors	660		
		Grade.			
9	5 f	1st Compositors (one to 22nd July, 1899)	1,612		
3	5 f	2nd Compositors	549		
1	5 f	3rd Compositor	168		
44			10,469		

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 42.		
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
		Grade.		
8		2nd	Compositors	1,464
13		3rd	Compositors	2,184
				Maxi- mum.
				£
1			Bookbinders—Overseer	360
1			Bookbinders—Sub-Overseer	288
		Grade.		
3		1st	Bookbinders and Paper Rulers ...	204
6		2nd	Bookbinders and Paper Rulers ...	186
5		3rd	Bookbinders and Paper Rulers ...	168
2			Bookbinders' Assistants	144
		Grade.		
5		1st	Sewers and Book Folders (including Stamp Perforators)	72
3		2nd	Sewers and Book Folders (including Stamp Perforators)	66
1		3rd	Sewer and Book Folder (including Stamp Perforator)	60
2		4th	Sewers and Book Folders (including Stamp Perforators)	54
1			Printers—Foreman	300
		Grade.		
1		1st	Printers' Machineman	204
2		2nd	Printers' Machinemen	186
5		3rd	Printers' Machinemen	168
1			Machine Assistant, Senior	132
6			Machine Assistants	108
1			Paper Wetter	132
1			Roller Caster	144
1			Electrotyper	234
1			Carpenter	156
3			Warehouseman's Assistants	150

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION NO. 42.				
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1	Senior Messenger	... ..	156	156
1	Foreman Labourer	... ..	132	132
2	Labourers	... ..	120	188
1	Engineer's Assistant	... ..	192	192
1	Printers' Lithographic Foreman	... ..	288	288
2	Lithographic Printers	... ..	192	349
81				12,726
125				23,195
Total SALARIES				
Subdivision No. 3.				
Printers—Apprentices and Occasional Hands, including Printing of Electoral Rolls and Printing under Contract				13,000
Bookbinders—Apprentices and Occasional Hands, &c., and Binding under Contract				3,500
				16,500
Subdivision No. 4.				
Paper and Parchment				12,000
Water-marked and other Paper for Stamp Printing				1,500
Type, &c.				250
Bookbinders' Materials, Stores, and Printing Ink				2,000
Machinery and Repairs				1,200
Fuel, Light, and Water				900
Incidental Expenses, including Police Attendance				100
Photo. Apparatus, &c.				200
				18,150
Total Division No. 42				57,845
The sum of				12,640
DIVISION NO. 43.				
ADVERTISING				5,000
The sum of				2,400
DIVISION NO. 44.				
GRANT TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS (including Salary of Inspector of Public Charities)				110,000
The sum of				55,000

	£	£
DIVISION No. 45.		
TRANSPORT, SAMPLES, AND MARINE INSURANCE ...	2,000	
The sum of	250
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DIVISION No. 46.		
UNFORESEEN AND ACCIDENTAL EXPENDITURE ...	2,500	
The sum of	850
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DIVISION No. 47.		
Allowance to Railway Department for Carriage and Use of Victorian Coal	12,500	
The sum of	12,500
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DIVISION No. 48.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 1 Contribution towards Citizens' Fund in aid of the unemployed ...	250	
2. Expenses in connexion with the Maffra Beet Sugar Factory ...	500	
3. Gratuity to Barnett Freedman, who suffered the loss of an eye in connexion with the recent shooting case at the Eastern Market	100	
	850	
The sum of ... ..	...	850

Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Supply the details of a certain resolution, the full amount of which has been already reported to the House, and which were read and are as follow:—

	£	£
DIVISION No. 49.		
ADVANCE TO THE TREASURER.		
To enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers and others	200,000	

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

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

X.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 70.		
		POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		FIRST DIVISION.		
1		Deputy Postmaster-General and Secretary, also General Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs	750	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1	Sc.	Telegraph Engineer and Chief Electrician ...	700	700
1	Sc.	Electrician	450	485
2				1,185
		Subdivision No. 3.*		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	1	Accountant†; also Comptroller of Stamps under Stamps Acts 1140 and 1274		520
1	1	Comptroller, Money Order and Savings Banks ...		520
1	1f	Superintendent, Mail Branch		600
1	2	Telegraph Manager		600
1	2	Sub-Accountant; also Comptroller of Stamps (Acting) under Stamps Acts 1140 and 1274 ...		485
1	3	Inspector, Post and Telegraph Service ...		450
1	4	Assistant Inspector		350
1	3	Cashier		485
			Number.	Salary.
			£	
			1	485
			2	400
			3	350
			1	340
			8	300
			1	250
16	3f	Postmasters		5,325

NOTE.—Postmasters and Postmistresses are allowed quarters.

* Includes value of services performed for Treasury Department by Postmasters who act also as Receivers and Paymasters, say £3,000.—† Acts also as Controller of Stores.

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6	5 f	Postmasters ...	6	160	960																						
112	5 f	Postmistresses at from £70 to £150 per annum			9,851																						
4	4 f	Relieving Postmasters ...			1,080																						
2	5 f	Relieving Postmasters ...			396																						
4	5 f	Relieving Postmistresses ...			372																						
9	3	Clerks ...			4,285																						
38	4	Clerks ...			11,985																						
72	5	Clerks ...			14,361																						
4	5 f	Sellers of Stamps ...			414																						
108	5 f	Female Operators and Clerks at from £54 to £90 per annum (including provision for payment of increment of £6 per annum each to 40)			8,628																						
32	4 f	Operators at from £216 to £300 per annum			7,296																						
187	5	Operators at from £40 to £200 per annum			36,381																						
<u>655</u>					<u>117,399</u>																						
		Subdivision No. 4.																									
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.																									
5		Mail Officers at from £18 10s. to £25 per month		£ 25	70,141																						
91		Senior Sorters and Sorters at from £11 10s. per month to 75s. per week		17/10																							
9		Parcel Sorters at from £7 to £13 10s. per month		13/10																							
10		Female Assistant Sorters at from £4 10s. per month to £80 per annum		6/10	33,292																						
390		Letter-carriers and Stampers at from £6 per month to 57s. per week		11																							
24		Operating Messengers at £7 10s. per month		7/10	10,952																						
600		Telegraph Messengers at from £2 to £5 per month (including allowance of £10 per annum to 200 Telegraph Messengers)		5																							
1		Inspector of Telegraph Works at from £22 to £25 per month		25	1,225																						
3		Overseers of Telegraph Works at from £17 to £21 per month		21																							
27		Line Repairers at from £10 10s. per month to 60s. per week		13	8,214																						
50		Line Repairers' Assistants at from £7 to £10 per month		10																							
1		Foreman Carpenter at £14 per month		14	8,214																						
7		Carpenters, Carpenters' Assistant, and Ship Carpenter, at from £8 per month to 60s. per week		13																							
1		Battery Room Foreman at 60s. per week		13	8,214																						
10		Battery Room Assistants at from £8 per month to 54s. per week		10																							
1		Electrical Foreman and Instrument Fitter		34	8,214																						
48		Instrument Fitter, Instrument Fitters' Assistants, Instrument Fitters' Senior Assistants, and Instrument Fitters' Junior Assistants, at from £6 to £20 10s. per month		20/10																							
1		Instrument Fitters' Labourer at from £74 to £104 per annum		8/13/4	8,214																						
2		Cable Jointers at £14 per month		14																							

NOTE.—Postmasters and Postmistresses are allowed quarters.

Number.	Classification	Maximum. Per month £	£	£													
DIVISION No. 70.																	
1	Chief Storeman and Foreman Maintenance Staff at £20 per month ...	22	} 16,703														
7	Saddlers and Sailmakers at from £9 to £13 per month ...	13															
8	Storeman and Packers at from £9 per month to 54s. per week ...	11/10															
77	Porters and Pillar Clearers at from £7 per month to 54s. per week ...	11															
28	Mail Drivers at from £9 per month to 54s. per week ...	10/10															
2	Female Stamp Embossers at £80 per annum	6/13/4															
1	Caretaker, General Post Office, at £19 per month ...	19															
4	Night Watchmen at from £10 to £15 per month ...	15															
1	Gatekeeper ...	12															
4	Painters at £12 per month ...	12															
1	Plumber and Gasfitter at £9 per month ...	14															
3	Labourers at from £6 10s. to £10 per month	10															
3	Engine-drivers at £15 per month ...	15															
3	Firemen at £10 per month ...	10															
106	Telephone Switch-board Attendants at from £4 to £7 10s. per month (including provision for payment of increment of £6 per annum each to 26) ...	7/10	} 9,680														
1	Typewriter at £6 10s. per month (including provision for payment of increment of £6 per annum) ...	6/10															
1	French-polisher ...	13															
1	Stamp Printer and Impresser at £14 per month ...	14															
2	Boatmen at 56s. per week ...	12															
1	Stamp Impresser and Machineman at £17 per month ...	17															
To pay Letter-carriers appointed under old Post Office Regulations the following rates on their promotion as Sorters :—																	
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168	Sorters from £11 10s. to £14 10s. per month ...		28,990														
1704			179,197														
Subdivision No. 5.																	
(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)																	
8	Telephone Switch-board Attendants at from £6 10s. to £7 per month ...		630														
2370																	
Total SALARIES ...			299,161														

DIVISION No. 70.

Subdivision No. 6.

CONTINGENCIES.

	£	£
Allowances to Country Postmasters, including Commission for conducting Telegraph business; also payments to Victorian Railway Department for performance of Postal Duties	30,000	
Overtime to Officers and others when unavoidably employed at night under special circumstances	300	
Police Constables' Allowances	160	
Temporary Assistance, and to provide for the absence of Officers through sickness and when on leave	4,000	
Special Allowances to Postmasters—Mildura, at £40; Omeo, at £20 ...	60	
Contributions towards the Maintenance of Telegraph Stations at Gabo Island and Flinders	525	
Maintenance of Lines, including Purchase, Hire, and Forage of Horses	2,000	
Telegraph Instruments, Battery Materials, Tools, &c.	2,000	
Clothing for Railway Mail Sorters, Letter-carriers, Telegraph Messengers, &c.	2,000	
Stores, Stationery, Mail Bags, Ironmongery, Safes, Seals, and Stamps, &c.	7,000	
Travelling Expenses (including payment to the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company for Carriage of Letter Carriers and Telegraph Messengers, and to Victorian Railways for Payment of Railway Fares for Officers whilst travelling on duty)	7,000	
Fuel, Light, and Water (including new arc lights for General Post Office)	5,000	
Charwomen, and cleaning at Country Stations	2,750	
Carriage of Stores, Insurance Premiums on extra guarantees, Incidentals, &c.	2,000	
	64,795	
Total Division No. 70	363,956	
The sum of ... ..	...	184,364

DIVISION No. 71.

TELEGRAPH LINES.

No. 1. Extensions, Repairs, and Alterations, Renewing Poles, Transferring Lines to routes of New Railways, including Wire, Insulators, Fittings, &c., for Telegraph Poles, and Telegraph Materials for stock; also Maintenance of Telephone Lines for various Departments and Repainting Telegraph Poles ...	6,000	
2. Telephone Exchanges, Telephones, Battery Materials, Cables, Wire, &c.	20,000	
3. To proportion of Subsidy payable by Victoria towards the construction and maintenance of the Tasmanian Submarine Cable	1,505	
4. To proportion of Guarantee due by Victoria on account of reduction in rates of New Zealand Telegrams	1,500	
Total Division No. 71	29,005	
The sum of ... ..	...	13,184

DIVISION No. 72.

MAIL SERVICE.

No. 1. Conveyance of Inland Mails—

Government Railways	...	...	...	58,200
Contractors, Special Conveyance of Mails, Purchase and Forage of Horses for Clearance of Letter Pillars, and Conveyance of Mails to Railway Stations, &c.	39,600

Total Division No. 72	97,800
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The sum of	48,900
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DIVISION No. 73.

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 1. Compensation, Annual Allowances, and Gratuities to late Employés in the Government service, or their Widows—(Inalterable):—

Annual Allowance to J. Legon	...	...	£70	10	5
S. Bastard	...	...	52	7	7
J. Branston	...	...	35	15	11
J. Macfarlane	...	...	25	7	0
Elizabeth J. Stewart (née Bowie)	...	...	21	3	10
Ellen Reilly (née Campion)	...	...	22	0	0
To Benjamin Greening	...	£133	0	6	
Less paid from Special Appropriations	93	2	4		
			39	18	2
			£267	2	11

268

To Porter John Bourke, £50 (in addition to pension of £32 17s. 3d.) on retirement from the service, in consideration of special services rendered in the establishment of the first overland Mail Service to Sydney

50

Total Division No. 73	318
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The sum of	150
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And the said resolutions were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

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

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 67.

THURSDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of the Notice of Motion, General Business.
3. **MELBOURNE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND KINDRED INSTITUTIONS—GRANTS AND EXPENDITURE.**—Mr. Hamilton moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The names of all mechanics' institutes, reading clubs, and literary associations participating in the annual Government grant to institutions of this character, and the amount of money granted to each during each of the last five years.
 2. The amounts granted to the Melbourne Public Library during each of the last five years.
 3. The amounts expended in literature, buildings, salaries, maintenance, and sundry expenses in the Melbourne Public Library and in institutions mentioned in No. 1.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance, 1898–9.—The Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other moneys, year ending 30th June, 1899; accompanied by the Report of the Commissioners of Audit and by the Documents specified in the Fifty-first Section of the Audit Act.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Mr. McColl presented—

Land Act 1898, Part III.—Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Closer Settlement.—Copy of a Provisional Contract made by the Minister of Lands on behalf of the Board of Land and Works with John James Johnson, James Lionel Johnson, and James Cooper Stewart, executors and trustees of the estate of Ann Nicholas, widow, deceased, dated the 25th day of January, 1900, for the purchase of the Wando Vale Estate for the purpose of closer settlement; together with a Statement giving the particulars prescribed by Section 155 of the *Land Act* 1898 in respect of the land included in the said Provisional Contract.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. **SUPPLY.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
7. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Shiels moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 68.

TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. John A. Isaacs 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 unsatisfactory answer given by the Railways Commissioner with regard to the carriage of rabbits from Wangaiatta to Melbourne."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. John A. Isaacs moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
3. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
Defences and Discipline Act 1890.—Victorian Naval Forces.—Alteration of Regulations.—Part III.—Naval Brigade.—Order in Council.
Public Service Act 1890.—Regulations.
Water Act 1890.—Bacchus Marsh Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 7 (Draft Form).
4. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to prevent the use of Trading Stamps Coupons and other Devices on the Sale or Exchange of Property,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
W. A. ZEAL,
President.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 30th January, 1900.
5. **TRADING COUPONS ABOLITION BILL (No. 2).**—Mr. Shiels moved, That the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message, intituled "*An Act to prevent the use of Trading Stamps Coupons and other Devices on the Sale or Exchange of Property,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Water Act 1890,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on certain amendments of the Legislative Council, have disagreed with others of the said amendments, that they insist on some of their amendments with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed, and do not insist on others of the said amendments.
W. A. ZEAL,
President.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 30th January, 1900.
Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.
7. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Beazley also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £246,913 be granted to Her Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1899–1900, viz. :—

Division No	£
22. Education	2,773
23. Do.	44,150
24. Melbourne University	355
25. Technical Schools	1,800
26. Miscellaneous	240
50. Defence	16,387
59. Public Works	2,503
60. Miscellaneous	150
61. Works and Buildings	8,960
62. Defence Works and Buildings	300
64. Trade and Customs and Mercantile Marine	5,288
65. Ports and Harbors, Immigration, and Fisheries	2,689
66. Distilleries and Excise	735
67. Explosives	265
68. Marine Board	331
69. Miscellaneous	56
74. Mines and Water Supply	3,090
76. Waterworks in Country Districts	175
77. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works	1,475
78. Miscellaneous	550
79. Agriculture and Industries	452
80. Experimental Cultivation	15
82. Diseases in Stock	443
83. Vegetation Diseases	200
84. Grants	138
85. Miscellaneous	3,557
86. Public Health	1,296
87. Victorian Railways	148,000
88. Miscellaneous	540
	£246,913

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 14 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 15.

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

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

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

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

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

11. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—

Resolved—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1899–1900 the sum of £378,157 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. Shiels and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 6).—Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and seventy-eight thousand one hundred and fifty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1900.

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

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

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

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

14. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1899-1900.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow:—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899-1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

Number		£	£
	DIVISION NO. 87.		
	VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.		
	SALARIES.		
	Subdivision No. 1.		
	SECRETARY'S BRANCH.		
1	Secretary	1,000	
2	Clerks	760	
3		1,760	
	ACCOUNTANT'S BRANCH.		
1	Chief Accountant	750	
1	Sub-Accountant	650	
9	Clerks	3,460	
11		4,860	
	AUDIT BRANCH.		
1	Railways Auditor	800	
4	Clerks	1,310	
5		2,110	
	STORES BRANCH.		
1	Railway Storekeeper	550	
1	Assistant Railway Storekeeper and Stores Inspector	350	
2		900	
	TRAFFIC BRANCH.		
1	Chief Traffic Manager *	900	
1	Goods and Assistant Traffic Manager	650	
1	Traffic Running Superintendent	525	
8	District Traffic Superintendents—One at £450, one at £400, one at £375,† two at £325,* three at £325 †	2,850	
1	Goods Superintendent	425	
6	Station-masters—One at £350,† two at £327 10s.,* two at £300,* one at £300†	1,905	
1	Metropolitan Yard Inspector	325	
8	Clerks—One at £325 †	2,875	
27		10,455	
	TELEGRAPH BRANCH.		
1	Telegraph Superintendent	600	
1	Inspector	350	
2		950	

* With quarters value £52 per annum.—† With allowance of £52 per annum in lieu of quarters. —
‡ And an allowance of £25 per annum.

Number.		£	£
	DIVISION No. 87.		
	LOCOMOTIVE BRANCH.		
1	Chief Mechanical Engineer	1,100	
1	Workshop Manager and Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer	600	
1	Locomotive Running Superintendent	550	
5	District Locomotive Inspectors	1,824	
5	Locomotive Foremen	1,640	
1	Chief Draughtsman	340	
1	Chief Clerk	500	
15		6,554	
	EXISTING LINES BRANCH.		
1	Engineer for Existing Lines	900	
1	Chief Assistant Engineer	700	
8	Assistant Engineers	3,295	
1	Surveyor	400	
3	Draughtsmen	985	
3	Superintending Inspectors	1,440	
18	Inspectors	5,910	
1	Chief Clerk	425	
1	Clerk	300	
37		14,355	
	ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF'S BRANCH.		
1	Engineer-in-Chief	1,250	
1	District Engineer	650	
4	Assistant Engineers	1,565	
3	Draughtsmen	1,180	
1	Field Assistant	355	
2	Clerks	890	
1	Lithographic Printer in Charge... ..	325	
13		6,215	
115	Total SALARIES of £300 per annum and upwards ...	48,159	
	Deduct Estimated Amount chargeable to Loans	7,000	
		41,159	
	Total Salaries from £40 to £300 per annum	194,000	
		235,159	
	Working expenses of all Lines during the year 1899-1900, including Salaries as above, viz., £235,159—		
	Maintenance and Renewals	508,500	
	Locomotive Charges	629,000	
	Traffic Charges	547,000	
	General Charges	50,982	
		1,735,482	
	To provide for portion of expenditure temporarily charged to the "Treasury Bonds Loan Account 1896," Act No. 1451, an equivalent amount to be transferred from the proceeds of that account to the Consolidated Revenue—		
	Maintenance and Renewals	1,500	
	Locomotive Charges	6,000	
		7,500	
	Total Division No. 87	1,742,982	
	The sum of ... ..	...	714,982

Division No. 88:				£	£	
MISCELLANEOUS.						
No. 1. Annual Allowances to late employés in the Government Railway Service—(Inalterable):—						
	£	s.	d.	Less paid out of Special Appropriations. £ s. d.	£ s. d.	
J. B. Blackburn	...	...	...	...	218 15 0	219
J. Jeremy	...	...	...	...	...	125
A. P. Mathieson	...	...	...	...	...	400
J. Bruce	382	10	0	348 15 0	33 15 0	
W. Cadwallader	276	0	0	208 6 8	67 13 4	
I. Chapman	227	8	2	213 3 11	14 4 3	
J. Galbraith	77	9	4	70 8 6	7 0 10	
F. Glenister	222	0	0	204 0 0	18 0 0	
W. Huffer	70	8	6	68 1 7	2 6 11	
A. Homewood	194	5	0	178 10 0	15 15 0	
T. Maddock	77	9	4	72 15 5	4 13 11	
P. McDonald	82	3	3	75 2 5	7 0 10	
P. O'Brien	51	14	2	47 2 11	4 11 3	
T. Phipps	84	10	2	77 9 4	7 0 10	
J. Richmond	146	4	5	132 10 3	13 14 2	
C. Thomson	176	0	3	157 16 1	18 4 2	
M. Toohy	77	9	4	75 2 5	2 6 11	
B. F. Wiseman	117	2	1	107 1 4	10 0 9	
					226 8 2	227
No. 2. Annual Allowances as Compensation:—						
Fanny K. Cooke—Allowance for permanent injuries received in Railway Collision at Sunbury, 1872	...	...	...	...	...	70
Helena A. Wilson—Allowance for permanent injury received in Railway Collision at Windsor, March, 1882	...	...	...	...	...	52
John Smith—Allowance for being disabled whilst in the execution of his duty as an Engine-cleaner	...	...	...	...	...	52
Margaret Darcy—Allowance for permanent injury received at South Melbourne, March, 1889	...	...	...	...	...	70
Honora Rickard—Allowance for five years, commencing at 1st October, 1895, at £20 per annum, as mother of Elizabeth Agnes and Rachel Rickard, who were run over by a train on 4th September, 1888, the former being killed and the latter losing a limb	...	...	...	...	...	20
3. To pay Pensions, computed on the basis of section 44 of Act 25 Vict. No. 160, to Officers who have retired in consequence of changes in the Department, and who are not entitled to Pensions under Act 54 Vict. No. 1135	...	...	...	...	...	5,159
4. To provide for the difference between the amount of Pension due and the minimum of £30 per annum payable to certain Officers who have retired under Act 54 Vict. No. 1135 since 29th January, 1895	...	...	...	...	...	462
5. To provide for the payment of portion of accrued Compensation to certain Employés who have been reduced in pay, owing to their failure to pass vision test	...	...	...	...	...	1,100
Total Division No. 88	...	...	...	...	...	7,956
The sum of	...	...	...	...	...	3,404

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

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899-1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

IX.—COMMISSIONER OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

Number.	Classification.	DIVISION No. 64.	£	£]
		TRADE AND CUSTOMS AND] MERCANTILE MARINE.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		FIRST DIVISION.		
1		The Secretary for Trade and Customs, also Collector of Customs, Melbourne, and Superintendent of Mercantile Marine Office ...	1,000	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
3	1	Chief Clerk, Senior Landing Surveyor, Inspector of Accounts ...	1,950	
2	2	Landing Surveyor, Assistant Inspector of Accounts ...	1,035	
12	3	Paymaster, Inspector of Drawbacks, Warehouse-keeper, Receiver, Jerquer, Landing Waiters	5,680	
45	4	Tide Inspector, Tide Surveyors, Assistant Landing Waiters, Collectors, Clerks ...	13,733	
72	5	Collectors, Tide Waiters, Clerks, Lockers, Weighers ...	12,587	
134			35,035	
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
				Maxt- mum. £
1		Revenue Detective Inspector ...	264	264
2		Tea Experts ...	252	504
1		Caretaker ...	150	120
1		Overseer of Seamen ...	258	258
		Lockers—		
		First Grade (including an allowance of £44) ...	252	
		Second Grade ...	198	
98		Sub-Lockers, Weighers, Watchmen—		15,207
		First Grade ...	168	
		Second Grade ...	144	
11		Watchmen ...	132	1,357
1		Labourer ...	120	120
		Messengers ...	120	
11		Junior Messengers ...	72	900
3		Coxswains ...	180	456
3		Engine-drivers ...	156	468
1		Fireman ...	120	120
		Boatmen ...	144	
7		Boys—Steam Launch ...	60	828
140			20,602	
		Subdivision No. 4.		
		(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)		
1		Drawback Expert ...	350	
2		Watchmen ...	288	
3			638	
278		Total SALARIES ...	57,275	
		Subdivision No. 5.—CONTINGENCIES.		
		Expenses in connexion with Protection of the Revenue ...	1,610	
		Stores ...	800	
		Travelling Expenses, Fuel, Light, Water, Incidental Expenses ...	1,590	
		Repairs, Fittings, Furniture ...	100	
		Mercantile Marine Office Expenses ...	50	
			4,150	
		Total Division No. 64 ...	61,425	
		The sum of ...		25,277

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION No. 65.				
PORTS AND HARBORS, IMMIGRATION, AND FISHERIES.				
SALARIES.				
Subdivision No. 1.				
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.				
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1	A. & E.	Engineer in charge of Ports and Harbors, Port Officer, and Immigration Agent ...	600	600
3	G.	Harbor-masters and Pilots* ...	300	519
4				1,119
Subdivision No. 2.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	3	Senior Clerk ...		485
1	4	Clerk ...		300
3	5	Clerks ...		585
5				1,370
Subdivision No. 3.				
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
DOCKYARD.				
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Foreman ...	312	} 2,245
1		Lighthouse Mechanic ...	240	
1		Engineer ...	186	
2		Assistant Smiths ...	156	
3		Carpenters ...	156	
1		Assistant Carpenter ...	120	
1		Engine-driver ...	156	
2		Strikers ...	132	
1		Watchman ...	132	
1		Foreman Labourer ...	120	
1		Junior Messenger ...	72	
15				
GOVERNMENT STEAMER.†				
1		Master ...	360	} 1,992
1		Engineer ...	288	
1		Chief Mate ...	192	
1		Second Mate ...	162	
3		Firemen ...	120	
1		Cook and Steward ...	144	
1		Assistant Cook ...	120	
6		Seamen ...	78	
3		Boys ...	48	
18				
OUTPORTS AND LIGHTHOUSE STATIONS.‡				
2		Coxswains and Senior Boatmen (also Pilots and Harbor-masters) ...	180	} 6,636
10		Lighthouse-keepers* ...	222	
5		Lighthouse-keepers' Senior Assistants* ...	186	
32		Lighthouse-keepers' Junior Assistants* ...	162	
49				
82				10,873

* With quarters.—† Officers, men, and boys allowed rations.—‡ With light and water; and at Gai o Island, Wilson's Promontory, Clifty Island, West Channel, South Channel, and Gellibrand, fuel in addition.

Number	Classification	£	£
	DIVISION No. 65.		
	Subdivision No. 4.		
	(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)		
1	Marine Surveyor	}	867
4	Boatbuilders', &c., Apprentices and Junior Carpenter		
1	Gas Engineer		
1	Engine-driver—Dock-yard		
1	Engine-driver—Steam Launch		
8			
99	Total SALARIES	14,229	

Subdivision No. 5.

CONTINGENCIES.

Expenses in connexion with carrying out the Fisheries Act ...	200
Wharf Managers, Allowances to	340
Oil, Wicks, Glasses, &c.	500
Incidentals and Travelling Expenses, Fuel, Light, Water, &c. ...	400
Marine Casualties, Life Boats, &c., and Expenses	600
Provisions for Government Steamer	500
Extra Labour for Graving Dock, &c.	1,450
General Maintenance—Repairs, &c., to Machinery, &c., of Alfred Graving Dock and Yard, Patent Slip, Fifty-ton Crane, and Government Steamer; Providing and Repairing Buoys, Beacons, and Moorings; Repairs to Lighthouse and Lightship Apparatus; Construction of Boats, and Repairs to Boats and Launches; Stores and Ship Chandlery; Coal for Dock, Slip, Fifty-ton Crane, Government Steamer, and three Steam Launches	2,960
Gas Buoys and Beacons	800
Expenses of Marine Survey	640
Cleaning and Lighting Wharfs and Jetties	1,200
Maintenance of Eight Coast Lights,* including Expenditure on Buildings (under the superintendence of the Public Works Department where necessary)—Stations: Wilson's Promontory, Gabo Island, Kent's Group, Swan Island, Goose Island, Eddystone Point, each one light, and King's Island two lights	3,000
Life-saving Rockets	170
For renewal of Beacon at Swan Island for Port Phillip Entrance ...	300
	13,060
Total Division No. 65	27,289
The sum of	10,223

* Maintained by the Governments of New South Wales, Tasmania, and Victoria. This estimate, except that for Eddystone Point, is prepared upon the basis of tonnage of vessels using the lights, and is only for the portion payable by Victoria. The maintenance of the Eddystone Point Light is shared equally by the Governments of Tasmania and Victoria.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 66.		
		DISTILLERIES AND EXCISE.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	3	Chief Inspector of Distilleries and Excise (including Allowance)		517
2	4	Clerks, Inspectors, Assistant Inspectors, Additional Officers, Sub-Lockers		595
16	5				8,027
19				4,139
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
9		Senior Inspector and Inspectors of Liquor, Excise, and Explosives (including Allowances)	204	2,158
1		Messenger	120	120
10				2,278
29		Total SALARIES		6,417
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Stores, Instruments, and Repairs, &c.		125
		Fuel, Light, Water, Incidental Expenses		277
		Travelling Expenses to Inspectors, &c.		1,380
		Rewards and Expenses for Discovery of Illicit Distillation, &c.		325
				2,107
		Total Division No. 66		8,524
		The sum of		3,444

Number	Classification		£
		DIVISION No. 67.	
		EXPLOSIVES.	
		SALARIES.	
		Subdivision No. 1.	
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.	
			Maximum.
			£
1	G.	Inspector of Explosives	800
1	G.	Chemical Assistant	250
2			1,000
		Subdivision No. 2.	
		CLERICAL DIVISION.	
1	5	Clerk	200
		Subdivision No. 3.	
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.	
			Maximum.
			£
2		Inspectors of Explosives ... ..	...
2		Keepers*†	252
1		Cooper*	180
1		Sub-Keeper	144
2		Labourers	120
1		Junior Messenger	66
9			1,240
12		Total SALARIES	2,440
		Subdivision No. 4.	
		CONTINGENCIES.	
		Allowances to Keepers of Powder Magazines	235
		Stores, Fuel, Light, Water, Travelling and Incidental Expenses, &c.	300
			535
		Total Division No. 67	2,975
		The sum of	1,110

* With fuel.—† One with quarters.

Number.	Classification.		Maximum.	£	£
DIVISION No. 68.					
MARINE BOARD.					
SALARIES.					
Subdivision No. 1.					
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.					
1	A. & E.	Engineer Surveyor	500	360	
1	A. & E.	Assistant Engineer Surveyor	300	230	
1	G.	Inspector of Shipping	450	450	
3				1,040	
Subdivision No. 2.					
CLERICAL DIVISION.					
1	2	Secretary to the Marine Board		600	
2	5	Clerks		400	
3				1,000	
Subdivision No. 3.					
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.					
1		Messenger	120	120	
7		Total SALARIES		2,160	
Subdivision No. 4.					
CONTINGENCIES.					
		Expenses Court of Marine Inquiry		200	
		Allowances to Examiners, Surveyors, and extra assistance		250	
		Stores, Fuel, Light, Water, Travelling, Legal and Incidental Expenses		525	
		Adjusters of Compasses		125	
		Allowance to Chairman of Marine Board		100	
				1,200	
		Total Division No. 68		3,360	
		The sum of ... ..		...	1,221
DIVISION No. 69.					
MISCELLANEOUS.					
No. 1. Annual Allowances, Compensations, and Gratuities—					
(Inalterable):—					
		(1) Pension to J. C. Tyler, Esq., late Assistant Commissioner of Trade and Customs	£	450	
		(2) Additional Pension to Mr. T. Judd, late Locker and Clerk, Customs, Melbourne	100		
		(3) Pension to Mr. Jas. Reid, formerly Secretary to the Pilot Board, and late Clerk, Customs, Melbourne	112		
				662	
		The sum of ... ..		...	272

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

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899-1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Number.	Classification.		£	£
DIVISION No. 59.				
PUBLIC WORKS.				
SALARIES.				
Subdivision No. 1.				
FIRST DIVISION.				
Secretary for Public Works (see Secretary for Agriculture).				
Subdivision No. 2.				
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.				
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1	A. & E.	Inspector-General of Public Works ...	1000	1,000
		Grade.		
1	"	1 Architect	600	600
3	"	2 Architects	500	1,500
5	"	Assistant Architects	360	1,800
2	"	Engineers	600	1,089
1	"	Engineer	400	312
1	"	Assistant Engineer	360	300
3	"	Junior Draughtsmen	200	600
17				7,201
Subdivision No. 3.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	3	Chief Clerk and Accountant		485
4	4	Clerks		1,195
1	4	Clerk and Draughtsman		350
1	4	Draughtsman		350
1	4f	Inspector of Road Works		260
11	5	Clerks		2,195
2	5	Architectural Draughtsmen		400
4	5	Junior Draughtsmen		800
25				6,035
Subdivision No. 4.				
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		1 Inspector of Works	300	300
14		2 Inspectors of Works	276	3,821
1		Type-writer	144	120
1		Type-writer	132	94
1		Caretaker, Public Offices, Treasury Gardens	240	240
1		Messenger	96	72
1		Junior Messenger	72	72
1		Junior Messenger	66	60
3		Engineer Mechanics—Two at £221 14s. ...	210	654
1		Engineer Mechanic	176	164

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION No. 59.				
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
2	Cabinetmakers	168	336	
1	Carpenter	156	156	
1	Hall Porter, Public Offices, Treasury Gardens	108	96	
1	Night Watchman, Public Offices, Treasury Gardens	126	126	
5	Foreman of Labourers	120	538	
	Labourers, Public Offices, Treasury Gardens, at from £93 18s. to £120	120		
1	Labourer, Government House	120	94	
1	Cleaner and Caretaker, Public Offices, Bendigo *	100	100	
<i>Dredging and Snagging Works.</i>				
3	Masters of Vessels	252	540	
1	Master of Dredge	210	180	
1	Coxswain	144	132	
3	Second Mates of Vessels	180	456	
2	Engineers	228	360	
2	Firemen—One at £152 11s.	138	291	
1	Foreman, Dredging Works	192	192	
2	Divers' Attendants, occasionally acting as Divers	138	276	
	Extra pay, at 6s. per diem, for ditto when diving (say on 250 days)		150	
1	Diver's Attendant	126	126	
4	Deck Hands—Two at £127 2s.	120	495	
1	Labourer	120	108	
58			10,349	
Subdivision No. 5.				
<i>Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.</i>				
1	Hall Attendant, Government House	120	120	
101			23,705	
		Total SALARIES		23,705
* With quarters.				

DIVISION No. 59.

Subdivision No. 6.

CONTINGENCIES.

	£	£
Temporary Assistance, including Sunday labour and gratuity for		
Shorthand writing	100	
Travelling Expenses	3,000	
Lithographing, Printing Bills of Quantities, &c., and Mounting Plans...	30	
Stores, Printed Books, &c., and Incidental Expenses	350	
Lighting for Government House	300	
Fuel, Light, Keeper's Stores, Incidentals, and Charwomen, New Government Offices	800	
Cleaning and Maintaining Closets and Urinals at Government Buildings, Melbourne and Suburbs	1,400	
Expenses of the Municipal Surveyors' Board, including Allowance to Secretary, £25 per annum, and to three Examiners, not to exceed £40 each per annum (total expenditure not to exceed the amount of fees received)	150	
	<u>6,130</u>	
Total Division No. 59	29,835	
The sum of ... ..	...	12,376

DIVISION No. 60.

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 1. Annual Allowances, Compensations, and Gratuities — (<i>Inalterable</i>):—		
J. Anderson	£46 12 3	
J. Walker	124 16 0	
J. W. Crawley	230 0 0	
	<u>£401 8 3</u>	
	402	
2. To defray accounts rendered by the Railway Department for passes issued to Unemployed, &c.	400	
3. Proportion of cost of registration of the Unemployed by the Railway Department	300	
Total Division No. 60	1,102	
The sum of ... ..	...	132

DIVISION No. 61.

WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

Subdivision No. 1.

WHARFS, JETTIES, HARBORS, RIVERS, ETC.—(*Inalterable*).

	£	£
No. 1. Dredging Operations, Snagging, and other Harbor and River Improvements in the Colony and on the River Murray outside the jurisdiction of the Melbourne Harbor Trust, including Pay for Temporary Employés, Repairs to and Stores for Steam Dredges and other Plant, the Landing and Spreading of Silt, also Surveys and Borings, &c.	15,600	
2. Completion of Removal of Reefs and other Improvements in River Yarra between Queen's and Prince's Bridges ...	600	
3. Harbor Works, Port Fairy	1,500	
4. Repairs and Additions to Jetties, Sheds, Approaches, &c., Geelong	2,000	
5. Repairs and Additions to Wharfs, Sheds, Jetties, and Approaches throughout the Colony	2,500	
6. Harbor Works, Warrnambool	1,200	
7. Harbor Works, Portland, including Repairs to Jetty ...	600	
8. Repairs to Wharf, Port Albert	400	
9. Towards Jetty at Marlo, Snowy River	200	
10. Towards constructing Fishermen's Jetty, Toora	600	
11. Towards extension of St. Kilda Pier—St. Kilda Council to repay one-half of the amount	2,800	
12. Towards extension of Wharf, Mildura	550	
13. Towards Jetty accommodation at Kennet River	500	
14. Towards Jetty accommodation at Wye River	300	
15. Towards extension of Wharf, Apollo Bay	800	
16. Towards partial Removal of Reef in River Yarra, opposite the Morgue	500	
17. Towards Repairs to Jetty, Cowes	500	
18. Repairs to Hutton's Wharf, Geelong	62	
19. Repairs to Wharf at Batten's Landing, Tambo River ...	100	
20. Approach to and Shed for Lower Wharf, Bairnsdale ...	300	
21. Repairs to Jetty, Portsea	300	
22. To provide five Wharf Cranes	600	
	32,512	

Subdivision No. 2.

POLICE BUILDINGS—(*Inalterable*).

No. 1. Police Buildings and Works for Police, including Transport, Land, Furniture, Repairs, and Additions... ..	5,250	
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Subdivision No. 3.

GAOLS AND PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS—(*Inalterable*).

No. 1. Painting, Repairs, Alterations, Fencing, Fittings, and other Works, Pentridge	1,845	
2. Buildings, Repairs, and other Works for Melbourne Gaol, including Fittings, Furniture, and Fencing	510	
3. Buildings, Repairs, and other Works, at other Gaols throughout the Colony, including Fittings, Furniture, and Fencing ...	1,650	
	4,005	

Subdivision No. 4.

LUNATIC ASYLUMS.

No. 1. Repairs and other Works at Lunatic Asylums throughout the Colony, including Fittings, Furniture, and Fencing ...	10,000	
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	£	£
DIVISION NO. 61.		
Subdivision No. 5.		
REFORMATORIES AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS—(Inalterable).		
No. 1. Repairs and Additions to Buildings and other Works for Department of Industrial and Reformatory Schools, including Fittings, Furniture, and Fencing	1,000	
Subdivision No. 6.		
COURT HOUSES—(Inalterable).		
No. 1. Erection of Court Houses for the holding of Courts of Assize, General and Petty Sessions, County Courts and Courts of Mines, Morgues, and for Sheriffs' and Keepers' Quarters, including Repairs and Additions, Fittings, Furniture, Land, and Fencing	2,000	
2. Alterations, Repairs, Fittings, Furniture, &c., New Law Courts, Melbourne	700	
	2,700	
Subdivision No. 7.		
LIGHT-HOUSES AND LIGHT-SHIPS—(Inalterable).		
No. 1. Repairs, Additions, and other Works for Light-houses, Keepers' Quarters, Light-ships, including Fittings, Furniture, Roads, and Fencing (exclusive of Wilson's Promontory, Gabo Island, Kent's Group, Swan Island, Goose Island, and Eddystone Point), also Erection and Renewal of and Repairs to Jetty and Channel Lamps	1,250	
Subdivision No. 8.		
POWDER MAGAZINES, ETC.		
No. 1. Erection of and Repairs and Additions to Powder Magazines, Buildings for Storage of Explosive Compounds, and Keepers' Quarters throughout the Colony, including Fittings, Furniture, Land, Fencing, &c.	300	
Subdivision No. 9.		
LANDS AND SURVEY.		
No. 1. Buildings and Repairs and Additions to Buildings under the Department of Lands and Survey, including Fittings, Furniture, Land, and Fencing, and Works in Botanical Gardens and Government House Domain, also Cottages for Foresters in State Forests, and Repairs and Additions to Buildings at State Nurseries, including Fencing	1,440	
Subdivision No. 10.		
TREASURY BUILDINGS.		
No. 1. Buildings, Repairs, Additions, &c., at Receipt and Pay Offices throughout the Colony, including Fittings, Furniture, Land, and Fencing	100	

DIVISION No. 61.

Subdivision No. 11.

SUNDRY WORKS, MELBOURNE—(Inalterable).

	£	£
No. 1. Additions and Repairs, &c., at Parliament Buildings, including Fittings, Furniture, Ventilating, Fencing, Electric Lighting Fittings, and maintenance and cost of working during the Session	2,800	
2. Repairs, Additions, Fittings, and Furniture, &c., for Government Printing Office	250	
3. Repairs and Additions to Observatory and Quarters, including Fittings, Furniture, and Fencing	350	
4. Additions, Repairs, Furniture, Fittings, Labour, &c., at Government House and Grounds, and at Cottage, Macedon	3,500	
5. Towards Completion of the Pumping, Storage, and Reticulation Works for supplying Water to Botanical Gardens, and for Mains for future extension from the River Yarra near Dight's Falls, and for the Maintenance and Working Expenses in connexion therewith	1,500	
6. Cutting out and replacing decayed Stonework, rebuilding Chimney Stacks, and Coating Surface of Old Treasury Building with stone liquid	250	
7. Erection of Library and Office for the Curator, National Herbarium, including Fittings and Furniture	400	
8. Painting external Woodwork, Chief Secretary's Offices	75	
9. Heating Apparatus, New Water-pipes, Painting and Repairs, at the Titles Offices	1,080	
	10,205	

Subdivision No. 12.

POST AND TELEGRAPH STATIONS—(Inalterable).

No. 1. Additions, Alterations, and Repairs, General Post Office, Melbourne Branches, Stables, and Telephone Exchange, including Fittings and Furniture	1,600	
2. Erection of, Alterations, Repairs and Additions to Post and Telegraph Offices at other places throughout the Colony, including Fittings, Furniture, Lands, and Fencing	8,000	
	9,600	

Subdivision No. 13.

FENCES AND REPAIRS TO FENCES, ETC.—(Inalterable).

No. 1. Fencing Public Buildings, Sites, and Reserves under control of Government, including Repairs, &c.	200	
2. Fencing Police Paddocks and Buildings, including Repairs	300	
	500	

Subdivision No. 14.

RENTS AND FURNITURE, ETC.—(Inalterable).

No. 1. Rent of Public Buildings, Offices, and Land for the use of the Government, and Allowances for Rent in lieu of quarters ...	14,100	
2. Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices and Buildings, including Repairs and Transport	2,000	
	16,100	

DIVISION No. 61.

Subdivision No. 15.

CUSTOMS, ETC., BUILDINGS—(*Inalterable*).

	£	£
No. 1. Repairs, Painting, Alterations, Fittings, Furniture, &c., Customs Houses and Sheds, Melbourne and Williamstown	600	
2. Buildings, Repairs, Additions, &c., to Customs, &c., Buildings throughout the Colony, including Fittings, Furniture, Land, and Fencing	500	
3. For Counting Yards at Tocumwal and Wahgunyah	160	
	1,260	

Subdivision No. 16.

STATE SCHOOL BUILDINGS—(*Inalterable*).

No. 1. Erection, Maintenance, and Removal of State School Buildings, including Furniture, Fittings, Lands, Requisites, &c.; also Furnishing and Maintenance of Training College and Grounds	20,000	
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Subdivision No. 17.

MISCELLANEOUS—(*Inalterable*).

No. 1. Repairs and Additions to Public Works and Buildings, including laying on Gas and Water	2,000	
2. To provide Telegraphic and Telephonic Communication for Police and other Government Buildings, including Maintenance by Post and Telegraph Department	200	
3. Repairs and other Works at Quarantine Station, Point Nepean, and Calf Lymph Depôt, Royal Park	450	
4. Insurance of sundry Government Buildings and Contents	900	
5. Conveyance of Silt, &c., and spreading same, to raise and drain low lands	500	
6. Other Public Works	3,000	
7. New Stable, Additions to House, and other works for Horticultural Expert at the Horticultural Society's Gardens, Burnley	625	
8. Maintenance of Grounds, Governor's Residence, Macedon	310	
9. Towards New Fence for Dockyard, Williamstown, and Repairs and Renewals, Permanent Crane Way	150	
10. To assist various Municipalities in planting Grass to prevent encroachment of sand	2,000	
11. Improvement of Reilly-street Drain	2,000	
12. Towards cleansing of Moonee Ponds and constructing Side Channels	3,500	
13. Towards completion of Excavation of River Bank, Swan Hill Bridge	300	
14. Towards assistance for Sludge Channels and Main Drains	1,000	
15. Towards Cleansing Elwood Canal	500	
16. Towards removal and re-erection of Stone Wall at Lower Esplanade, St. Kilda, and raising reclaimed area (St. Kilda Council to repay one-half of the amount)	600	
17. To provide Latrines	1,500	
18. Repairs to Cottage and Buildings, Cut-paw-paw Sanatorium	500	

	£	£
DIVISION No. 61.		
No. 19. Ballarat City—Towards supplying Water to Lake Wendouree, Council to expend £500 additional	500	
20. Euroa Shire—To assist in executing Drainage Works in the Township of Euroa, Council to expend £250 additional ...	250	
21. Frankston and Hastings Shire—To assist in erecting Flood Gate and improving Kananook Creek	250	
22. Heidelberg Shire—To assist in constructing Drainage Works from Austin Hospital, Council to expend £750 additional ...	750	
23. Fitzroy and Collingwood Cities and Northcote and Brunswick Towns—To assist in clearing and improving Merri Creek, Councils to expend £1,000 additional	1,000	
24. St. Kilda City—To assist in constructing Sea Wall at Military Road, Council to expend £150 additional	150	
25. St. Kilda and South Melbourne Cities—To assist in repairing Sea Wall at Beaconsfield Parade, Councils to expend £200 additional	200	
26. St. Kilda City and Caulfield Shire—To assist in executing Works at the Elwood Canal, Councils to expend £300 additional	300	
27. Stawell Borough—To assist in forming Artificial Lake, &c. ...	500	
	23,935	
Total Division No. 61	140,157	
The sum of	47,171
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DIVISION No. 62.		
DEFENCE WORKS AND BUILDINGS.		
No. 1. Maintenance and Inspection of Forts, Batteries, &c., providing other necessary Works for Defence purposes; also for Naval and Military Buildings and Vessels, &c., including Additions, Repairs, Fittings, Furniture, &c.	7,200	
2. Further works in connexion with the Defences at King George's Sound, the total estimated cost being £1,800, to be paid by the Colonies conjointly	600	
Total Division No. 62	7,800	
The sum of	1,650
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DIVISION No. 63.		
ROAD WORKS AND BRIDGES.		
No. 1. Avon Shire—To assist in repairing the Insolvent Track, connecting Dargo with Stratford	200	
2. Avon Shire—To assist in repairing and extending Sheet Piling to protect North Abutment, Stratford Bridge, Council to expend £360 additional	360	
3. Bairnsdale Shire—To assist in raising superstructure of Clifton Backwater Bridge, Council to expend £200 additional ...	200	
4. Ballarat Shire—To assist in re-erecting Murchison, Schumach's, and Williamson's Bridges, Council to expend £400 additional ...	400	
5. Browns and Scarsdale Borough—To assist in repairing Main road and Bridges, Council to expend £100 additional ...	100	

DIVISION No. 63.

	£	£
No. 6. Bright Shire—To assist in repairing and widening Omeo-road at Mount Blowhard	300	
7. Bright Shire—To assist in repairing Harrietville-road	400	
8. Benalla Shire—To assist in re-building Bridges destroyed by Fire	100	
9. Creswick Shire—To further assist in re-building Wheeler's Bridge over Birch Creek, Council to expend £650 additional	650	
10. Creswick Borough—To assist in constructing Davis' Bridge and approaches, and constructing Church Hill road, Council to expend £50 additional	100	
11. Colac Shire—To assist in improving the Apollo Bay (Boundary) road, Council to expend £100 additional	100	
12. Donald Shire—To assist in reconstructing Bridge over Richardson River at Donald, Council to expend £350 additional	350	
13. Deakin and Numurkah Shires—To assist in erecting Bridge over the Goulburn River at McCoy's, Councils to expend £1,320 additional	660	
14. Eltham Shire—To assist in constructing road leading from Yarra Glen district to Railway Station, Council to expend £200 additional	200	
15. Ferntree Gully Shire—To assist in constructing Fernie-road	300	
16. Grenville Shire—To assist in constructing road from Kaleno to Glenfine, Council to expend £350 additional	1,500	
17. Howqua Shire—To assist in re-erecting Zangers' Bridge over Goulburn River	600	
18. Kilmore Shire—To assist in repairing Bridges, &c., destroyed by fire	150	
19. Kerang Shire—To assist in erecting Bridge over Reedy Creek, Council to expend £250 additional	250	
20. Lilydale Shire—To assist in constructing Road from Mooroolbark Settlement to Croydon Railway Station	250	
21. Maryborough Borough—To assist in widening Bridge on Tullaroop-road, Council to expend £200 additional	200	
22. Meredith Shire—To assist in reconstructing Bridges, Council to expend £300 additional	300	
23. Minhamite Shire—To assist in reconstructing Bridge over the Eumerella River between Port Fairy and Hamilton, Council to expend £200 additional	200	
24. Metcalfe and McIvor Shires—To assist in re-decking Redesdale Bridge over the Campaspe River, Councils to expend £400 additional	200	
25. Maffra Shire—To assist in repairing Freestone Creek Bridge, Council to expend £130 additional	130	
26. Newstead Shire—To assist in repairing Main Castlemaine to Ballarat road, Council to expend £250 additional	250	
27. Rutherglen Shire—To assist in constructing Roads, &c., to give access to Mines, Council to expend £250 additional	250	
28. Rosedale Shire—To assist in erecting Bridge over the Latrobe River at Rosedale, Council to expend £300 additional	300	
29. Springfield Shire—To assist in repairing Bridges, &c., destroyed by fire, Council to expend £80 additional	80	
30. Strathfieldsaye Shire—To assist in constructing two (2) Bridges over Native Creek, Council to expend £150 additional	150	
31. Scymour Shire—To assist in repairing Roads and Bridges	250	
32. Tungamah Shire—To assist in repairing Tocumwal Road, Council to expend £200 additional	200	
33. Tambo Shire—To assist in repairing Culverts, &c., damaged by river overflow, Council to expend £125 additional	125	
34. Upper Yarra Shire—To assist in constructing Woods' Point Road, Council to expend £1,000 additional	1,000	
35. Wangaratta Borough—To assist in erecting Bridge over Yellow Creek	120	
36. Walhalla Shire—To assist in improving Road between Walhalla and the Gippsland Railway	100	

	£	£
DIVISION No. 63.		
No. 37. Whittlesea Shire—To assist in constructing Barber's Creek Bridge on Main road to Whittlesea, Council to expend £200 additional	200	
38. Wodonga Shire—To assist in executing works on the Albury to Wodonga Road	400	
39. Wodonga Shire—To assist in re-decking Bridges on the Bonegilla Road over Kiewa and Mitta Mitta Rivers, Council to expend £250 additional	250	
40. Walhalla Shire—To assist in erecting Bridge over Thomson River at Stringer's Creek, Council to expend £325 additional	325	
41. Yarrawonga Shire—To assist in repairing Road leading from Yarrawonga Bridge to Railway Station, Council to expend £200 additional	200	
42. To assist in making, clearing, and draining Roads to Village Settlements	2,000	
43. To assist in clearing and making Roads in various localities	1,000	
44. Moiety of Cost of maintaining Murray River Bridges	150	
45. To assist in repairing and maintaining approaches to Murray River Bridges	500	
46. Moiety of Cost of erection of Bridge over the River Murray at Albury, £3,526 4s. 8d.	3,527	
47. Moiety of Cost of re-decking Bridge over the Murray River at Mulwala, £189 19s. 5d.	190	
Total Division No. 63	19,767	
The sum of ... ..	...	15,367

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

Resolved—That the following sum be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereafter specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

XIII.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION No. 86.				
PUBLIC HEALTH.				
SALARIES.				
Subdivision No. 1.				
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.				
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1	M.	Assistant Medical Inspector ...	500	500
1	M.	Health Officer, Quarantine Station * ...	500	500
1	A. & E.	Inspector and Engineer ...	500	500
1	A. & E.	Assistant Inspector and Engineer ...	360	357
1	A. & E.	Assistant Inspector and Engineer ...	300	200
1	M.	Veterinary Inspector || ...	400	400
6				2,457
Subdivision No. 2.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	2	Secretary		600
1	3	Senior Clerk		360
1	4	Accountant, Vaccination and Cemeteries Officer		350
1	4	Clerk		300
5	5	Clerks		1,000
1	5	Storekeeper and Telegraph Operator ...		200
10				2,810
Subdivision No. 3.				
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Inspector	275	250
1		Caretaker, Calf Lymph Depôt †	120	111
1		Caretaker, Sanatorium* †	108	108
1		Coxswain †	180	171
2		Boatmen* † §	144	290
6				930
Subdivision No. 4.				
<i>(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)</i>				
1		Chairman and Medical Inspector ...		1,000
1		Messenger and Caretaker ...		156
2				1,156
24		Total SALARIES		7,353

* With quarters. — † With fuel, light, and water. — ‡ Now employed on general duties. — § One acts as skilled labourer. — || Also acts as Veterinary Inspector to Defence Department.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 86.		
Subdivision No. 5.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Expenses Board of Public Health, including Travelling Expenses of Inspectors	1,350	
Stores, Stationery and Printing, and Fuel, Light, Water, and Incidentals	160	
Allowances to Port Health Officers (including two at £271 per annum)	600	
Provisions and Stores for Quarantine Station and Steam Launch ...	250	
Maintenance of the Sanatorium	30	
Bacteriological and Laboratory Work	350	
Allowance for support of Lepers, including Wages of Attendants and Expenses of Removal	150	
Expenses in connexion with the stamping out of Contagious Diseases ...	1,000	
	3,890	
Subdivision No. 6.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Allowances for Vaccination, including expenses attending Cultivation of Calf Lymph	3,900	
To assist in Fencing New Cemeteries	100	
Expenses in connexion with the Provision of Hospital Accommodation by Municipalities	500	
Maintenance of Old Cemetery	30	
	4,530	
Total Division No. 86	15,773	
The sum of ... ..	...	5,636

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

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

XII.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

Number.	Classification					£	£
		DIVISION No. 79.					
		AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES.					
		Subdivision No. 1.					
		FIRST DIVISION.					
1		Secretary for Agriculture	...	...	...	800	
		Subdivision No. 2.					
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.					
					Maxi- mum.		
					£		
1		Chemist	...	...	...	550	
1		Entomologist	...	...	...	350	
1		Assistant Chemist	...	...	...	250	
1		Assistant Chemist	...	...	...	140	
3		Pupils to Chemist, at £50	...	...	...	150	
7						1,440	
		Subdivision No. 3.					
		CLERICAL DIVISION.					
1	3	Chief Clerk	...	...	...	450	
5	5	Clerks	...	...	...	1,000	
6						1,450	
		Subdivision No. 4.					
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.					
1		Assistant Entomologist	...	...	...	150	
1		Junior Messenger	...	...	...	72	
2						222	
16		Total SALARIES				3,912	
		Subdivision No. 5.					
		CONTINGENCIES.					
		Travelling Expenses, Stores, Books, Instruments, and Incidentals	...	...	...	900	
		Total Division No. 79				4,812	
		The sum of				...	1,710
		DIVISION No. 80.					
		EXPERIMENTAL CULTIVATION.					
		Purchase of Seeds, Implements, Manures, Carriage, Cultivation, &c.	...	...	...	200	
		The sum of				...	4
		DIVISION No. 81.					
		VINE DISEASES ERADICATION.					
		Departmental Expenses, Trenching, &c., in connexion with the eradication of diseased vineyards	...	...	...	5,000	
		The sum of				...	1,000

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 82.		
		DISEASES IN STOCK.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	4	Acting Chief Inspector of Stock *	350	
1	4	District Inspector of Stock *	300	
1	4	District Inspector of Stock *	300	
1	4	District Inspector of Stock *	292	
6	5	Inspectors of Stock *	1,250	
10			2,492	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
			Maximum.	
5		Inspectors of Stock *	£ 200	870
1		Inspector of Stock *	178	146
6				1,016
16		Total SALARIES		3,508
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Allowances, Travelling and Incidentals		1,600
		Temporary Assistance		180
				1,780
		Total Division No. 82		5,288
		The sum of		2,161
		DIVISION No. 83.		
		VEGETATION DISEASES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
4	Sc.	Inspectors under the Vegetation Diseases Act—Two at £197 18s., one at £197 4s., and one at £186 7s.	£ †	780
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
3		Inspectors under the Vegetation Diseases Act—One at £147, and two at £132	†	411
7		Total SALARIES		1,191
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		CONTINGENCIES.		
		Allowances, Travelling and Incidentals		1,312
		Temporary Assistance		188
				1,500
		Total Division No. 83		2,691
		The sum of		1,193

* Receive travelling and horse allowances of from £25 to £100 per annum.—† Not yet fixed.

DIVISION No. 84

GRANTS.

	£	£
No. 1. To Agricultural Societies, to be expended under regulations to be approved by the Governor in Council	3,500	
2. For Fencing and Improving Public Parks and Gardens under the control of Borough Councils, Trustees, Committees of Management, &c., to be expended under regulations to be approved by the Governor in Council, no payment to exceed £250	2,500	
3. To the Geelong Corporation, one-half of the expenses of Maintaining and Improving the Botanical Gardens, Geelong, for the year 1899, but not to exceed £250	250	
4. To Horticultural Societies, to be expended under regulations to be approved by the Governor in Council	300	
5. For Medals to be awarded in connexion with the Royal Agricultural Society's Annual Show	100	
6. To the Victorian Silk Culture Association, to assist in advancing the Sericultural Industry	50	
Total Division No. 84	6,700	
The sum of ... ..	...	6,562

DIVISION No. 85.

MISCELLANEOUS.

For Payment of Expenses in connexion with the Export of Dairy Produce, Fruits, Honey, Meat, Rabbits, Poultry, and other Products	22,000	
To Thomas Cherry, Esq., M.D., for conducting bacteriological inquiries in connexion with Dairying and with Stock Diseases	150	
To the Melbourne University, for performing bacteriological work for the Department	150	
	22,300	
The sum of ... ..	...	4,249

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

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 15 inclusive, the Order of the Day, General Business, and the Order of the Day, Private Bill Business, be postponed until this day.

1. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at forty-six minutes past three o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 69.

 WEDNESDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. NEWTOWN AND PITFIELD RAILWAY.—Mr. Cameron, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the proposed Railway from Newtown to Pitfield; together with the Appendices and Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Methven presented a Petition from James Fairhurst, of Brunswick, agent, &c., with reference to the management of the tramway system of Melbourne, and praying that the House will take such action as may be just to the Tramway Company and to the public in the matters referred to in the Petition.
On the motion of Mr. Methven, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Gurr 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 manufacturing interests of the colony."
Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and twelve Members having accordingly risen—
Mr. Gurr moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Shiels, and the same was read :—
1899–1900.
VICTORIA.
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE, 1899–1900.
JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor. *Message No. 1.*
The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the Year 1899–1900, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 31st January, 1900.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
6. REFRIGERATING STORES AND CENTRAL WINE DEPÔT.—Mr. McLean moved, pursuant to notice, That the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report as to the advisability of building and maintaining Cool Stores and of establishing a Central Wine Depôt having incurred liabilities to the amount of the maximum expenditure fixed by this House on 11th July, 1899, and not yet having completed such inquiry, the House concurs in the expenditure by such Royal Commission for the purposes of their inquiry and report of a further sum of £20.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS.—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. McLean moved, pursuant to notice, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session so far as to allow Government Business to be called on up to half-past eleven o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. **HOUR OF MEETING ALTERED.**—Mr. McLean moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at two o'clock p.m.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. **FRIDAY SITTINGS.**—Mr. McLean moved, pursuant to notice, That during the remainder of the Session the House shall meet on Friday in addition to the present days of sitting, that ten o'clock a.m. be the hour of meeting on that day, and that Government Business shall have precedence during the whole of the sitting.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until after the consideration of the Order of the Day, Private Bill Business.
11. **CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker having reported that the Clerk had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. E. D. Williams, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. **SUPPLY.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
14. **MELBOURNE TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY'S ACT 1883 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

THURSDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1900.

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday next, and No. 20 until to-morrow.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 70.

THURSDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1900.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and seventy-eight thousand one hundred and fifty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 31st January, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Beazley also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—
Resolved—The rates of duties of income tax which shall subject and pursuant to the Income Tax Acts be charged levied collected and paid for the use of Her Majesty in aid of the consolidated revenue for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred are hereby declared to be as follows (that is to say) :—

- (a) On all income derived by any person from personal exertion—
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Twelve hundred pounds, Fourpence ;
for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Twelve hundred pounds and up to Two thousand and two hundred pounds, Sixpence ;
and for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Two thousand and two hundred pounds, Eightpence.

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

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

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

6. INCOME TAX BILL.—Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to revive continue and amend the Income Tax Acts and declare the Rates of Income Tax thereunder for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to revive continue and amend the Income Tax Acts and declare the Rates of Income Tax thereunder for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred.

Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 15th January, 1900.

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

8. INCOME TAX.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor’s Message, No. 2, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Shiels, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to revive continue and amend the Income Tax Acts and declare the Rates of Income Tax thereunder for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred.

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That a chair be provided on the floor of the House for the Honorable Arthur Rutledge, Attorney-General of Queensland.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

13. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1899-1900.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow :—

Resolved—That the following sum be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899-1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

VI.—MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

Number.	Classification.		£	£
		DIVISION No. 50.		
		DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.		
		SALARIES.		
		ADMINISTRATIVE AND PAY BRANCH.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		FIRST DIVISION.		
1		Secretary	900	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	2	Paymaster Naval and Military Forces ...	600	
2	4	Clerks	550	
3	5	Clerks	440	
6				1,590
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1		Junior Messenger	66	
8		Total SALARIES Administrative and Pay Branch		2,556
		ORDNANCE AND MILITARY STORES BRANCH.		
		Subdivision No. 4.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	2	Controller of Stores	600	
1	4	Clerk	200	
4	5	Clerks	800	
6				1,600
		Subdivision No. 5.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1		Armourer	222	219
1		Carpenter and Wheeler	150	138
7		Foreman,* Store Assistants, Ordnance As-		
		stant, and Labourers, from £6 10s. to		
		£11 10s. per month	138	832
1		Messenger, Junior	66	66
1		Blacksmith	150	150
2		Assistant Armourers	150	260
1		Caretaker, Langwarrin Camp	156	156
14				1,821
		Subdivision No. 6.		
		(Exempt from the provisions of Act No. 1133.)		
1		Ordnance Fitter and Inspector Ordnance Machinery	450	
1		Saddle and Harness Maker	132	
2				582
22		Total SALARIES Ordnance and Military Stores Branch		4,003
		Subdivision No. 7.—CONTINGENCIES.		
		Temporary Assistance	350	
		Stationery, Travelling Expenses, and Incidentals	300	
				650
		Total Administrative, Pay, and Stores Branches		7,209
		Subdivision No. 8.		
		CADET CORPS.		
		SALARIES.		
1		Officer Commanding †	419	
1		Adjutant ‡	344	
2				763

* With quarters, fuel, and light.—† With allowance for quarters, £60 to Officer Commanding Cadets.—‡ With quarters

						£	£
DIVISION No. 50.							
Subdivision No. 9.							
CONTINGENCIES.							
	Allowance in lieu of Quarters to Officer Commanding	...	...	...	...	60	
	Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	...	80	
	Incidentals and Band Allowance	...	...	...	...	50	
	Free Ammunition	...	...	...	...	620	
	Rail Charges on Ammunition, &c.	...	...	...	...	20	
	Effective Allowance	...	...	...	...	1,000	
						1,830	
	Total Cadet Corps	...	...	...	...	2,593	
Subdivision No. 10.							
MOUNTED RIFLES.							
SALARIES.							
1	Officer Commanding *	...	...	...	...	622	
1	Adjutant †	...	...	...	...	304	
9	Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers, at from £127 to £150 per annum ‡	...	...	...	...	1,240	
11						2,166	
Subdivision No. 11.							
CONTINGENCIES.							
	Uniforms—Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers	...	...	...	...	55	
	Allowance in lieu of Quarters to Officer Commanding	...	...	...	...	70	
	Lodging Allowance—Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers	...	...	...	...	207	
	Forage—Officers §	...	...	...	...	150	
	Forage and Horse Hire—Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers	...	...	...	...	450	
	Travelling Expenses—Officers, Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers	...	...	...	...	540	
	Capitation and Effective Allowance	...	...	...	...	1,800	
	Free Ammunition	...	...	...	...	1,220	
	Rail Charges on Ammunition, &c.	...	...	...	...	100	
	Hire of Rooms for Storage of Arms, &c.	...	...	...	...	110	
	Corps Expenses—Inspection by Major-General Commanding	...	...	...	...	135	
	Incidentals	...	...	...	...	130	
						4,967	
Total Mounted Rifles						7,133	
Subdivision No. 12.							
VICTORIAN RANGERS.							
SALARIES.							
1	Officer Commanding ¶	...	...	...	...	522	
1	Adjutant †	...	...	...	...	342	
10	Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers, at from £127 to £150 per annum ‡	...	...	...	...	1,437	
12						2,301	
Subdivision No. 13.							
CONTINGENCIES.							
	Allowance in lieu of Quarters—Officer Commanding	...	...	...	...	65	
	Lodging Allowance—Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers	...	...	...	...	230	
	Forage—Officer Commanding and Adjutant ¶¶	...	...	...	...	100	
	Free Ammunition	...	...	...	...	1,300	
	Capitation and Effective Allowance	...	...	...	...	1,693	
	Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	...	560	
	Uniforms—Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers	...	...	...	...	60	
	Rail Charges on Ammunition, &c.	...	...	...	...	120	
	Incidentals	...	...	...	...	100	
	Cleaning, Lighting, and Rent of Drill Rooms, &c.	...	...	...	...	420	
						4,648	
Total Victorian Rangers						6,949	

* With allowance for quarters, £70 to Officer Commanding Mounted Rifles.—† With quarters.—‡ With allowance in lieu of quarters, £23 per annum. Subject to Regraded Pay Regulations.—§ Forage allowed for two horses to Officer Commanding and one to Adjutant, at £50 per annum each.—¶ With allowance for quarters, £85 to Officer Commanding Victorian Rangers.—¶¶ Forage allowed for one horse each to Officer Commanding and Adjutant, at £50 per annum.

							£	£
DIVISION No. 50.								
Subdivision No. 14.								
Number.	SCOTTISH REGIMENT.							
SALARIES.								
1	Non-commissioned Officer	...	...	...	...	146		
Subdivision No. 15.								
CONTINGENCIES.								
Incidentals	...	...	...	...	...	120		
Total Scottish Regiment						266		
Subdivision No. 16.								
RIFLE CLUBS.								
Free Ammunition	...	...	...	...	...	1,000		
Subdivision No. 17.								
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Annual Grant, Victorian Rifle Association, including Prizes for Rifle Clubs							500	
Queen's Prize, Victorian Rifle Association							25	
To replenish the Ammunition Fund the Loss on Supply of Free Ammunition issued to the Permanent and Militia Forces, and on that sold at reduced rates to Permanent and Militia Forces, Rifle Clubs, Victorian Rangers, Victorian Mounted Rifles, Scottish Regiment, and Victorian Rifle Association							5,200	
Annual Allowance to Lieut.-Col. W. H. Snee, injured on duty (in addition to pension of £240 per annum)							60	
Compensation as recommended by Boards of Inquiry to members injured on duty							300	
Expenses in connexion with despatch of Officers and Non-commissioned Officers to England for courses of Instruction, and on expiry of engagement							190	
Competitions in Gunnery, Field Firing, Marching, and Tent Pitching							400	
Gratuities to families of late W. H. Ruffe, J. Cowley, and J. Simper...							222	
						6,897		
Subdivision No. 18.								
NAVAL FORCES.								
SALARIES.—OFFICERS.								
						£		
1	Commander in Command	...	...	...	...	600	600	
3	Lieutenant-Commander and Lieutenants	...	...	...	...	350	1,080	
1	Staff-Surgeon†	...	...	...	...	150	150	
1	Fleet Engineer (in lieu of Chief Engineer)	...	...	...	...	450	450	
2	Engineers	...	...	...	...	240	600	
2	Chief Gunners...	...	...	...	...	210	480	
5	Gunners	...	...	...	...	210	1,025	
1	Carpenter, 2nd Class	...	...	...	...	160	160	
1	Assistant Paymaster or Clerk	...	...	...	...	200	200	
17							4,745	

* Subject to Regraded Pay Regulations.—† Under special engagement.

Number.							£	£
	DIVISION No. 50.							
	Subdivision No. 19.							
	SALARIES.—PETTY OFFICERS AND MEN.							
						Maximum. Per day.*		
						s. d.		
1	Chief Engine-room Artificer	...	...	...	...	10 0	
7	Engine-room and Torpedo Artificers	...	...	...	...	8 6	
2	Chief Leading Stokers	...	...	...	...	7 0	
7	Leading Stokers	...	...	...	...	6 6	
6	Stokers	...	...	...	...	5 6	
10	Stokers	...	...	...	...	5 0	
2	Chief Petty Officers	...	...	...	...	7 0	
8	1st Class Petty Officers	...	...	...	...	6 6	
1	Ship's Corporal	...	...	...	...	6 6	
9	Leading Seamen	...	...	...	...	5 6	
56	Able Seamen	...	...	...	...	5 0	
4	Training Seamen	...	...	...	...	3 6	
4	Boys	...	...	...	...	2 0	
1	Chief Armourer	...	...	...	...	8 6	
1	Painter	...	...	...	...	6 0	
1	Carpenter's Mate	...	...	...	...	7 0	
4	Carpenters and Joiners	...	...	...	...	5 6	
1	Armourer's Mate	...	...	...	...	5 6	
4	Cooks	...	...	...	...	5 0	
1	Chief Ship's Steward	...	...	...	...	8 0	
7	Officers' Stewards	...	...	...	...	5 0	
1	Officers' Messman	...	...	...	...	5 6	
1	Naval Storekeeper	...	...	...	...	7 0	
1	Sick Berth Attendant	...	...	...	...	6 0	
140								
157	<i>Rating Allowances in addition to Pay.</i>							
	Torpedo Instructors	...	...	...	...	0 6	
	Seamen Gunners	...	...	...	...	0 4	
	Carpenters (tool money)	...	...	...	...	0 3	
	Divers (allowance)	...	...	...	...	0 3	
	Leading Signalmen	...	...	...	...	0 4	
	Signalmen	...	...	...	...	0 2	
	Buglers	...	...	...	...	0 3	
	Blacksmith	...	...	...	...	1 0	
	Sailmaker	...	...	...	...	1 0	
							14,456	
	Total SALARIES, Naval Forces							19,201
Subdivision No. 20.								
CONTINGENCIES.								
	Provisions	...	...	...	...		2,800
	Fuel, Light, and Water	...	...	...	...		650
	Repairs to Machinery and Hulls	...	...	...	...		100
	Docking	...	...	...	...		300
	Stores	...	...	...	...		1,200
	Incidentals	...	...	...	...		200
	Allowances to Officers and Men of Permanent Forces and Naval Brigade undergoing special courses of instruction	...	...	...	...		200
	Expenses in connexion with despatch of Officers to England for courses of instruction	...	...	...	...		90
	Allowance for performing the duties of Senior Executive Officer in the absence of a Commander	...	...	...	...		25
							5,565	
	Total Naval Forces							24,766

* Subject to Regraded Pay Regulations.

Number.		£	£
	DIVISION No. 50.		
	Subdivision No. 21.		
	NAVAL BRIGADE.		
	<i>Permanent Staff.</i>		
		Maximum.*	
		£	
2	Gunnery Instructors†	185	425
	Subdivision No. 22.		
	<i>Naval Brigade Pay.</i>		
1	Lieutenant in Command	} Stokers, £8 per annum; A. B.'s, £9 10s.; and other ranks in proportion.	
3	Gunners		
6	Engineers		
5	1st Class Petty Officers		
6	Leading Seamen		
129	Able Seamen, Stokers, &c.		
150			1,500
152	Total Naval Brigade Pay		1,925
	Subdivision No. 23.		
	CONTINGENCIES.		
	Effective Allowance		325
	Stores		10
	Incidentals and Band Allowance		100
			435
	Total Naval Brigade		2,360
	Subdivision No. 24.		
	PERMANENT MILITARY FORCES.—HEAD-QUARTERS STAFF.		
	SALARIES.		
1	Major-General Commanding, to termination of engagement ‡		625
1	Colonel—Assistant Adjutant-General †		600
1	Colonel—Staff Officer for Artillery †		850
1	Warrant Officer †		180
4			2,255

* Subject to Regraded Pay Regulations.—† With quarters.—‡ Under special engagement.

						£	£
DIVISION No. 50.							
Subdivision No. 25.							
CONTINGENCIES.							
Lodging Allowance—Warrant Officer						37	
Forage Allowances *						100	
Travelling Expenses and Incidentals						400	
						537	
Total Head-Quarters Staff						2,792	
Subdivision No. 26.							
PERMANENT STAFF MILITIA.							
SALARIES.							
						£	
3	Adjutants †				355	854	
2	Warrant Officers, Garrison and Brigade Sergeants-Major § ||				180	4,489	
7	Warrant Officers—1st Class § ¶				150		
21	Non-Commissioned Officers ¶				127		
33						5,343	
Subdivision No. 27.							
CONTINGENCIES.							
Allowance in lieu of Quarters—Adjutants						120	
Lodging Allowance—Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers						213	
Forage Allowance—Adjutants **						150	
Uniforms—Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers						195	
Travelling Expenses and Incidentals						260	
						938	
Total Permanent Staff Militia						6,281	
Subdivision No. 28.							
MILITARY STAFF CLERKS.							
SALARIES.							
						£	
1	Sergeant-Major				285	223	
5	Sergeants				160	813	
6						1,036	
Subdivision No. 29.							
CONTINGENCIES.							
Uniform Allowances						36	
Travelling Expenses and Incidentals						40	
						76	
Total Military Staff Clerks						1,112	

* Forage allowed for one horse each to Assistant Adjutant-General and A.D.C. to Commandant, at £50 per annum.—
† Subject to Regraded Pay Regulations.—‡ With quarters or allowance in lieu thereof, £60 per annum.—§ Three Warrant Officers specially engaged at from £180 to £274 per annum.—|| With quarters, fuel, and light.—¶ With quarters or allowance in lieu thereof, £23 per annum.—** Forage allowed for one horse each, at £50 per annum.

Number.		£	£
	DIVISION No. 50.		
	Subdivision No. 30.		
	VICTORIAN PERMANENT ARTILLERY.		
	SALARIES.—OFFICERS.		
		Maxi- mum*	
		£	
1	Lieut.-Colonel†	550	550
2	Majors †	485	838
2	Captains †	355	627
4	Lieutenants†	256	923
1	Captain, Medical Staff †	300	300
1	Adjutant †	256	316
11			3,554
	SALARIES.—WARRANT, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, AND MEN.	Per Day.	
4	Warrant Officers	8/-	18,918
5	Battery Sergeants-Major and Staff Sergeants	6/9	
14	Sergeants	5/9	
16	Corporals	4/9	
13	Bombardiers	4/3	
1	Armament Artificer	10/6	
4	Armament Artificers	9/6	
1	Blacksmith	9/6	
1	Engine-driver	7/6	
1	Coxswain	7/6	
2	Deck-hands	6/-	
1	Fireman	6/-	
4	Trumpeters	3/6	
203	Gunners	3/6	
8	Boys	2/-	
278	Total SALARIES, Victorian Permanent Artillery		22,472
289			
	Subdivision No. 31.		
	CONTINGENCIES.		
	Working Pay		50
	Allowance in lieu of Quarters—Officers		290
	Lodging Allowances—Non-commissioned Officers, &c.		474
	Travelling Expenses		150
	Forage		60
	Fuel, Light, and Water		830
	Special Duty Pay		900
	Incidentals		500
	Clothing		1,420
	Rations		4,100
	Stores		850
			9,624
	Total Victorian Permanent Artillery		32,096

* Subject to Regraded Pay Regulations.—† With quarters or allowance in lieu thereof—Lieut.-Colonel and Majors at £70 Captains at £65, Lieutenants and Adjutant at £55 per annum.—‡ Under special agreement.

Number		£	£
	DIVISION No. 50.		
	Subdivision No. 32.		
	PERMANENT SECTION VICTORIAN ENGINEERS.		
	SALARIES.		
		Maxi- mum.*	
		£	
1	Captain ††	360	360
1	Lieutenant §	295	300
3	Warrant Officers	240	640
5			1,300
		Per Day.	
1	Sergeant	8/-	} 3,996
3	Corporals	7/6	
3	Engine-drivers	8/3	
1	Coxswain	8/3	
22	Sappers	7/-	
30	Total SALARIES Permanent Section Victorian Engineers		5,296
35			
	Subdivision No. 33.		
	CONTINGENCIES.		
	Allowance—Staff Officer, at £60 per annum		60
	Allowance in lieu of Quarters to Officers		55
	Lodging Allowance, Non-commissioned Officers, &c.		65
	Field and Travelling Expenses		50
	Clothing		240
	Fuel, Stores, &c.		500
			970
	Total Permanent Section Victorian Engineers ...		6,266
	Subdivision No. 34.		
	MILITIA PAY.		
	Head-Quarters Staff.		
		Maximum.	
1	Colonel	} Privates £7 10s. per an- num, and ranks in proportion.	
2	Lieutenant-Colonels		
2	Majors		
1	Colonel, Medical Staff		
1	Inspecting Veterinary Surgeon		
7			

* Subject to Regraded Pay Regulations.—† With quarters.—‡ With allowance whilst acting as Staff Officer for Engineers, £60 per annum.—§ With allowance in lieu of quarters, £55 per annum.

Number		£	£
DIVISION No. 50.			
<i>Field Artillery (Three Batteries).</i>			
			Maximum.
1	Lieutenant-Colonel	...	...
1	Brigade-Major	...	...
3	Majors	...	...
3	Captains	...	...
9	Lieutenants	...	...
1	Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant	...	...
3	Battery Quartermaster-Sergeants	...	...
18	Sergeants	...	...
3	Sergeant-Farriers	...	...
3	Sergeant-Collarmakers	...	...
18	Corporals	...	...
75	Drivers	...	...
3	Armourer-Sergeants	...	...
3	Trumpeters	...	...
125	Gunners	...	...
269			
<i>Garrison Artillery (Seven Batteries).</i>			
1	Lieutenant-Colonel	...	...
5	Majors	...	...
10	Captains	...	...
27	Lieutenants	...	...
8	Company Sergeants-Major	...	...
47	Sergeants	...	...
82	Corporals	...	...
8	Armament Artificers	...	...
14	Assistant Armament Artificers	...	...
24	Trumpeters	...	...
642	Gunners	...	...
868			
<i>Victorian Engineers, Submarine Mining Company.</i>			
1	Major	...	...
1	Captain	...	...
2	Lieutenants	...	...
1	Company Sergeant-Major	...	...
5	Sergeants	...	...
4	Corporals	...	...
1	Bugler	...	...
50	Sappers (Class A)	...	...
19	Sappers	...	...
84			
<i>Queenscliff Section.</i>			
20	Sappers	...	...

Privates £7 10s. per annum, and ranks in proportion.

Number.		£	£
	DIVISION No. 50.		
	<i>Victorian Engineers, Field Company.</i>		
		Maximum.	
1	Captain		
3	Lieutenants		
1	Company Quartermaster-Sergeant		
3	Sergeants		
7	Corporals		
9	Drivers		
1	Bugler		
50	Sappers		
75			
	<i>Infantry.</i>		
1	Colonel		
1	Staff Officer for Brigade		
5	Lieutenant-Colonels		
10	Majors		
15	Captains		
60	Lieutenants		
5	Adjutants		
5	Quartermasters		
5	Bandmasters		
5	Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeants		
5	Staff-Sergeants		
20	Colour-Sergeants		
80	Sergeants		
80	Corporals		
5	Armourer-Sergeants		
5	Assistant Armourers		
40	Buglers		
1622	Privates		
1969			
	<i>Ambulance Corps.</i>		
1	Major, Medical Staff		
1	Captain, Medical Staff		
1	Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant		
1	Staff-Sergeant Compounder		
2	Sergeants		
3	Corporals		
1	Bugler		
36	Privates		
46			
	<i>Army Service Corps.</i>		
1	Major		
1	Captain		
3	Lieutenants		
2	Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeants		
1	Company Sergeant-Major		
4	Sergeants		
5	Corporals		
1	Bugler		
32	Privates		
50			
	<i>Medical Staff.</i>		
1	Lieutenant-Colonel	Maximum.	
5	Majors	Militia Rates as per Regulations.	
10	Captains		
16			
3404	Total Militia Pay		27,295

Privates £7 10s. per annum, and ranks in proportion.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 50.		
Subdivision No. 35.		
MILITIA CONTINGENCIES.		
Effective Allowance	7,926	
Forage Allowance and Horsing Guns	3,480	
Allowances—Bands	250	
Incidentals	1,000	
	12,656	
Total Militia	39,951	
Subdivision No. 36.		
ORDNANCE BRANCH.		
Warlike Stores	1,500	
Greatcoats, Accoutrements, Helmets, Repairs to Equipment, &c.	2,000	
Railway Transport	950	
Heavy-gun Ammunition, Ordnance Stores, &c.	7,000	
	11,450	
Subdivision No. 37.		
ENCAMPMENTS, ETC.		
Expenses in connexion with Easter Encampments	2,900	
Expenses in connexion with Special Camp of Instruction for Submarine Mining Company	300	
Expenses in connexion with Class of Instruction for Officers of Field Force	160	
	3,360	
Subdivision No. 38.		
Proportion to be provided by the Colony of Victoria towards expenditure in connexion with Defences at Thursday Island	4,411	
Proportion to be provided by the Colony of Victoria towards expenditure in connexion with Defences at King George's Sound	1,700	
	6,111	
Total Division No. 50	168,592	
The sum of ... ..	...	64,297

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

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

II.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION NO. 22.		
		EDUCATION.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		FIRST DIVISION.		
1		Secretary for Public Instruction	750	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
	E.	PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
		<i>Educational Class.</i>		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1		Inspector-General and Examiner	700	650
		Allowance to Inspector-General and Examiner		50
1		Senior Inspector	650	650
6		Inspectors—First Grade	600	3,600
14		Inspectors—Second Grade	500	6,621
1		Lecturer	380	380
1		Inspector of Drawing	500	400
24				12,351
		Subdivision No. 3.		
		CLERICAL DIVISION.		
1	1	Accountant		750
1	3	Acting Chief Clerk		450
1	3	Clerk		447
11	4	Clerks		3,407
42	5	Clerks		7,563
56				12,617
		Subdivision No. 4.		
		NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
		Grade.	Maxi- mum.	
			£	
5	1	Truant Officers	180	900
11	2	Truant Officers	168	1,782
17	2	Truant Officers (from 1st January, 1900)	132	1,122
1		Senior Messenger*	132	120
2		Junior Messengers	72	132
1		Junior Messenger and Attendant at Training College	66	36
37				4,092
		Total Division No. 22		29,810
118		The sum of		12,404

* With quarters, fuel, light, and water.

		£	£
DIVISION No. 23.			
EDUCATION.			
Subdivision No. 1.			
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.— <i>Instruction.</i>			
General—			
Teachers	£341,904	} 341,978	
To pay Teachers, under section 68, Act No. 773, difference in salary caused by classification under that Act, conditionally on relinquishing their claims to compensation under section 69	74		
Teachers' Payments on Results—Regulation No. III. ...	124,117	} 124,148	
To pay Teachers, under section 68, Act No. 773, difference in salary caused by classification under that Act, conditionally on relinquishing their claims to compensation under section 69	31		
Organizer and Instructor in Kindergarten			210
Organizer and Instructor—Hand and Eye and Manual Training			350
Instructors in Hand and Eye and Manual Training			675
Training Institute—			
Visiting Teachers and Medical Attendant			125
			467,486
Subdivision No. 2.			
CONTINGENCIES.			
Travelling Expenses	Inspectors	£3,045	} 7,713
	Teachers	1,800	
	Children to State Schools	1,900	
	Truant Officers	968	
Books and School Requisites			5,000
Stores, including Incidentals			1,000
Maintenance Expenses of Schools—Allowance to Teachers for Exhibitions granted by the Minister under Regulations Nos. X. and XI.			30,925
Boards of Advice—Elections			1,700
Boards of Advice—Elections			300
Allowance to Cadet Officers (to recoup expenditure incurred in connexion with their duties)			350
Board of Students—Allowance for			875
Expenses of Instruction in Kindergarten, Cookery, and other subjects outside the programme of Instruction			3,528
			51,391
Subdivision No. 3.			
BUILDINGS.			
Rents			2,200
Expenditure on School Buildings under direction of Boards of Advice			2,300
			4,500
Total Division No. 23			523,377
The sum of			219,314
DIVISION No. 24.			
MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.			
Addition to Endowment of £9,000 under Act 16 Vict. No. 34. (Subject to deduction of an amount equal to the University fees of not more than eight students to whom have been granted exhibitions under Regulations Nos. X. and XI.)			5,250
The sum of			2,432

	£	£
DIVISION No. 25.		
TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.		
To be paid in accordance with Regulations approved by the Governor in Council—		
For Maintenance and Buildings	14,000	
Miscellaneous (Inspection and Expenses of Examinations, Apparatus, Fittings, and Furniture, &c.)	2,275	
Total Division No. 25	16,275	
The sum of	7,675
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DIVISION No. 26.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 1. Annual Allowances, Compensation, and Gratuities to late Employés in the Government service or to their Widows or Children—(<i>Inalterable</i>):—		
(1) Annual Allowances to Officers who retired from the service prior to the coming into operation of Act No. 710 (including arrears)	£2,276 15 0	
(2) To pay pensions, computed on the basis of Sec. 44 of Act 25 Vict. No. 160, to Officers who have retired in consequence of changes in the Department, and who are not entitled to pensions under Act 54 Vict. No. 1133 (including arrears)	563 2 5	
	£2,839 17 5	2,840
The sum of ... ..	...	1,160

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

14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 16 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Sale of certain Lands set apart as a Site for a Mechanics' Institute at Hamilton*" without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 1st February, 1900.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Shiels moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 71.

FRIDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—Mr. McLean presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor :—
Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1898.—Part VIII.—Accumulation.
3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.
On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Beazley also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1899–1900.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow :—
Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

XI.—MINISTER OF MINES AND WATER SUPPLY.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION No. 74.		
		MINES AND WATER SUPPLY.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
		FIRST DIVISION.		
1	3	Acting Secretary for Mines and Water Supply ...	450	
		Allowance to Mr. James Travis for acting as Secretary for Mines and Water Supply ...	150	
			600	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
			Maxi- mum.	
			£	
1	A. & E.	Chief Engineer	1200	1,200
1		Metallurgist	800	800
1	S. & L.	Government Geologist	750	500
1	A. & E.	Engineer	500	360
2		Assistant Engineers	360	620
5		Inspectors of Mines	350	1,750
6		Inspectors of Mines	300	1,320
7		Junior Draughtsmen	200	1,400
1	f	Junior Draughtsman	200	180
1	Sc.	Analyst	250	250
26				8,380

Number.	Classification		£	£
DIVISION No. 74.				
Subdivision No. 3.				
CLERICAL DIVISION.				
1	2	Chief Clerk	420	
		Allowance to Mr. P. Cohen for acting as Chief Clerk	60	
1	3	Accountant	360	
1	3	Clerk and Draughtsman	450	
12	4	Clerks and Draughtsmen	3,865	
2	4 f	2nd Grade Draughtsmen	540	
1	4	Lithographer	350	
48	5	Clerks and Draughtsmen	9,135	
66			15,180	
Subdivision No. 4.				
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				
			Maxi- mum. £	£
1		Senior Inspector of Waterworks	300	264
2		Rate Collectors, Bendigo	252	391
1		Rate Collector, Geelong	208	186
1		Reservoir Keeper, Malmsbury	168	135
2		Water Bailiffs and Channel Keepers, Bendigo	144	252
2		Water Bailiffs, Kow Swamp	144	264
1		Turncock, Geelong	156	157
1		Bailiff	180	156
1		Senior Messenger	132	130
2		Junior Messengers	72	144
14			2,079	
Subdivision No. 5.				
(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)				
8		Mining Surveyors and Mining Registrars	200	
31		Mining Registrars	700	
20		Wardens' Clerks	360	
6		Clerks to Mining Boards	544	
4		Keepers of Mining Board Offices	64	
1		Draughtsman	200	
2		Inspectors of Dredging	600	
72			2,668	
179		Total SALARIES	28,907	
Subdivision No. 6.				
CONTINGENCIES.				
		Expenses of Prosecutions under the <i>Mines Act 1890</i>	25	
		Special Allowances to Mining Surveyors for reporting on Lands, &c. ...	150	
		Expenses of Mining Board Elections and Miscellaneous Expenses of Mining Boards	200	
		Travelling Expenses, including those of Officers reporting on Leased Lands, &c.	2,600	
		Stores, Books, Fuel, Light, and Water, and Incidentals	1,100	
		Printing Reports, Stationery, &c.	900	
		Expenses of Laboratory	1,500	
		Experimental work in connexion with the Saving and Treatment of Gold Ores, &c.	150	
		Temporary Draughtsmen and Clerks	710	
		Temporary Assistant Engineer	300	
		Drawing Leases on Plans	240	
			7,875	
		Total Division No. 74	36,782	
		The sum of ... ..	...	15,234

DIVISION No. 75.		£	£
PROSPECTING FOR GOLD AND COAL.			
Prospecting for Gold and Coal, purchase and working of Diamond or other Drills and of appliances used for boring, materials, and expenses connected therewith, and expenses in connexion with the working of Testing Plants		1,500	
The sum of	10
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DIVISION No. 76.			
WATERWORKS IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.			
Surveys, Reports, and Contingencies in connexion with Projects of Water Supply to Country Districts, Expenses in connexion with Gauging Rivers, and Analyses of Waters		2,000	
The sum of	789
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DIVISION No. 77.			
COLIBAN, GEELONG, AND NATIONAL WORKS.			
Subdivision No. 1.			
COLIBAN AND GEELONG WORKS.			
Travelling and Incidental Expenses in connexion with the Collection of Rates—			
Coliban District		250	
Geelong District		100	
Labour and Materials, Stores, Forage, Travelling Expenses, and Contingencies in connexion with—			
Coliban Works		7,500	
Geelong Works		2,600	
		10,450	
Subdivision No. 2.			
NATIONAL WORKS.			
Material, Wages, Contingencies, and all other Expenses in connexion with the Management and Maintenance of—			
Goulburn System of National Works		1,950	
Laanecoorie Weir and Distribution of Water		300	
Bridgewater and Kinypaniel Weirs, &c.		700	
Kow Swamp and Macorna National Works		1,810	
		4,760	
Total Division No. 77		15,210	
The sum of	5,709
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DIVISION No. 78.			
MISCELLANEOUS.			
No. 1. Underground Surveys of Mines, Geological Surveys, &c. ...		6,000	
2. Expenses of Mining Surveyors removing Posts from Leases declared void, and Reports on Leases, &c.		50	
3. Travelling and other Expenses attending Examinations of Engine-drivers		700	
4. To provide for Railway Passes for Trustees of Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund		15	
5. For the purchase of Miners' Rights and Railway Passes for Unemployed Miners		1,000	
Total Division No. 78		7,765	
The sum of ... ..		...	2,955

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

5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions. On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

6. SUPPLY.—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1899–1900.—Mr. Beazley reported from the Committee of Supply several resolutions, which were read and are as follow :—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to Her Majesty to defray the additional charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, being :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 1.		
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
<i>Read</i> —		
The President, at £1,000 per annum from 1st July to 30th November, and at £750 per annum from 1st December ...	£855	
The Chairman of Committees, at £500 per annum from 1st July to 30th November, and at £400 per annum from 1st December ...	442	
	£1,297	
<i>In lieu of</i> —		
The President ...	£1,000	
The Chairman of Committees ...	500	
	£1,500	
Reduction ...	£203	
DIVISION No. 2.		
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
<i>Read</i> —		
The Speaker, at £1,250 per annum from 1st July to 30th November, and at £1,000 per annum from 1st December ...	£1,105	
The Chairman of Committees, at £740 per annum from 1st July to 30th November, and at £640 per annum from 1st December ...	682	
	£1,787	
<i>In lieu of</i> —		
The Speaker ...	£1,250	
The Chairman of Committees ...	740	
	£1,990	
Reduction ...	£203	
Subdivision No. 6.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Expenses of Select Committees, including Allowances to Witnesses ...	...	100
DIVISION No. 9.		
ADMINISTRATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC.		
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
SALARIES.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Junior Messenger (short provided) ...		3
OBSERVATORY.		
Subdivision No. 3.		
SALARIES.		
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
One Meteorological and General Assistant (short provided) ...	180	9
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Junior Messenger and Attendant (short provided) ...	66	3
		12

DIVISION No. 9.				£	£
GOVERNMENT BOTANIST.					
Subdivision No. 5.					
SALARIES.					
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.					
<i>Read—</i>				Maximum	
				£	£
Two Herbarium Assistants	...	...	...	144	179
<i>In lieu of—</i>					
One Herbarium Assistant...	...	...	...	144	96
One Herbarium Assistant...	...	...	...	144	72
					168
					11
INSPECTION OF FACTORIES AND SHOPS.					
Subdivision No. 7.					
SALARIES.					
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.					
Three Inspectors of Factories (short provided)	...	...	...	...	18
Three Female Inspectors of Factories (short provided)	...	...	...	...	18
					36
					62
DIVISION No. 10.					
GOVERNMENT STATIST.					
Subdivision No. 2.					
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.					
One Junior Messenger (short provided)	...	...	...	Maximum	
				£	
One Junior Messenger (short provided)	...	...	...	66	3
Subdivision No. 3.					
CONTINGENCIES.					
Collecting and compiling Agricultural and other Statistics	...	...	...	...	600
Subdivision No. 4.					
Allowances to Registrars	...	...	...	...	600
					1,203
DIVISION No. 11.					
POLICE.					
SALARIES AND WAGES.					
Subdivision No. 3.					
GENERAL POLICE.					
1340 Constables* Senior, including arrears (short provided)	...	...	...	...	1,300

NOTES ON SALARIES, POLICE.

Add to footnote on page 9, marked †:—Also 6d. a day additional pay, from 1st January, 1900, to Constables who joined after 11th of June, 1894.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 12.		
PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND GAOLS.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Five Overseers (short provided)	4	
Five Chief Warders† } (short provided)	39	
Two Chief Warders|| }		
<i>Read—</i>		
One Hospital Chief Warder†(a)	£174	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
One Hospital Chief Warder†	165	9
One Hospital Senior Warder (short provided)		3
	Maximum	
	£	
One Hospital Nurse and Warder‡ (short provided)	96	10
<i>Read—</i>		
Eighteen Female Warders—One at 5s. 3d. per diem, seventeen from £5 to £8 10s. per month(b)	1,595†	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Eighteen Female Warders—One at 5s. 3d. per diem, seventeen from £5 to £8 10s. per month	1,587†	8
		73
DIVISION No. 13.		
HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE.		
Subdivision No. 3.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
One Engineer *(c)	132	
One Hospital Nurse (for four months)	96	
One Hospital Nurse(d)... ..	96	
Three Hospital Nurses(e)	60	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
One Engineer *	132	
One Hospital Nurse (for three months)	96	
One Hospital Nurse	96	
Three Hospital Nurses	60	

(a) To be paid at the rate of £182 10s. from 1st January, 1900.

(b) One paid at rate of £81 per annum to be paid at the rate of £84 per annum from 1st January, 1900.

(c) To be paid at the rate of £137 per annum from 1st January, 1900.

(d) To be paid from 1st January, 1900, at the rate of £102 per annum, with deduction of £32 for quarters, &c.

(e) To be paid at the rate of £66 per annum from 1st January, 1900.

NOTES TO PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND GAOLS.

Alteration to note || on page 10:—Before the words “the rate of £153 per annum,” insert the words “not less than”; and add—Four Warders acting as Chief Warders to be paid at the rate of £174 2s. 6d. per annum from 1st January, 1900; two Senior Warders acting as Chief Warders to be paid at the rate of £180 per annum from 1st January, 1900; twelve Warders acting as Senior Warders to be paid at the rate of £160 per annum from 1st January, 1900.

Add to note † on page 11:—Fourth grade Warders joining after 15th January, 1894, on serving five years to be paid at the rate of £118 per annum from 1st January, 1900.

In footnote * on page 11, insert 38 where 37 appears.

NOTES TO DIVISION No. 13, HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE.

Insert after the words “rations in addition” the words “The amounts of £23,650 and £8,175 provided for Attendants and Nurses to include payments to Attendants and Nurses whose appointments have not been confirmed after the expiration of their terms of probation.”

	£	£
DIVISION No. 13.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Two hundred and seventy Attendants, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades †	£24,150	
Two hundred and twenty-one Nurses, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades ‖	8,400	
	<u>£32,550</u>	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Two hundred and fifty Attendants, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades †	£23,650	
Two hundred and three Nurses, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades ‖ ...	8,175	
	<u>£31,825</u>	
Subdivision No. 4.		725
CONTINGENCIES.		
Provisions and Extra Articles		250
		<u>975</u>
DIVISION No. 14.		
DEPARTMENT FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND REFORMATORY SCHOOLS.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 2		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Matron, Girls' and Boys' Receiving Depôts * (short provided) ...		5
<i>Read—</i>		
Five Attendants, Girls' and Boys' Receiving Depôts (four at £83* and one at £54*)	£386	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Five Attendants, Girls' and Boys' Receiving Depôts (four at £83* and one at £48*)	380	
One Female Instructor* (short provided)... ..		6
		<u>3</u>
<i>Read—</i>		
Three Instructors, Boys' Receiving Depôt (one at £132, one at £126, one at £106 10s.*)	£365	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Three Instructors, Boys' Receiving Depôt (one at £132, one at £126, one at £102*)	360	
		<u>5</u>
DIVISION No. 15.		
PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUMS, AND NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
PUBLIC LIBRARY.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Five Attendants (short provided)		15
<i>Read—</i>		
Ten Junior Messengers and Attendants (one acting as Typewriter) (a)	£675	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Ten Junior Messengers and Attendants	660	
		<u>15</u>
		<u>30</u>

(a) To be paid at the rate of £78 per annum from the 1st January, 1900.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 15.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Attendant (short provided)	3	
Subdivision No. 3.		
NATIONAL MUSEUM.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Attendant (short provided)	3	
Subdivision No. 4.		
NATIONAL GALLERY.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Four Attendants (short provided)	12	
One Labourer (short provided)	3	
	15	
Subdivision No. 5.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
National Museum—Purchase of Specimens, Stores, Stationery, and Incidental Expenses	200	
Furniture, Glass Cases, Fittings, &c., for National Museum ...	550	
	750	
		801
DIVISION No. 17.		
AUDIT OFFICE AND PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.		
Clerical Assistance		100
DIVISION No. 21.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 11. Gratuity to Mr. E. G. L. Sweet, <i>Hansard</i> Reporter, whose services were dispensed with	36	
No. 12. Gratuity to the Widow of the late Constable Cornelius Franciscus Kroon, in addition to com- pensation granted, viz., £73 13s. 11d. ... £76 6 1	77	
		113
Total Chief Secretary		4,340

II.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 22.		
EDUCATION.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
One Principal of Training College	420	
Five Inspectors—Third Grade	625	
<i>Read—</i>		
Two Lecturers, Training College	425	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
One Lecturer	380	380
		45
	1,090	
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Senior Messenger* (short provided)	6	
Two Junior Messengers (short provided)... ..	3	
One Non-clerical Officer acting as Temporary Clerk	174	
	183	
		1,273
DIVISION No. 23.		
EDUCATION.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.— <i>Instruction.</i>		
General—		
Teachers (short provided)	4,890	
Teachers' Payments on Results—Regulation No. III. (short provided)	938	
	5,828	
Subdivision No. 2.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Temporary Clerical Assistance	238	
	238	6,066
DIVISION No. 26.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 1. Annual Allowances, Compensation, and Gratuities to late Employés in the Government service or to their Widows or Children—(<i>Inalterable</i>):—		
(3) Gratuity to the Father of the late J. H. Laity, formerly a Teacher (nine months' pay—to be paid in accordance with terms approved by the Governor in Council)		
	£138	7 6
(4) Gratuity to the Widow of the late J. T. Davies, formerly a Teacher (nine months' pay)		
	144	3 0
	£282	10 6
		283
2. To pay A. G. Duncan an amount equal to pension from 28th May, 1898, to 27th November, 1899		
	£125	19 6
		126
		409
Total Minister of Public Instruction		7,748

III.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 28.		
LAW OFFICERS OF THE CROWN.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
One Assistant in Attorney-General's Office (short provided) ...	33	
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Lift Attendant (short provided)	4	
		37
DIVISION No. 32.		
REGISTRAR-GENERAL AND REGISTRAR OF TITLES.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Commissioner of Titles, at £1,500 per annum from 1st July to 30th November, and at £1,250 per annum from 1st December	£1,355	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Commissioner of Titles	1,500	
Reduction	£145	
Subdivision No. 3.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Fifty-five Fifth-class Clerks (nine from 1st January, 1900) ...	£9,225	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Forty-six Fifth-class Clerks	9,045	
	180	
Subdivision No. 6.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Two Messengers, one at £72 per annum from 1st July, 1899, and at £84 per annum from 1st January, 1900, and one at £72 per annum from 26th October, 1899, and at £84 per annum from 1st January, 1900	134	
One Labourer (short provided)	5	
	139	
		319
DIVISION No. 34.		
SHERIFF.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Five Court-keepers, Criers, and Messengers* (one to 4th October, 1899, at £156 per annum)	£616	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Four Court-keepers, Criers, and Messengers*	570	
Three Labourers (short provided)	46	
Five Junior Messengers (short provided)	10	
	3	
		59
Total Attorney-General ... ..	...	270

IV.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

	£	£		
<p style="text-align: center;">DIVISION No. 35.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COUNTY COURTS, COURTS OF INSOLVENCY, COURTS OF MINES, GENERAL AND PETTY SESSIONS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SALARIES.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Subdivision No. 3.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Read—</i></p> <p>One Messenger and Crier, (a) Insolvent Court, Melbourne ... £123</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>In lieu of—</i></p> <p>One Messenger and Crier, Insolvent Court, Melbourne ... 120</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—————</p>			...	3
<p style="text-align: center;">DIVISION No. 36.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POLICE MAGISTRATES AND WARDENS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SALARIES.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Subdivision No. 1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.</p> <p>One Police Magistrate at £850 per annum, from 12th August, 1899, to 7th September, 1899, £62 4s. 6d.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—————</p>			...	63
<p style="text-align: center;">DIVISION No. 38.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CORONERS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SALARIES.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Subdivision No. 1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.</p> <p>One Labourer, City Morgue (short provided)</p>			...	5
Total Solicitor-General ... ..	...	<u>71</u>		
<small>(a) To be paid at the rate of £126 per annum from 1st January, 1900.</small>				

V.—TREASURER.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 40.		
INCOME TAX OFFICE.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Forty-two Fifth Class Clerks (short provided)	80	
Subdivision No. 3:		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Three Assistants	£460	
Two Junior Assistants (a)	132	
	<u>£592</u>	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Three Assistants	£450	
Two Junior Assistants	120	
	<u>£570</u>	
Subdivision No. 4.	22	
CONTINGENCIES.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Fuel, Light, Water, Stores and Stationery, Incidental and Travelling Expenses, Clerical Assistance, and Gratuities to Officers transferred from Railway Department	£490	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Fuel, Light, Water, Stores and Stationery, Incidental and Travelling Expenses, and Clerical Assistance	400	
	<u>90</u>	
		142
—————		
DIVISION No. 42.		
GOVERNMENT PRINTER.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
One Third Class Accountant (including arrears £22 9s. 6d.)	£323	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
One Third Class Accountant	300	
Eleven Fifth Class Clerks (short provided)		23
		10
		<u>33</u>
Subdivision No. 2.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Senior Messenger (short provided)	6	
Two Labourers (short provided)	11	
		<u>17</u>
		50
—————		
DIVISION No. 48.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
To pay John Ford amount of fine imposed on his employer for breach of contract with the Government in paying less than the minimum wage		10
Total Treasurer		<u>202</u>

VI.—MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 50.		
DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.		
SALARIES.		
ORDNANCE AND MILITARY STORES BRANCH.		
Subdivision No. 5.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
One Blacksmith(a) £153		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
One Blacksmith 150		
		3
Subdivision No. 17.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Additional Grant to Victorian Rifle Association for Federal Meeting	500	
Expenses in connexion with the celebration of departure of Victorian		
Contingents for South Africa	1,060	
To Colonial Ammunition Company Limited, Refund of Duty, £401 19s 7d.	402	
Bonuses to Warrant and Non-commissioned Officers	70	
		2,032
Subdivision No. 37.		
ENCAMPMENTS, ETC.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Expenses in connexion with Class of Instruction for Garrison		
Artillery £160		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Expenses in connexion with Class of Instruction for Officers of Field		
Force £160		
Total Minister of Defence		2,035

(a) To be paid at the rate of £156 per annum from 1st January, 1900.

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 51.		
SURVEY, SALE, AND MANAGEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.		
Subdivision No. 2.		
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
1 Surveyor-General	£600	
3 District Surveyors (from 9th October, 1899)—1st Grade	945	
1 District Surveyor (from 9th October, 1899)—2nd Grade	263	
2 Senior Assistant Surveyors (to 8th October, 1899)	213	
5 Assistant Surveyors (Two to 8th October, 1899)	1,302	
1 Draughtsman	360	
6 Junior Draughtsmen	1,126	
	£4,809	
19		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
1 Surveyor-General	£600	
2 Senior Assistant Surveyors	770	
5 Assistant Surveyors	1,570	
1 Draughtsman	360	
6 Junior Draughtsmen	1,096	
	4,396	
15		413
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Three Printers (short provided)		8
Ten Crown Lands Bailiffs (short provided)		48
<i>Read—</i>		
One Typewriter(a)	£78	
Two Assistant Printers(b)	254	
One Plan-mounter(c)	159	
	£491	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
One Typewriter	£78	
Two Assistant Printers	240	
One Plan-mounter	150	
	468	
		23
		79
		492
DIVISION No. 53.		
BOTANICAL AND DOMAIN GARDENS.		
Subdivision No. 3.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Twelve Gardeners (short provided)		2
Fourteen Labourers (short provided)		28
		30

(a) To be paid at the rate of £84 per annum from 1st January, 1900.

(b) One to be paid at the rate of £148 per annum from 1st January, 1900.

(c) To be paid at the rate of £168 per annum from 1st January, 1900.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 56.		
STATE FORESTS AND NURSERIES.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Planting and Sowing 200 acres, Majorca Forest Plantation (short provided) ... ..	...	31
—————		
DIVISION No. 58.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 8. Cost of conveyance and surrender to the Queen of Allotments 19 and 20, Section 13, "Violettown," Parish of Shadforth, sold in error to John Francis Hillas ... ..	...	44
Total Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey	...	597

VIII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DIVISION No. 59.				£	£
PUBLIC WORKS.					
SALARIES.					
Subdivision No. 4.					
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.				Maximum.	
				£	£
One Typewriter (short provided)	...	...	...	144	6
One Messenger (short provided)	...	...	...	96	6
<i>Read—</i>					
Two Junior Messengers	...	...	...	66	132
<i>In lieu of—</i>					
One Junior Messenger	...	...	...	72	72
One Junior Messenger	...	...	...	66	60
				132	
Engineer Mechanic (short provided)	...	...	...		3
Hall Porter, Public Offices, Treasury Gardens (short provided)	...	...	...		3
<i>Read—</i>					
Foreman of Labourers	...	...	...
Labourers, Public Offices, Treasury Gardens, at from £96 19s.	...	...	...	£548	
to £120	...	...	...
<i>In lieu of—</i>					
Foreman of Labourers	...	...	...
Labourers, Public Offices, Treasury Gardens, at from £93 18s.	...	...	...	538	
to £120	...	...	...		10
Labourer, Government House (short provided)	...	...	...		3
Master of Dredge (short provided)	...	...	...		10
Coxswain (short provided)	...	...	...		6
Engineers (short provided)	...	...	...		6
Labourer (short provided)	...	...	...		3
					56
DIVISION No 60.					
MISCELLANEOUS.					
No. 4. Compensation to S. Haines for injuries received resulting from blasting operations at the Reef works, River Yarra, £110 10s.	...	...	...	...	111
DIVISION No. 61.					
WORKS AND BUILDINGS.					
Subdivision No. 1.					
WHARFS, JETTIES, HARBORS, RIVERS, ETC.—(Inalterable).					
9. Towards Jetty at Marlo, Snowy River—revote £120 (short provided)	...	...	...		50
14. Towards Jetty accommodation at Wye River	...	...	...		60
23. Towards Extension of Sale Canal to Thomson River, including Purchase of Land	...	...	...		3,000
Subdivision No. 17.					
MISCELLANEOUS—(Inalterable).					
<i>Read—</i>					
23. Fitzroy and Collingwood Cities and Northcote and Brunswick Towns—To assist in clearing and improving Merri Creek	...	...	...	£1,000	
<i>In lieu of—</i>					
23. Fitzroy and Collingwood Cities and Northcote and Brunswick Towns—To assist in clearing and improving Merri Creek, Councils to expend £1,000 additional	...	...	...	1,000	
				3,110	

	£	£
DIVISION No. 61.		
No. 28. Bendigo, Huntly, and Marong Shires—Improvement of the Bendigo Creek through Epsom and Huntly, Councils to expend £3,250 additional	6,500	
29. Ballarat City—To assist in improving the Gnarr Creek Storm-water Channel, Council to expend £725 additional	725	
30. Towards completing Yarra Improvements	2,000	
	<u>9,225</u>	12,335
DIVISION No. 63.		
ROAD WORKS AND BRIDGES.		
<i>Read—</i>		
No. 14. Eltham Shire—To assist in constructing road leading from Kinglake district to Railway Station, Council to expend £200 additional	£200	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
No. 14. Eltham Shire—To assist in constructing road leading from Yarra Glen district to Railway Station, Council to expend £200 additional	200	
<i>Read—</i>		
No. 16. Grenville Shire—To assist in improving Road from Newtown to Glenfine, Council to expend £350 additional	£1,500	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
No. 16. Grenville Shire—To assist in constructing Road from Kaleno to Glenfine, Council to expend £350 additional	1,500	
<i>Read—</i>		
No. 32. Tungamah Shire—To assist in repairing Tocumwal road	£200	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
No. 32. Tungamah Shire—To assist in repairing Tocumwal road, Council to expend £200 additional	200	
<i>Read—</i>		
No. 42. To assist in making, clearing, and draining Roads to Village Settlements	£2,567	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
No. 42. To assist in making, clearing, and draining Roads to Village Settlements	2,000	
44. Moiety of cost of maintaining Murray River Bridges (short provided)	567	
48. Tambo and Omeo Shires—To assist in constructing the Tambo Valley-road	201	
	2,000	
		<u>2,768</u>
Total Commissioner of Public Works		<u><u>15,270</u></u>

IX.—COMMISSIONER OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

						£	£
DIVISION No. 64.							
TRADE AND CUSTOMS, ETC.							
Subdivision No. 3.							
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.							
<i>Read—</i>							
Lockers, First Grade (including an allowance of £46)							
<i>In lieu of—</i>							
Lockers, First Grade (including an allowance of £44)							
Eleven { Messengers { Junior Messengers } (short provided) ... ..						...	15
DIVISION No. 65.							
PORTS AND HARBORS, ETC.							
Subdivision No. 2.							
CLERICAL DIVISION.							
<i>Read—</i>							
Three Fifth Class Clerks (including arrears £1)						£586	
<i>In lieu of—</i>							
Three Fifth Class Clerks						585	
							1
Subdivision No. 3.							
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.							
DOCKYARD.						Maxi- mum. £	
One foreman, &c. (short provided) ... ..						...	132
One Engine-driver						144	...
GOVERNMENT STEAMER.							
One Master, &c. (short provided) ... ..						...	30
OUTPORTS AND LIGHT-HOUSE STATIONS.							
Two Coxswains and Senior Boatmen, &c. ... ..						...	115
One Engine-driver—Steam Launch†						144	...
							277
[DIVISION No. 67.							278
EXPLOSIVES.						Maxi- mum. £	
<i>Read—</i>							
Two Labourers (a)						104	
<i>In lieu of—</i>							
Two Labourers						120	
DIVISION No. 69.							
MISCELLANEOUS.							
No. 1. Annual Allowances, Compensations, and Gratuities—(<i>inalterable</i>):—							
(4) Gratuity to the Widow of the late Thos. McGowan, formerly a Tide Waiter (nine months' pay)							150
(5) Gratuity to the Widow of the late Thos. Connolly, accidentally drowned on duty, formerly a Tide Waiter (nine months' pay)							150
							300
No. 2. Refund of Duty paid under exceptional circumstances:—							
(1) On Accoutrements, &c., for the Victorian Scottish Regiment							90
							390

(†) One to be paid at the rate of £115 10s. per annum from 1st January, 1900.

FINANCIAL YEAR 1898-9.

To remove a query of the Commissioners of Audit—

DIVISION No. 63.

TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

Subdivision No. 2.

CLERICAL DIVISION.

Read—

Three 1st Class—Chief Clerk, &c.	...	...	£1,744	
Twelve 3rd Class—Paymaster, &c.	...	...	5,225	
			<u> </u>	£6,969
<i>In lieu of—</i>				
Three 1st Class—Chief Clerk, &c.	...	...	£1,743	
Twelve 3rd Class—Paymaster, &c.	5,226	
			<u> </u>	£6,969

Total Commissioner of Trade and Customs	<u> </u>	<u>683</u>
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X.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 70.		
POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES.		
SALARIES.		
Subdivision No. 3.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
One hundred and twelve 5 <i>f</i> Postmistresses at from £70 to £150 per annum (a)	£9,981	
Four 5 <i>f</i> Relieving Postmistresses (b)	380	
Four 5 <i>f</i> Sellers of Stamps (c)	424	
One hundred and eight 5 <i>f</i> Female Operators and Clerks at from £54 to £94 per annum (including provision for payment of increment of £6 per annum to forty and £10 per annum to two; two to be paid at the rate of £94 per annum from 1st January, 1900)	8,638	
	<u>£19,423</u>	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
One hundred and twelve 5 <i>f</i> Postmistresses at from £70 to £150 per annum	£9,851	
Four 5 <i>f</i> Relieving Postmistresses	372	
Four 5 <i>f</i> Sellers of Stamps	414	
One hundred and eight 5 <i>f</i> Female Operators and Clerks at from £54 to £90 per annum (including provision for payment of increment of £6 per annum each to forty)	8,628	
	<u>£19,265</u>	
		158
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Three hundred and ninety-two Letter-carriers and Stampers at from £6 per month to 5 <i>s.</i> per week	£70,429	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Three hundred and ninety Letter-carriers and Stampers at from £6 per month to 5 <i>s.</i> per week	70,141	
		288
<i>Read—</i>		
Twenty-four Assistant Operators at £100 per annum	£35,505	
One Senior Messenger at £72 per annum		
Three hundred and forty-three Postal Assistants at £78 per annum (including allowance of £10 per annum to 200 as Telegraph Messengers, from 1st July to 31st December, 1899, and allowance of £18 per annum to 343 Postal Assistants, from 1st January to 30th June, 1900)		
Two hundred and fifty-six Telegraph Messengers at from £2 to £3 per month		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Twenty-four Operating Messengers at £7 10 <i>s.</i> per month	33,292	
Six hundred Telegraph Messengers at from £2 to £5 per month (including allowance of £10 per annum to 200 Telegraph Messengers)		
		2,213
<i>Read—</i>		
Fifty-two Line Repairers' Assistants at from £7 to £10 per month	£11,120	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Fifty Line Repairers' Assistants, at from £7 to £10 per month	10,952	
		168

(a) Twenty-six to be paid at the rate of £80 per annum from 1st January, 1900.—(b) One to be paid at the rate of £100 per annum and two at the rate of £90 per annum from 1st January, 1900.—(c) Two to be paid at the rate of £100 per annum from 1st January, 1900.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 70.		
Forty-eight Instrument Fitter, Instrument Fitters' Assistants, Instrument Fitters' Senior Assistants, and Instrument Fitters' Junior Assistants, at from £6 to £20 10s. per month (short provided) ...	42	
Three Labourers, at from £6 10s. to £10 per month (short provided) ...	6	
	<u>2,717</u>	
Subdivision No. 5.		
<i>(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)</i>		
<i>Read—</i>		
Eight Telephone Switch-board Attendants (a) at from £6 10s. per month to £94 per annum	£635	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Eight Telephone Switch-board Attendants at from £6 10s. to £7 per month	630	
	<u>5</u>	2,880
DIVISION No. 73.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 2. To gratuity to the widow of the late Thomas James Crosbie, 4th Class Clerk—		
Equal to nine months' pay	£262 10 0	
Less paid as pension	75 7 5	
	<u>£187 2 7</u>	
	188	
3. To pay Timothy Howard, 4th Class Operator, personal expenses incurred whilst travelling on special duty on the Continent ...	230	
		418
Total Postmaster-General ... ..	...	3,298
<i>(a) One to be paid at the rate of £94 per annum from 1st January, 1900.</i>		

XI.—MINISTER OF MINES AND WATER SUPPLY.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 74.		
MINES AND WATER SUPPLY.		
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
Two Rate Collectors, Bendigo (short provided)	1	
One Bailiff (short provided)	2	
	Max.	
One Typewriter, from 1st December, 1899	£ 132	49
<i>Read—</i>		52
Subdivision No. 5.		
(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)		
Temporary Inspector of Waterworks	£264	
Temporary Assistant Engineer	300	
	£564	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Senior Inspector of Waterworks	£264	
Subdivision No. 6.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Temporary Assistant Engineer	£300	
	£564	
Subdivision No. 6.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Travelling Expenses, including those of officers reporting on leased lands, &c.	400	
Temporary Draughtsmen and Clerks	100	
	500	
		552
DIVISION No. 75.		
PROSPECTING FOR GOLD AND COAL.		
Prospecting for Gold and Coal, purchase and working of Diamond Drills or other Drills and of appliances used for boring, materials and expenses connected therewith and expenses in connexion with the working of Testing Plants ... ..	...	800
DIVISION No. 78.		
MISCELLANEOUS.		
No. 5. For the Purchase of Miners' Rights and Railway Passes for Unemployed Miners	1,000	
6. Gratuity to James Spence, Father of the late George Spence, clerk, equal to nine months' pay	150	
7. Expenses in connexion with testing scheme for Ventilation of Mines	1,000	
		2,150
Total Minister of Mines and Water Supply ...		3,502

XII.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

	£	£
DIVISION No. 79.		
AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Subdivision No. 4A.		
<i>(Exempt from provisions of Act No. 1133.)</i>		
Three Pupils to Chemist at £50 £150		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Subdivision No. 2.		
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
Three Pupils to Chemist at £50 £150		
Subdivision No. 3.		
CLERICAL DIVISION.		
One Fifth Class Clerk ... ... ... ...	...	42
Subdivision No. 4.		
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
One Assistant Entomologist (a)		
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
One Assistant Entomologist		
—————		
DIVISION No. 82.		
DISEASES IN STOCK.		
Subdivision No. 3.		
CONTINGENCIES.		
Contribution to the Government of Queensland for salaries and allowances of two Inspectors of Stock stationed in that colony to protect the Cattle Tick Buffer Line, and to defray cost of carrying out certain experiments in regard to the Tick Disease ... ...	...	750
—————		
DIVISION No. 83.		
VEGETATION DISEASES.		
Subdivision No. 1.		
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.		
<i>Read—</i>		
Four Inspectors under Vegetation Diseases Act—One at £201 19s. 4d., one at £197 18s., one at £197 4s., and one at £186 7s. 	784	
<i>In lieu of—</i>		
Four Inspectors under Vegetation Diseases Act—Two at £197 18s., one at £197 4s., and one at £186 7s. 	780	
Total Minister of Agriculture		796
		4

(a) To be paid at the rate of £156 from 1st January, 1900.

XIII.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

		£	£
DIVISION No. 86.			
PUBLIC HEALTH.			
<i>Read—</i>			
Subdivision No. 1.			
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION.			
	Maximum		
	£	£	
One Sanitary Inspector, from 15th December, 1899 ...	275	137	
Subdivision No. 3.			
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.			
One Inspector, to 14th December, 1899 ...	275	114	
		251	
<i>In lieu of—</i>			
Subdivision No. 3.			
NON-CLERICAL DIVISION.			
One Inspector ...	275	250	
			1
Total Minister of Health		...	...
			<u>1</u>

XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

DIVISION No. 88.

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 4. To provide for the difference between the amount of pension due and the minimum of £30 per annum to certain officers who have retired under Act 54 Vict. No. 1135, since 29th January, 1895	50
No. 5. To provide for the payment of portion of accrued compensation to certain employes who have been reduced in pay owing to their failure to pass vision test	1,000
No. 6. Gratuities in cases of officers retired, &c. (calculated at rate of one month's pay for each year of service):—	

	Total.			Paid out of Special Appropriations.			Balance.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bligh, William	253	5	11	117	7	6	135	18	5
Curran, James	244	5	0	105	12	9	138	12	3
Downes, Anthony	99	13	5	54	15	0	44	18	5
Deusworth, Matthew									
Martin	169	6	6	88	0	8	81	5	10
Ewin, George Alfred	234	12	1	134	19	8	99	12	5
Graham, Edward	335	16	5	117	7	6	218	8	11
Gaff, George	318	15	8	164	6	6	154	9	2
Lynch, Edward	192	19	9	82	3	3	110	16	6
Lynch, James	246	17	11	105	12	9	141	5	2
Newland, Alfred	135	12	8	76	5	11	59	6	9
Rhodes, Richard	217	19	10	117	7	6	100	12	4
Reynolds, Walter	667	11	3	375	0	0	292	11	3
Sullivan, Denis	180	1	5	82	3	3	97	18	2
Duck, Thomas (widow of)	199	3	4	82	3	3	117	0	1
Evans, Edwin (widow of)	510	0	3	158	9	2	351	11	1
Kilmartin, Patrick (widow of)	330	15	5	105	12	9	225	2	8
Lobb, William Richard (widow of)	250	14	6	105	12	9	145	1	9
Molloy, Michael (widow of)	239	4	9	234	15	0	4	9	9
Morrison, Phillip (widow of)	170	14	1	82	3	3	88	10	10
Neagle, John Thomas (widow of)	241	8	11	237	7	3	4	1	8
Pearce, William Andrew (widow of)	315	15	4	164	6	6	151	8	10
Roberts, James (widow of)	305	15	6	129	2	3	176	13	3
Spaven, Robert (widow of)	389	5	10	129	2	3	260	3	7
Stevenson, John Lees (widow of)	374	0	3	150	0	0	224	0	3
Sidebottom, Aaron (widow of)	116	12	4	105	12	9	10	19	7
Wiley, James (mother of)	135	9	1	132	2	6	3	6	7
Noonan, Mary Ellen (daughter of)	160	6	6	54	15	0	105	11	6
Budge, James (executrix of)	316	6	4	157	10	0	158	16	4
Moylan, John (executrix of)	280	3	9	105	12	9	174	11	0
							£3,877	4	4

3,878

	£	s.	d.	£
DIVISION No. 88.				
No. 7. Compensation, Gratuities, &c., awarded in cases of Officers injured or killed whilst in the execution of their duties :—				
To John Moran, injuries received whilst on duty in 1886 (in addition to amount provided under Act 1135, section 93)...	200	0	0	
To John Ryan, injuries received whilst on duty	100	0	0	
To Eleanor Annie Hickey, widow of the late Frederick W. Hickey, who was killed whilst on duty at Camberwell, on 29th May, 1899	100	0	0	
To Mary Gertrude Neagle, widow of the late John Thomas Neagle, killed whilst on duty at Queenscliff	150	0	0	
To John Northam, injuries received whilst on duty in Melbourne Yard, on 3rd June, 1898	300	0	0	
To Thomas Brown, injuries received whilst on duty near Warrnambool, on 11th March, 1897	100	0	0	
				950
No. 8. Gratuity to Walter Reynolds, in lieu of Salary claimed ...				300
No. 9. To Alexander Glenn, being the difference between amount of Pension paid computed at reduced rate of pay and pension computed at rate of pay prior to reduction (£2 8s. 3d.) ...				3
				6,181
Total Minister of Railways				6,181

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 2nd February, 1900.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 2nd February, 1900.

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

9. WANDO VALE ESTATE.—Mr. McColl moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolution :—

That it is expedient to acquire for the purpose of closer settlement the Wando Vale Estate, particulars of which are included in the Provisional Contract and Statement placed upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 25th day of January, 1900.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient to acquire for the purpose of closer settlement the Wando Vale Estate, particulars of which are included in the Provisional Contract and Statement placed upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 25th day of January, 1900.

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

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

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to sanction the acquisition by the State of certain land in the County of Dundas known as the Wando Vale Estate.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 27th January, 1900.

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

11. WANDO VALE ESTATE PURCHASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 3, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McColl, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to sanction the acquisition by the State of certain land in the County of Dundas known as the Wando Vale Estate.

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

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

Mr. McColl then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to sanction the acquisition by the State of certain land in the County of Dundas known as the Wando Vale Estate,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 72.

TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bromley, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Report of the Printing Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. McLean, and the same was read :—
JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor. *Message No. 4.*
The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at Macedon, 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 Three hundred and seventy-eight thousand one hundred and fifty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine and One thousand nine hundred.*”
Macedon, 31st January, 1900.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890.—Part IX.—Statement of Appointment and Transfer to an Office of Parliament and of Alteration of Classification during the year ending 30th June, 1900, under the authority of Part IX. of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890.*
Customs and Excise Duties Act 1890.—Minor Articles—
Leather Trousers Bindings, in length of about 36 yards.
Wood Shanks.
Explosives Act 1890.—Addition to List of Explosives authorized for Importation into and Manufacture in Victoria.—Order in Council.
Marine Act 1890—
Ports in Victoria.—Additional Regulations.—Proclamation.
Amended Regulations for the Adjustment of Compasses.
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—
1. Clause 4, lines 12–13, omit “and shall be deemed to have been from the commencement of the *Factories and Shops Act 1896.*”
2. “ ” line 23, after “year” insert “provided nevertheless that such apprentices may be taken on probation for a term not exceeding three months, and at or before the expiration of such time they shall either be discharged or be bound by indentures of apprenticeship or be employed under a written agreement as hereinbefore provided in this section.”
3. Clause 7, line 15, after “boiler” insert “except a steam boiler not used for operating a steam-engine.”
4. Clause 9, line 26, omit “issue” and insert “issuing.”
5. Clause 12, omit this clause.
6. Clause 13, lines 10–16, omit “words ‘working in any handicraft or in preparing or manufacturing articles for trade or sale’ the following words shall be added :— ‘and shall include any building or place in which gas or electricity is prepared or produced’ and any clay-pit or quarry worked or used in connexion with any pottery or brickyard ;
(b) in the same sub-section after the.”

7. Clause 16, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause and insert the following new sub-clause :—
- (1a) In order to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing either inside or outside a factory or work-room any particular articles of clothing or wearing apparel or furniture or for bread making or baking or to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in any process trade or business usually or frequently carried on in a factory or work-room or employed in the process trade or business of a butcher or seller of meat or maker or seller of small goods the Governor in Council may if he think fit from time to time appoint a Special Board consisting of not less than four or more than ten members elected as may be prescribed and a chairman, and may at any time remove any member of the Special Board and may appoint any person so elected to fill any vacancy occurring in such Special Board in the same way as on the original appointment. In fixing such lowest prices or rates the Special Board shall take into consideration the nature kind and class of the work and the mode and manner in which the work is to be done and the age and the sex of the workers and any matter which may from time to time be prescribed. Provided that no such Special Board shall be so appointed except for the process trade or business of a butcher or seller of meat or maker or seller of small goods and except in the case of any trade or business which at the commencement of this Act is not included under the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts as regards Special Boards unless petitions signed respectively by at least one-half of the employers and employes of such trade or business be presented to the Minister asking for a Special Board to be appointed in respect to such trade or business.
8. " page 5, line 24, omit " Board " and insert " Boards."
9. " same page, lines 24-6, omit " the representatives of the employers shall consist of three representatives of makers of ready-made clothing and two of makers of order clothing " and insert " one Board shall be appointed for ready-made clothing and one Board for order clothing."
10. " same page, after sub-clause (2) insert the following new sub-clause :—
- (2a) If the number of persons nominated as representatives of employers or employes (as the case may be) does not exceed the number of persons to be elected the persons nominated shall be deemed and taken to have been elected and shall be appointed accordingly to be members of the Special Board.
11. " same page, sub-clause (3), omit this sub-clause.
12. " page 6, lines 4-9, omit " Such price or rate of payment shall in the case of work to be done outside a factory or work-room be fixed at a piece-work price or rate only for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing articles of clothing or wearing apparel ; but for every other kind of work it may be fixed at a piece-work price or rate or a wages price or rate or both as the Special Board thinks fit. Provided " and insert " Such prices or rates of payment may be fixed at piece-work prices or rates or at wages prices or rates or both as the Special Board thinks fit, provided that for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing outside a factory or work-room articles of clothing or wearing apparel a piece-work price only shall be fixed, and provided."
13. " page 8, line 14, omit " may disallow the same or."
14. " same page, lines 15-17, omit " and until disallowed by the Chief Inspector or such Special Board such piece-work prices or rates shall be deemed to be so fixed."
15. " same page, line 22, omit " Chief Inspector or."
16. " same page, line 32, omit " Minister " and insert " Chief Inspector."
17. " same page, line 34, omit " Minister " and insert " Chief Inspector."
18. " same page, line 41, omit " Minister " and insert " Chief Inspector."
19. " same page, after sub-clause (21) insert the following new sub-clause—
- (21a) In the event of the Chief Inspector refusing to grant such licence such person may appeal to the Minister who may grant such licence in the place of such Inspector.
20. " page 9, line 8, omit " six " and insert " three."
21. Clause 17, omit this clause and insert the following new clause :—
- C. (1) For the purpose of deciding whether at least one-half in number of employers in any process trade or business have signed a petition asking for a Special Board to be appointed the register kept by the Chief Inspector in accordance with section nine of the Principal Act may be used, and none but employers registered therein as carrying on the process trade or business affected shall be counted in computing such third.
- (2) For the purpose of deciding whether at least one-half in number of employes in any process trade or business have signed a petition asking for a Special Board to be appointed the Minister may accept as the correct number of all employes the number stated to be employed in the process trade or business affected as set out in the last published annual report of the Chief Inspector or may decide the matter on any other evidence which may appear to him to be satisfactory.
- (3) The Governor in Council may make regulations requiring employers in any process trade or business to forward such information as may be necessary to determine whether the requisite number of employes have petitioned for the appointment of a Special Board under this section, and such regulations may impose penalties not exceeding Five pounds for any failure to comply with such regulations.

- (4) The Minister's decision as to whether at least one-half in number of employers or employes in any process trade or business have or have not asked for the appointment of a Special Board shall be final and shall not be subject to be questioned or reviewed in any court of law or otherwise howsoever.
22. Clause 20, line 1, after "where" insert "any person other than members of the family are employed in."
23. Clause 25, line 11, after "title" insert "which shall be descriptive of the trade."
24. Clause 27, transpose this clause and insert it as sub-clauses to follow sub-clause (3) of clause 16.
25. Clause 28, lines 29-31, omit "and the Governor in Council without any previous notice or election appoints some person to fill the vacancy such person" and insert "the person appointed to fill such vacancy."
26. . . . transpose this clause as amended and insert it as a sub-clause to precede sub-clause (4) of clause 16.
27. Clause 29, lines 40-2, omit "or (as the case may be) shall be not less than any price or rate specified in the conditions of any suspension by the Minister or as expressly provided for by the Factories and Shops Acts."
28. . . . page 13, line 2, after "Board" insert "as the price or rate payable for the maximum number of hours per week."
29. ; same page and line, after "any" insert "male"; after "employé" insert "over the age of sixteen years."
30. Clause 31, at end of clause add "Provided that this addition shall not apply to any member of the employer's family nearly related one to the other by blood or marriage."
31. Clause 32, at end of clause add "and in sub-section (2) of the same section all words after 'work-room' where it first occurs are hereby repealed and the words 'the Chief Inspector may take proceedings before the local court of petty sessions for the cancellation of the registration of such or any part of such factory or work-room' are hereby inserted."
32. Clause 36, omit this clause.
33. Clause 41, omit this clause.
34. Clause 42, at end of clause add "and in respect to any contravention of the provisions of the said section section forty-three of the said Act shall be deemed to be applied and extended to every shire."
35. Clause 43, paragraph (a), omit this paragraph.
36. . . . line 23, omit "so."
37. . . . same line, after "employed" insert "in the Metropolitan district as a carrier or carter of any goods wares merchandise or materials whatsoever in connexion with a factory or work-room or shop or in assisting any such carrier or carter"
38. . . . line 24, after "half-holiday" insert "at such hours as may be specified in such regulation as may be made by the Governor in Council from time to time."
39. . . . lines 25-7, omit "from the hour of One o'clock in the afternoon or if the regulations so specify from the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon."
40. Clause 45, line 31, after "butcher" insert "or seller of meat or maker or seller of small goods."
41. . . . line 36, after "baker" insert "or pastry-cook."
42. . . . page 17, line 2, after "bread" insert "shall in respect to each such person."
43. . . . same page, line 3, omit "shall."
44. . . . same page, line 4, omit "in regard to each such person."
45. Clause 47, line 42, after "consignee" insert "or buyer for the purpose of re-sale."
46. After clause 48 insert the following new clause :—
- A. (a) The stamps upon all furniture imported into Victoria for sale ; or
 (b) manufactured in Victoria for sale solely by European labour ; or
 (c) manufactured in Victoria for sale partly by European labour and partly by the labour of persons other than Chinese, shall be of an oblong shape and shall each (as the case may be) contain the words as specified in the preceding section and in section fifty-seven of Act No. 1445 ;
 (d) the stamps upon all furniture manufactured in Victoria for sale solely or partly by the labour of any Chinese person or on the premises of any Chinese employer shall be triangular in shape and shall contain the words "Chinese labour."
47. After clause 49 insert the following new clause :—
- D. In section fifty-four of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1896 the following sub-clause shall be added :—"For prescribing where the stamp shall be placed on each class or kind of furniture."
48. Clause 52, line 24, after "Act" insert "and this Act."
49. . . . line 25, omit "three" and insert "two."
50. . . . at end of clause add "and no longer."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendment 1 agreed to.

Amendments 2 and 3 d .agreed with.

Amendments 4 and 5 agreed to.

Amendments 6 to 11 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendment 12 agreed to.

Amendment 13 disagreed with.

Amendment 14 agreed to.

Amendment 15 disagreed with.

Amendments 16 to 20 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 21 disagreed with.

Amendment 22 agreed to with the following amendments:—Before “family” insert “employer’s”; and after “family” insert “related in the first or second degree by blood or marriage to the employer.”

Amendment 23 disagreed with.

Amendment 24 agreed to.

Amendment 25 disagreed with.

Amendments 26 to 29 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 30 agreed to with the following amendments:—Omit “this addition shall not” and insert “except so far as regards any person employed in a factory or work-room, nothing in this section shall”; omit “nearly”; after “related” insert “in the first or second degree”; and after “marriage” insert “to the employer.”

Amendment 31 agreed to with the following amendment:—Omit all the words after “Chief Inspector may” and insert the following:—“lay an information before the Court of Petty Sessions that the occupier has failed to comply with the provisions of this section and on such information may summon him to appear before the Court of Petty Sessions and show cause why the registration of such factory shall not be cancelled, and the Court of Petty Sessions, unless notified that such factory or work-room or such part thereof is not defective in any of the matters set forth in the notice sent by the Chief Inspector, shall make an order directing the cancellation of such registration.”

Amendments 32 and 33 disagreed with.

Amendment 34 agreed to.

Amendments 35 to 39 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendments 40 to 45 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 46 agreed to with the following amendments:—Omit “(a)” and insert “(1)”; after “furniture” insert “(a)”; omit “Act No. 1445” and insert “the *Factories and Shops Act 1896*”; omit “(d)” and insert “(2).”

Amendment 47 agreed to with the following amendment:—Omit “sub-clause” and insert “paragraph.”

Amendment 48 agreed to.

Amendment 49 disagreed with.

Amendment 50 agreed to.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to provide for the creation of a Corporate Body in which property belonging to the Congregational College of Victoria may be vested and for declaring the Trusts on which same is to be held*” without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th February, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to further amend the Local Government Act 1890*” without amendment.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th February, 1900.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th February, 1900.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to authorize the Shire of Preston to construct certain permanent Works and Undertakings in lieu of certain other permanent Works and Undertakings*,” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th February, 1900.

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

1. Preamble, line 6, omit "mayor" and insert "president."
2. ,, same line, omit "burgesses" and insert "ratepayers."
3. ,, line 7, omit "town" and insert "shire."
4. ,, lines 9 and 10, omit "Eight thousand and fourteen pounds" and insert "Seven thousand five hundred and eleven pounds nineteen shillings and twopence."
5. ,, line 11, after "whereas" insert "One thousand nine hundred and eighty-six pounds part of."
6. ,, line 12, omit "namely, the sum of One thousand nine hundred and eighty-six pounds."
7. ,, line 15, omit "balance" and insert "sum of One thousand nine hundred and eighty-six pounds."

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

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

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

1. Clause 6, at end of clause add the following new sub-clause :—
 - (2A) The term of any lease which is extended by the operation of this section shall not be so extended without the previous written approval of the Minister.
2. After clause 11 insert the following new clause :—
 - A. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Land Acts it shall not be lawful for the Governor in Council to issue a licence or perpetual lease of an agricultural allotment in the Mallee country or Mallee border unless such allotment is situated wholly within twenty-five miles of the Murray River or wholly within twenty-five miles of some line of railway existing at the time of the issue of such licence or perpetual lease.
 - (2) This section shall not affect any right to select an agricultural allotment out of any mallee allotment held under any lease in force at the commencement of this Act, although such agricultural allotment is not situated wholly within twenty-five miles of the Murray River or some line of railway as aforesaid.
3. Clause 12, line 36, omit "nine hundred and sixty" and insert "one thousand."
4. ,, lines 38 and 39, omit "nine hundred and sixty" and insert "one thousand."
5. Clause 20, omit this clause.
6. Clause 21, omit this clause.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendment 1 agreed to with the following amendments :—

After "any" insert "pastoral"; omit "which is extended by the operation of this section" and after "not" insert "notwithstanding the provisions of this section."

Amendments 2 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

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

9. WANDO VALE ESTATE PURCHASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McColl moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they desire a Free Conference on the subject-matter of the amendments made by the Legislative Council, and disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly or agreed to with amendments, in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Factories and Shops Acts,*" and that they have appointed seven Members of the Legislative Council to be Managers of the said Conference.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th February, 1900.

Mr. McLean moved, That the desire of the Legislative Council for a Free Conference on the subject-matter of the amendments made by the Legislative Council, and disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, or agreed to with amendments, in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Factories and Shops Acts*" be complied with, and that the following Members be appointed Managers of the Conference :—Mr. Irvine, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. McLean, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Trenwith, Sir George Turner, and Mr. Watt.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. McLean moved, That the Conference meet in the South Library to-morrow afternoon at a quarter to five o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have appointed seven Members to confer with a like number of Members of the Legislative Council on the subject-matter of the amendments made by the Legislative Council, and disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, or agreed to with amendments, and name the South Library as the place, and to-morrow afternoon at a quarter to five o'clock as the time, of meeting of the said Conference.

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th day of June, 1900, the sum of £1,665,320 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. Shiels and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

12. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Mr. Shiels 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 to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to State School Teachers.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 16th January, 1900.

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

15. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 5, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Salmon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill relating to State School Teachers.

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

16. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Salmon moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

And, after debate—

Motion for the adjournment of the debate, by leave, withdrawn.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

17. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—REPORT.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the following Report from the Select Committee upon Standing Orders having been read :—

The Select Committee upon Standing Orders have the honour to report to your Honourable House as follows :—

Your Committee have considered the question of the disposition of the fees paid to the Serjeant-at-Arms by the publishers of the *Age* and *Australasian* newspapers, pursuant to an Order of the House made on the 16th November, 1899, and have arrived at the following resolution :—

Your Committee are of opinion that, according to precedent, the fees should be retained by the Serjeant-at-Arms, and are further of opinion that some Standing Order should be adopted for guidance in such cases in future.

Speaker's Chambers,
24th January, 1900—

Sir John McIntyre moved, That the Report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

18. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 to 18 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 73.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The Clerk read the names of the Honorable Members appointed as Managers for the Legislative Assembly, who thereupon proceeded to the place named for the meeting of the Conference.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at fifty-five minutes past seven o'clock.
3. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the Order of Business on Wednesday in each week be suspended for this evening, so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS.—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session, so as to allow Government Business to be called on at any time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. HOUR OF MEETING ALTERED.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker again left the Chair, and resumed it at five minutes past eleven, when—
Mr. McLean reported that the Conference had met, and, after discussion, had adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock a.m.
7. WAR IN THE TRANSVAAL.—SECOND VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT.—Mr. McLean informed the House that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor had received the following cablegram sent by Lord Roberts, from Capetown :—
“ I had the great pleasure of personally welcoming here to-day the Victorian Mounted Rifles. I wish to express to Your Excellency my high appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has led our fellow subjects in Australia to send such a useful and workmanlike body of men to assist in restoring peace, order, and freedom in South Africa.”
8. RESOLUTION RESCINDED.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the resolution agreed to this day fixing the hour of meeting to-morrow at two o'clock p.m. be rescinded.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. HOUR OF MEETING ALTERED.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at ten o'clock a.m.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. AUSTRALASIAN FEDERAL CONSTITUTION VOTE.—Mr. Bromley moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of votes recorded on the 27th July, 1899, for the acceptance of the Australasian Federal Constitution as proposed to be amended, and the number of votes recorded for its rejection, at each polling place in the Colony of Victoria.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will be pleased to reject the Trading Coupons Abolition Bill, or otherwise will appoint a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the said Bill, were presented :—
By Mr. Beazley—
From certain persons residing in Victoria.
By Mr. Bromley—
From certain persons residing in Victoria.
From certain persons residing in Victoria.

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- By Mr. Gray—
From certain persons residing in Victoria.
- By Mr. Gurr—
From certain persons residing in Victoria.
From certain retail traders.
- By Mr. Manger—
From certain persons residing in Victoria.
- By Mr. Methven—
From certain persons residing in Victoria.
- By Mr. Sangster—
From certain persons residing in Victoria.
- By Mr. J. B. Tucker—
From certain persons residing in Victoria.
- By Mr. Watt—
From certain persons residing in Victoria.
- By Mr. H. R. Williams, for Sir George Turner—
From certain persons residing in Victoria.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

12. MUNICIPAL COUNCILS (MILITARY CONTINGENTS) CONTRIBUTION BILL.—Mr. Graham moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize municipal councils contributing towards Military Contingents for South Africa or any members thereof or their relatives.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Graham and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Graham then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize Municipal Councils contributing towards Military Contingents for South Africa or any members thereof or their relatives,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
13. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Salmon, and the same was read :—
- JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor. *Message No. 6.*
- In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the government, discipline, and maintenance of a Third Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty’s Regular Forces in South Africa.
- Government Offices,
Melbourne, 27th January, 1900.
- Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
14. VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL (No. 3).—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor’s Message, No. 6, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Salmon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.
On the motion of Mr. Salmon, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows :—
- Resolved*—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the government, discipline, and maintenance of a Third Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty’s Regular Forces in South Africa.
- And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Salmon and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Mr. Salmon then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the government discipline and maintenance of a Third Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty’s Regular Forces in South Africa,*” and moved, That it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 74.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that the House will be pleased to reject the Trading Coupons Abolition Bill, or otherwise will appoint a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the said Bill, was presented:—
By Mr. Trenwith—
From certain persons residing in Victoria.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—
Water Act 1890.—Upper Macedon Waterworks Trust.—Application for an Additional Loan of £100.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 14 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 15.
5. MUNICIPAL COUNCILS (MILITARY CONTINGENTS) CONTRIBUTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Graham, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amended title, which title is as follows:—
“ A Bill to authorize Contributions by Municipal Councils towards Military Contingents for South Africa or any members thereof or their relatives.”
On the motion of Mr. Graham, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Graham moved, That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Graham, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—FREE CONFERENCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and resumed it at four o'clock, when Mr. McLean brought up the following report:—
The Managers for the Legislative Assembly at the Free Conference appointed to be held between the two Houses on the subject-matter of the amendments made by the Legislative Council, and disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, or agreed to with amendments, in the Bill intituled “ *An Act to further amend the Factories and Shops Acts* ” met the Managers for the Legislative Council, and, after discussion, the Conference has arrived at an agreement upon all the points of difference between the two Houses.

The whole of the proposed amendments embodying the results of the Conference will be printed and circulated.

Your Managers desire now to report that the following amendments are recommended :—

1. That clause 13 be amended by the omission of the words "any building or place in which gas or electricity is prepared or produced."
2. That certain amendments be made in clause 16 whereby the Governor in Council may on the resolution of either House appoint Special Boards to be elected as prescribed.
3. That as regards the Clothing Trade there shall be only one Board.
4. That the question of fixing piece-work prices or rates in lieu of wages shall be decided by a Special Board on appeal by the employer.
5. That clause 36, relating to the compulsory half-holiday, shall be omitted.
6. That clause 41, limiting the hours of employment of male shop assistants, shall be made applicable to the Metropolitan district only.
7. That clause 43, giving power to the Governor in Council to limit the hours of employment for carters and carriers and providing for a weekly half-holiday, shall be made applicable to the Metropolitan district only.
8. That the Act shall remain in force for two years "and thence to the end of the next ensuing Session of Parliament."

7. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Clause 1, line 5, omit "1899" and insert "1900."

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

Clause 14, at the end of the clause add the words "Nothing herein contained shall be taken to affect or prejudice the right of any teacher to the increment he would have been entitled to but for the passing of this Act."

Mr. Salmon moved, That the word "January," in clause 7, line 18, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "March."

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Clause 15, line 12, after "first" insert "day."

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendments of the Legislative Assembly on the amendment of the Legislative Council in clause 6 in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3.

10. MEAT SUPERVISION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Clause 32, line 42, omit “twenty-four” and insert “forty-eight.”

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 12 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
12. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council with reference to certain of the amendments made in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments of the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

1. After clause 6 insert the following new clause :—

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| <p>A. (1) The Governor in Council may upon the application of any Waterworks Trust by Order declare that the district of any Waterworks Trust whether created before or after the commencement of this Act shall for the purpose of the election of commissioners of such Trust be divided into ridings, and may upon such application by Order fix the boundaries of such ridings, or from time to time alter such ridings and boundaries, and may upon such application at any time vary or repeal any such Order.</p> <p>(2) When any Order is made dividing any district into ridings such Order, except so far as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of enabling the commissioners for such ridings to be elected prior to such date, shall not take effect until a date fixed in such Order, when all the commissioners for the district whether elected or appointed shall go out of office.</p> <p>(3) In any such Order as aforesaid the Governor in Council shall determine the number of commissioners (whether one or more) of the Trust of the district so divided into ridings to be from time to time elected for each of such ridings and the period for which such commissioners shall hold office.</p> <p>(4) No person shall be eligible for election as a commissioner of a Waterworks Trust for any riding unless he be the owner or an occupier under lease of land situated within such riding, and no person except as aforesaid shall continue to be a commissioner of such Trust for such riding after he has ceased to be the owner or an occupier under lease of land within such riding.</p> <p>(5) The qualification for electors of commissioners of a Waterworks Trust for any riding and the number of votes in respect of such qualification shall be the same as the qualification provided for electors of commissioners in the last preceding section of this Act, save and except only that the land in respect of which the elector for a riding shall be qualified to vote shall be land within such riding, and if an elector possesses a qualification in respect of land situate in two or more ridings he shall be entitled to vote only in respect of the land within one riding, and he shall intimate to the returning officer for which riding he determines to exercise his franchise.</p> | <p>Division into ridings of Waterworks Districts.</p> <p>When Order to begin to take effect.</p> <p>Number and tenure of commissioners for each riding.
Comp. No. 1156 ss. 182, 191.</p> <p>Qualification of commissioners for riding.
Ib. ss. 192, 202.</p> <p>Qualification of electors for riding.</p> |
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Agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendments in sub-section (1):—
Lines 1, 2, and 3, omit “upon the application of any Waterworks Trust”;
line 8, omit “upon such application”;
line 11, omit “upon such application.”
Amendments disagreed with by the Council.

Amendments of the Legislative Council

How dealt with.

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| <p>(6) All the provisions of the Water Acts relating to commissioners of Waterworks Trusts, and relating to the election of such commissioners shall so far as is consistent with this section apply to commissioners of a Trust to be elected for a district divided into ridings under this section, and to the election of any such commissioners.</p> <p>(7) This section does not apply to urban divisions or to commissioners therefor.</p> | <p>Provisions of Principal Act to apply to commissioners of Trusts elected for ridings.</p> <p>Non-application to urban division.</p> | <p>Agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendments in sub-section (1):—
Lines 1, 2, and 3, omit “upon the application of any Waterworks Trust”; line 8, omit “upon such application”; line 11, omit “upon such application.”
Amendments disagreed with by the Council.</p> |
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2. Clause 36, omit sub-clause (1) and insert the following new sub-clause :—
- (1A) If it be proved to the satisfaction of the Minister that from any unforeseen cause it would be inequitable to require any Waterworks Trust to make the payments due in any year to the Redemption Fund, and also to pay the interest due in any year on the whole amount of its indebtedness, the Minister may recommend the Treasurer to suspend for any period not exceeding one year in whole or in part the said payments to such Redemption Fund and payment of such interest.
3. ” sub-clause (2), at end of sub-clause add :—“ Provided that the Governor in Council shall not make any such Order in Council while and so long as the amount suspended under any previous Order in Council remains unpaid.”
4. Clause 58, after sub-clause (4) insert the following new sub-clause :—
- (4A) In any case where under the Water Acts any property is chargeable with rates to any Trust the secretary of such Trust shall upon the application of any person in writing addressed to such secretary stating in such application the particulars of the property in respect of which information is required as to the rates due or payable thereon and upon payment of a fee of One shilling forthwith sign and give to such applicant or send by registered letter by post to the person so applying (whose name and address shall be stated in such application) a certificate in writing signed by such secretary, in which certificate it shall be stated what (if any) rates are due or payable to such Trust in respect of such property with the particulars of such rates and when the same became due or payable or that no such rates are then due or payable as the case may be. The production of such certificate so signed shall for all purposes whatsoever be deemed conclusive proof that at the date thereof no rates were due or payable to such Trust other than those stated in such certificate in respect of such property.
5. Clause 79, line 32, after “ may ” insert “ upon the application of any Trust.”
6. ” line 35, after “ may ” insert “ upon such application.”
7. ” line 37, after “ may ” insert “ upon such application.”
8. Clause 126, after sub-clause (4) insert the following new sub-clause :—
- (4A) In any case where under the Water Acts any property is chargeable with rates to any Trust the secretary of such Trust shall upon the application of any person in writing addressed to such secretary stating in such application the particulars of the property in respect of which information is required as to the rates due or payable thereon and upon payment of a fee of One shilling forthwith sign and give to such applicant or send by registered letter by post
- Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.

Amendments of the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

to the person so applying (whose name and address shall be stated in such application) a certificate in writing signed by such secretary, in which certificate it shall be stated what (if any) rates are due or payable to such Trust in respect of such property with the particulars of such rates and when the same became due or payable or that no such rates are then due or payable as the case may be. The production of such certificate so signed shall for all purposes whatsoever be deemed conclusive proof that at the date thereof no rates were due or payable to such Trust other than those stated in such certificate in respect of such property.

9. Clause 130, omit sub-clause (1) and insert the following new sub-clause :—

(1A) If it be proved to the satisfaction of the Minister that from any unforeseen cause it would be inequitable to require any Waterworks Trust to make the payments due in any year to the Redemption Fund, and also to pay the interest due in any year on the whole amount of its indebtedness, the Minister may recommend the Treasurer to suspend for any period not exceeding one year in whole or in part the said payments to such Redemption Fund and payment of such interest.

10. Clause 130, sub-clause (2), at end of sub-clause add :—“Provided that the Governor in Council shall not make any such Order in Council while and so long as the amount suspended under any previous Order in Council remains unpaid.”

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

And, after debate—

Amendment 1—Amendments of the Legislative Assembly to omit certain words in new clause A insisted on, but the following further amendment made :—In place of the words “upon the application of any Waterworks Trust” omitted insert the words “upon a petition by not less than one-fourth of the persons liable to be rated.”

Amendment 2—Disagreement not insisted on.

Amendment 3—Disagreement insisted on.

Amendment 4—Disagreement not insisted on, but new sub-clause (4A) agreed to with the following amendments :—Line 3, omit “secretary of such”; line 5, before “secretary” omit “such” and insert “the”; line 9, omit “sign” and insert “procure”; lines 13 and 14, omit “signed by such secretary” and insert “under the seal of the Trust”; line 20, omit “signed” and insert “sealed.”

Amendment 5—Disagreement not insisted on, but amendment agreed to, with the following further amendment :—Omit “upon the application of any Trust” and insert “upon a petition by not less than one-fourth of the persons liable to be rated.”

Amendments 6 and 7—Disagreement insisted on.

Amendment 8—Disagreement not insisted on, but new sub-clause (4A) agreed to with the following amendments :—Line 3, omit “secretary of such”; line 5, before “secretary” omit “such” and insert “the”; line 9, omit “sign” and insert “procure”; line 20, omit “signed” and insert “sealed.”

Amendment 9—Disagreement not insisted on.

Amendment 10—Disagreement insisted on.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly insist on their amendments in new clause A disagreed with by the Legislative Council, but have made a further amendment in the said clause; that they insist on disagreeing with some of the amendments in the Bill made and insisted on by the Legislative Council, but do not insist on disagreeing with others of the said amendments, and that they have made amendments in some of the amendments insisted on by the Legislative Council, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 14 and 16, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 75.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will be pleased to reject the Trading Coupons Abolition Bill, or otherwise will appoint a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the said Bill, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Kirton—
 - From certain retail traders.
 - From certain persons residing in Victoria.
 - By Mr. R. Murray Smith—
 - From certain persons residing in Victoria.
 - By Mr. Taverner, for Mr. Best—
 - From certain persons residing in Victoria.

Mr. Taverner presented a Petition from certain farmers and settlers in the Mallee, from the River Murray to Sea Lake, Cronomby, and Lake Albacutya (and intermediate districts), praying that the House will be pleased to carefully consider their Petition, and that as the result of its deliberations the Tooleybuc Water Supply Scheme will be approved of and its immediate construction ordered.

Severally ordered to lie on the table.

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

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 76.

TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY.—Mr. Kennedy, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee upon the Leongatha Labour Colony; together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. McLean presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria for the year 1898—
Appendix to Part IV.—Population.—Municipal Finances.
Part IX.—Social Condition.

Mr. McLean presented—

Australasian Federal Constitution Vote.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 7th February, 1900, for a return showing the number of votes recorded on the 27th July, 1899, for the acceptance of the Australasian Federal Constitution as proposed to be amended, and the number of votes recorded for its rejection, at each polling place in the Colony of Victoria.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Trust Funds Act 1897.—Statement of Transactions under the *Trust Funds Act* 1897, No. 1531, between the Treasurer and the Trustees, during the year ended the 30th June, 1899.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 9, 10, and 11.
5. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council with reference to the amendments made by the Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

Amendments of the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

1. Clause 7, lines 32-4, omit "employed in coasting only or actually trading between any port of Victoria and of any of the colonies of New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, or Western Australia" and insert "carrying cargo loaded in any port of the colonies of Australia, Tasmania, or New Zealand and intended to be landed in Victoria."

Agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendment:—Omit the last word "Victoria" and insert "any of such colonies."

Amendment of Assembly agreed to by the Council with the following further amendment:—Omit "of such colonies" and insert "port in Victoria, or loaded in any port in Victoria, and intended to be landed in any port in the colonies of Australia, Tasmania, or New Zealand."

2. " lines 43 and 44, omit "the property of such owner or."

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

Amendment 1—Amendment of the Legislative Council on the amendment of the Legislative Assembly agreed to.

Amendment 2—Disagreement not insisted on, but amendment of the Legislative Council agreed to with the following consequential amendments :—

Clause 7, line 43, omit “such” and insert “the”; line 44, after “owner” insert “so convicted,” and after “master” insert “so convicted.”

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the further amendment of the Legislative Council on the amendment of the Legislative Assembly on the Council’s amendment in clause 7, and do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in the same clause, but have agreed to the same with further amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

6. HAWKERS AND PEDLERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments of the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.
Clause 2, line 10, omit “during the last two years.”	} Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.
” line 11, omit “twelve” and insert “three.”	
” same line, omit “Victoria” and insert “Australasia; and.”	
” sub-clause (b), omit this sub-clause.	

Mr. McLean moved, That this House do insist on disagreeing with the amendments made by the Legislative Council.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

7. MUNICIPAL VALUATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read—Mr. T. Smith moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 4.

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

10. LICENCES VALIDATING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments and with an amended title, which title is as follows :—

“*A Bill to validate certain Licences and for other purposes.*”

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3, Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive, and No. 12 be postponed until to-morrow.
12. **HEIDELBERG AND ELTHAM RAILWAY.**—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the Government should proceed without further delay to construct the line of railway from Heidelberg to Eltham, as authorized by the *Heidelberg and Eltham Railway Construction Act 1893*.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
13. **LIMITATION OF BUSINESS.—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.**—Mr. McLean moved, by leave That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for this evening so as to allow General Business to be called on up to half-past eleven o'clock.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
14. **RAILWAY PENSIONERS.**—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that all those railway pensioners who were discharged prior to 1895, and who are in receipt of less than £30 per annum, should have their pensions increased to that amount.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
15. **CITIZEN SOLDIERS ENROLMENT BILL.**—Mr. Anderson moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the purpose of giving opportunity to the citizens between the ages of 17 and 45 years to enrol as soldiers of the Queen for defence purposes.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That Mr. Anderson and Mr. Gillott do prepare and bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Anderson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the purpose of giving opportunity to the Citizens between the Ages of Seventeen and Forty-five Years to enrol as Soldiers of the Queen for defence purposes,*" and moved, That it now be read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
16. **MINISTERS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES.**—Mr. White moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Methven, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The expenses incurred by ex-Ministers in travelling to Europe and adjoining colonies during the present Parliament.
 2. The cost to the colony of Victoria of the Greater Britain, or Earl's Court, Exhibition.
 Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, as an amendment, That the word "ex-Ministers" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Ministers."
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.
 Question—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Question—That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The expenses incurred by Ministers in travelling to Europe and adjoining colonies during the present Parliament.
 2. The cost to the colony of Victoria of the Greater Britain, or Earl's Court, Exhibition—
 put and resolved in the affirmative.
17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 15 inclusive and Nos. 17 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
18. **COMPANIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—
 Mr. Speaker said—In my opinion this is a Private Bill.
 Mr. Brown moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Brown moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And, on the further motion of Mr. Brown, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment.
 On the motion of Mr. Brown, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Brown moved, That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Brown, read a third time.
 On the motion of Mr. Brown, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill:—
 Clause 1, line 5, omit "1899" and insert "1900."
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

19. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the Order of Business on Wednesday in each week be suspended to-morrow evening, so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 77.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **DEMPSTER RAILWAY CARRIAGE LIGHT.**—Mr. Hamilton moved, by leave, That the question of the suitability, running cost, and safety of the Dempster railway carriage light for use on branch lines be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Anderson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.
3. **PETITION.**—Mr. Higgins presented a Petition from John Robertson, of Moonce Ponds, praying that the House will take proper steps to investigate the nature of money, that the money law of this country may be reformed.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. McLean, and the same was read:—

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 7.

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at the Law Courts, 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 sanction the issue and application of certain sums of Money for Water Supply in Country Districts.”
- “An Act to indemnify the Councillors of various Municipalities for borrowing Moneys by Overdrafts on Bankers for the purposes of their Municipalities contrary to the provisions of the ‘Local Government Act 1890.’”
- “An Act to authorize the Expenditure of certain sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways.”
- “An Act to further amend the ‘Mining Development Act 1896.’”
- “An Act to further amend the ‘Railway and Public Works Loan Application Act 1898.’”
- “An Act to provide for the Sale of certain Lands set apart as a Site for a Mechanics’ Institute at Hamilton.”
- “An Act to revive continue and amend the Income Tax Acts and declare the Rates of Income Tax thereunder for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred.”
- “An Act to further amend the ‘Local Government Act 1890.’”
- “An Act to provide for the creation of a Corporate Body in which property belonging to the Congregational College of Victoria may be vested and for declaring the Trusts on which same is to be held.”

Law Courts,
Melbourne, 8th February, 1900.

5. LAND ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker reported that he had this day received from the Clerk of the Parliaments a letter, which he read and is as follows :—

Parliament House,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

SIR,
I do myself the honour to report, in conformity with the Joint Standing Order No. 21, that the following clerical error has been discovered in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts*":—In clause 18, line 27, the words "as to" have been inserted instead of the words "to as."

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

To the Honorable the Speaker, &c., &c., &c.

On the motion of Mr. McColl, the House agreed that the above error be corrected by the insertion in line 27 of clause 18 of the words "to as" instead of the words "as to."

Ordered—That the letter of the Clerk of the Parliaments be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message requesting them to concur in the correction of the foregoing error.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the acquisition by the State of certain land in the County of Dundas known as the Wando Vale Estate*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize Contributions by Municipal Councils towards Military Contingents for South Africa or any members thereof or their relatives*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

1. In the title, after "Councils" insert "Banks and other bodies."
2. Clause 2, line 10, after "municipality" insert "and for any bank and any incorporated company or friendly society or institute carrying on business in Victoria to apply out of its funds."
3. " at end of the clause add "or relatives dependent on them or in aid of the Patriotic Fund for the South African War or in aid of any funds raised for the above-mentioned purposes."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendment 1 agreed to.

Amendment 2 agreed to with the following amendments :—

After "bank" omit "and" and insert "or"; after "company" omit "or friendly society or institute."

Amendment 3 agreed to.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to prohibit Indecent or Obscene Advertisements*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

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

9. **CYANIDE PATENT RIGHTS.**—Mr. Outtrim moved, pursuant to notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolution :—

That it is desirable to complete the Conditional Agreement set out in recent correspondence between the Honorable the Minister of Mines and the Australian Gold Recovery Company Limited with regard to the purchase by the Government of the said company's cyanide patent rights in Victoria.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

10. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to 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 to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

11. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Factories and Shops Acts*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the recommendations of the Free Conference on the said Bill, with which the Legislative Council now desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

And the said recommendations were read and are as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
2. Clause 4, line 23, after "year" insert "provided nevertheless that such apprentices may be taken on probation for a term not exceeding three months, and at or before the expiration of such time they shall either be discharged or be bound by indentures of apprenticeship or be employed under a written agreement as hereinbefore provided in this section."	Disagreed with.	2. Council not to insist.
3. Clause 7, line 15, after "boiler" insert "except a steam boiler not used for operating a steam-engine."	Disagreed with.	3. Council not to insist, but instead of its amendment to propose the following amendment :—In clause 7, after "certificate," in line 16, add "nothing in this section shall apply to any steam boiler not used for operating a steam-engine if the same be in charge of an adult person."
6. Clause 13, lines 10–16, omit "words 'working in any handicraft or in preparing or manufacturing articles for trade or sale' the following words shall be added :— 'and shall include any building or place in which gas or electricity is prepared or produced' and any clay-pit or quarry worked or used in connexion with any pottery or brickyard ; (b) in the same sub-section after the."	Disagreed with.	6. Council not to insist, and the following amendments to be substituted :— Clause 13, lines 12 and 13, omit "any building or place in which gas or electricity is prepared or produced' and"; line 14, after "connexion with" insert "and occupied by the occupier of."

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
<p>7. Clause 16, sub-clause (1), omit this sub-clause and insert the following new sub-clause:—</p> <p>(1a) In order to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing either inside or outside a factory or work-room any particular articles of clothing or wearing apparel or furniture or for bread making or baking or to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in any process trade or business usually or frequently carried on in a factory or work-room or employed in the process trade or business of a butcher or seller of meat or maker or seller of small goods the Governor in Council may if he think fit from time to time appoint a Special Board consisting of not less than four or more than ten members elected as may be prescribed and a chairman, and may at any time remove any member of the Special Board and may appoint any person so elected to fill any vacancy occurring in such Special Board in the same way as on the original appointment. In fixing such lowest prices or rates the Special Board shall take into consideration the nature kind and class of the work and the mode and manner in which the work is to be done and the age and the sex of the workers and any matter which may from time to time be prescribed. Provided that no such Special Board shall be so appointed except for the process trade or business of a butcher or seller of meat or maker or seller of small goods and except in the case of any trade or business which at the commencement of this Act is not included under the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts as regards Special Boards unless petitions signed respectively by at least one-half of the employers and employes of such trade or business be presented to the Minister asking for a Special Board to be appointed in respect to such trade or business.</p>	Disagreed with.	<p>7. Council to insist, but now to propose to amend its amendment by omitting therefrom "and may appoint any person so elected to fill any vacancy occurring in such Special Board in the same way as on the original appointment"; and also by omitting "not" before "included"; and also by omitting all words from "petitions signed" to end of amendment and substituting therefor "a resolution has been passed by either House of Parliament declaring that it is expedient to appoint such Special Board."</p>

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
8. Clause 16, page 5, line 24, omit "Board" and insert "Boards."	Disagreed with.	8. Council not to insist.
9. Clause 16, same page, lines 24-6, omit "the representa- tives of the employers shall consist of three representa- tives of makers of ready- made clothing and two of makers of order clothing" and insert "one Board shall be appointed for ready-made clothing and one Board for order clothing."	Disagreed with.	9. Council not to insist.
10. Clause 16, same page, after sub-clause (2) insert the fol- lowing new sub-clause :— (2a) If the number of persons nominated as representa- tives of employers or em- ployés (as the case may be) does not exceed the num- ber of persons to be elected the persons nominated shall be deemed and taken to have been elected and shall be appointed accord- ingly to be members of the Special Board.	Disagreed with.	10. Assembly to agree.
11. Clause 16, same page, sub- clause (3), omit this sub- clause.	Disagreed with.	11. Council not to insist, but now to pro- pose to amend sub-clause (3) by adding in line 36, after "aforesaid," the words "and such person shall be so appointed for the unexpired portion of the term of office of the member who dies or resigns or is removed."
13. Clause 16, page 8, line 14, omit "may disallow the same or."	Disagreed with.	13. Council not to insist on its amend- ment, but in lieu thereof to propose that sub-clause (17) of clause 16 be omitted and the following new sub- clause (17) be substituted :— (17) Any employer who pursuant to such determination fixes and pays piece-work prices or rates shall base such piece-work prices or rates on the earnings of an average worker working under like conditions to those for which the piece-work prices or rates are fixed and who is paid by time at the wages rates fixed by such Special Board. Every such employer shall if required by the Chief Inspector so to do forward a statement of such prices or rates to the Chief In- spector, who if he thinks fit may give notice in writing to such employer that he disagrees with such prices or rates or any of them, and if requested in writing by the employer so to do within one week the Chief Inspector shall refer the same to a Special Board which may disallow the same and may fix the prices or rates which in its opinion should have been paid

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
13. Clause 16, page 8, line 14, omit "may disallow the same or."	Disagreed with.	by such employer in respect of the matters referred to it. If the prices or rates so fixed by the Board are higher than the prices or rates so fixed and paid by the employer the em- ployer shall pay to each of the employés in respect of the period between such notice of the Chief Inspector and the determination of the Board an amount equal to twice the difference between the prices or rates fixed and paid by him and the prices or rates fixed by the Special Board. Until such notice as afore- said shall have been given by the Chief Inspector such prices or rates shall be deemed to have been duly fixed. If the employer does not within one week after the Chief In- spector has given him notice as aforesaid request a refer- ence of the prices or rates to a Special Board, the prices or rates so disagreed with by the Chief Inspector shall as from the date of such notice be deemed not to be duly fixed.
15. Clause 16, same page, line 22, omit "Chief Inspector or."	Disagreed with.	15. Assembly to agree.
21. Clause 17, omit this clause and insert the following new clause:— C. (1) For the purpose of de- ciding whether at least one- half in number of employers in any process trade or busi- ness have signed a petition asking for a Special Board to be appointed the register kept by the Chief Inspector in accordance with section nine of the Principal Act may be used, and none but employers registered there- in as carrying on the process trade or business affected shall be counted in computing such third. (2) For the purpose of de- ciding whether at least one- half in number of employés in any process trade or busi- ness have signed a petition asking for a Special Board to be appointed the Minis- ter may accept as the correct number of all em- ployés the number stated to be employed in the process trade or business affected as set out in the last pub- lished annual report of the Chief Inspector or may decide the matter on any other evidence which may appear to him to be satis- factory.	Disagreed with.	21. Council to insist on omitting clause 17, but not to insist on inserting new clause C.

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
<p>(3) The Governor in Council may make regulations requiring employers in any process trade or business to forward such information as may be necessary to determine whether the requisite number of employes have petitioned for the appointment of a Special Board under this section, and such regulations may impose penalties not exceeding Five pounds for any failure to comply with such regulations.</p> <p>(4) The Minister's decision as to whether at least one-half in number of employers or employes in any process trade or business have or have not asked for the appointment of a Special Board shall be final and shall not be subject to be questioned or reviewed in any court of law or otherwise howsoever.</p>	Disagreed with.	21. Council to insist on omitting clause 17, but not to insist on inserting new clause C.
22. Clause 20, line 1, after "where" insert "any person other than members of the family are employed in."	Agreed to with the following amendments:— Before "family" insert "employer's"; and after "family" insert "related in the first or second degree by blood or marriage to the employer."	22. Council to agree to Assembly's amendments.
23. Clause 25, line 11, after "title" insert "which shall be descriptive of the trade."	Disagreed with.	23. Council not to insist.
25. Clause 28, lines 29-31, omit "and the Governor in Council without any previous notice or election appoints some person to fill the vacancy such person" and insert "the person appointed to fill such vacancy."	Disagreed with.	25. Council not to insist on its amendment, but instead thereof now to propose to omit clause 28.
30. Clause 31, at end of clause add "Provided that this addition shall not apply to any member of the employer's family nearly related one to the other by blood or marriage."	Agreed to with the following amendments:— Omit "this addition shall not" and insert "except so far as regards any person employed in a factory or work-room nothing in this section shall"; omit "nearly"; after "related" insert "in the first or second degree"; and after "marriage" insert "to the employer."	30. Council to agree to Assembly's amendments.

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
31. Clause 32, at end of clause add "and in sub-section (2) of the same section all words after 'work-room' where it first occurs are hereby repealed and the words 'the Chief Inspector may take proceedings before the local court of petty sessions for the cancellation of the registration of such or any part of such factory or work-room' are hereby inserted."	Agreed to with the following amendment:—Omit all the words after "Chief Inspector may" and insert "lay an information before the court of petty sessions that the occupier has failed to comply with the provisions of this section, and on such information may summon him to appear before the court of petty sessions and show cause why the registration of such factory should not be cancelled, and the court of petty sessions unless notified that such factory or work-room or such part thereof is not defective in any of the matters set forth in the notice sent by the Chief Inspector shall make an order directing the cancellation of such registration."	31. Council to agree to Assembly's amendment with the following amendments:—Omit "notified" in line 28 of Assembly's amendment and insert "satisfied"; and at end of amendment add "are hereby inserted."
32. Clause 36, omit this clause.	Disagreed with.	32. Assembly to agree.
33. Clause 41, omit this clause.	Disagreed with.	33. Council to insist on omitting clause 41, but in lieu of such clause now to propose the following new clause:— AA. In sub-section (1) of section forty-one of the <i>Factories and Shops Act 1896</i> for the words "a person under sixteen years of age or a woman or girl shall not" there shall be substituted the words— “(a) No person within the Metropolitan district other than a person employed solely as a carter or porter or night watchman; and “(b) No person in any part of Victoria wherever the provisions of the <i>Factories and Shops Acts</i> which relate to shops apply being under the age of sixteen years and no woman or girl, shall”; and in sub-section (2) of the said section the words "under the age of sixteen years or woman or girl" and the words "woman or girl" are hereby repealed.

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
35. Clause 43, paragraph (a), omit this paragraph.	} Disagreed with.	35 to 39. Council not to insist on its amendments, but now to propose in lieu thereof the omission of clause 43 and the substitution of the following new clause:—
36. Clause 43, line 23, omit "so."		BB. The Governor in ^{Limitation of hours of} Council may in the ^{carriers and} manner prescribed by ^{carters.} section sixty-three of the Principal Act make regulations to have effect within the Metropolitan district—
37. Clause 43, same line, after "employed" insert "in the Metropolitan district as a carrier or carter of any goods wares merchandise or materials whatsoever in connexion with a factory or work-room or shop or in assisting any such carrier or carter."		(a) limiting the total number of hours in the week during which any person may be employed for wages as a carrier or carter in carrying or delivering in the ordinary course of business any goods wares merchandise or materials whatsoever to or from a factory or work-room or shop or in assisting any such carrier or carter ; and
38. Clause 43, line 24, after "half-holiday" insert "at such hours as may be specified in such regulation as may be made by the Governor in Council from time to time."		(b) providing that every person whomsoever so employed shall have a half-holiday on some day in each week (other than a Sunday) during such hours as may be specified in such regulation. This paragraph shall not apply to any person employed in delivering bread.
39. Clause 43, lines 25-7, omit "from the hour of One o'clock in the afternoon or if the regulations so specify from the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon."	} Agreed to with the following amendments:— Omit "(a)" and insert "(1)"; after "furniture" insert "(a)"; omit "Act No. 1445" and insert "the <i>Factories and Shops Act 1896</i> "; omit "(d)" and insert "(2)."	46. Council to agree to Assembly's amendments.
46. After clause 48 insert the following new clause:— A. (a) The stamps upon all furniture imported into Victoria for sale ; or (b) manufactured in Victoria for sale solely by European labour ; or (c) manufactured in Victoria for sale partly by European labour and partly by the labour of persons other than Chinese shall be of an oblong shape and shall each (as the case may be) contain the words as specified in the preceding section and in section fifty - seven of Act No. 1445 ; (d) the stamps upon all furniture manufactured in Victoria for sale solely or partly by the labour of any Chinese person or on the premises of any Chinese employer shall be triangular in shape and shall contain the words "Chinese labour."		

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with by the Legislative Assembly.	Recommendations of Free Conference.
<p>47. After clause 49 insert the following new clause :— D. In section fifty-four of the <i>Factories and Shops Act</i> 1896 the following sub-clause shall be added :— “For prescribing where the stamp shall be placed on each class or kind of furniture.”</p>	<p>Agreed to with the following amendment :— Omit “sub-clause” and insert “paragraph.”</p>	<p>47. Council to agree to Assembly’s amendment.</p>
<p>49. Clause 52, line 25, omit “three” and insert “two.”</p>	<p>Disagreed with.</p>	<p>49. Assembly to agree, but now to propose that in line 25 of clause 52, after the word “Act,” there be inserted the following words :—“and thence until the end of the next ensuing Session of Parliament.”</p>

Mr. McLean moved, That this House concur with the Legislative Council in agreeing to the recommendations of the Free Conference on the said Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have concurred with the Legislative Council in agreeing to the recommendations of the Free Conference on the said Bill.

12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled “*An Act for the proper supervision of the Slaughtering of Animals and the Sale of Meat and for other purposes.*”

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act relating to State School Teachers,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

And the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Insert the following new clause :—

A. (1) For a period of six years from the commencement of this Act any fifth class teacher who is recorded on the first division of the transfer list for reinstatement in a fifth class position shall be eligible to apply for advertised sixth class schools without loss of pay or reduction in classification. Provided that not more than one-third of the vacancies so advertised in each year shall be filled by fifth class teachers applying under the provisions of this sub-section.

Eligibility of
certain fifth
class teachers
for sixth class
schools.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) of this section where any fifth class teacher applies for such a vacancy in the terms of section six of the *Teachers Act* 1895 then such teacher will have precedence for any appointment so applied for.

And the said amendment was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.

14. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to Hawkers and Pedlars,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council still insist on their amendments with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

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Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Mr. McLean moved, That the Bill intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to Hawkers and Pedlars*” be now laid aside.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill laid aside.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until this day.

16. COMPANIES (RULES AND ORDERS) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Irvine, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.

17. INDECENT OR OBSCENE ADVERTISEMENTS PROHIBITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. In the title, omit “prohibit Indecent or Obscene Advertisements” and insert “amend the *Crimes Act 1891.*”

2. Clause 1, omit “*Indecent Publications Act 1899*” and insert “*Crimes Act 1900*, and this Act and the *Crimes Act 1890* and any amendment of the same may be cited together as the *Crimes Acts.*”

3. Clause 8, line 47, after “prosecution” insert “No such written authority shall be given for prosecuting any person for distributing or sending by post or assisting in distributing or sending by post any newspaper containing any picture or advertisement or any printed or written matter in the nature of an advertisement which picture or advertisement or matter is of an indecent or obscene nature unless the offender has been previously warned in writing by a member of the police force that he will be prosecuted under this Act if after such warning he distributes or sends by post or assists in distributing or sending by post a copy of any specified newspaper (whether published before or after such warning) containing any specified picture or advertisement or printed or written matter in the nature of an advertisement which picture advertisement or matter is of an indecent or obscene nature or containing any picture or advertisement or matter of a like nature or effect as such specified picture advertisement or matter.”

Distributors to be warned of intended prosecution.

4. Insert the following new clause :—

A. Any newspaper which contains any picture or advertisement or printed or written matter in the nature of an advertisement which picture advertisement or matter is of an indecent or obscene nature and any picture or advertisement or printed or written matter which is of an indecent or obscene nature shall not be imported or brought into Victoria, and shall be included among goods prohibited to be imported as if they were specified in section 49 of the *Customs Act 1890.*

Importation of newspapers containing indecent advertisements prohibited.

And the said amendments were read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.

18. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 CONTINUATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Graham, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Graham, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.

19. BAILIWICKS BOUNDARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Irvine, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

20. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Companies Act 1890,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

And the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Omit the Schedule and insert the following new Schedule :—

DAIRYING COMPANIES.

1. The Hansen Dairy Company Limited.
2. South Gippsland Creamery and Butter Factory Company Limited.
3. Strathbogie Dairy Company Limited.
4. The Euroa Butter and Ice Factory Company Limited.
5. The Swanpool and Moorngag Butter-making Dairy Co-operative Company Limited.
6. The Benalla Dairy and Farm Produce Company Limited.
7. The Wilby and District Butter Factory Company Limited.
8. Tungamah Butter and Cheese Factory Limited.
9. Broadford Dairying Company Limited.
10. The Caniambo and Gowangardie Creamery Butter and Cheese Factory Company Limited.
11. Kongwak Co-operative Butter Factory Company Limited.
12. Tamleugh and Karamomus Butter Factory Company Limited.
13. The Thoona Butter Factory Company Limited.
14. The Ovens and Murray Dairy Company Limited.
15. The Alexandra Dairy Company Limited.
16. The Mornington Butter Factory Company Limited.
17. The Sheep Hills District Creamery Company Limited.
18. Orbost Butter and Produce Company Limited.
19. The Poowong Butter Factory Company Limited.
20. The Framlingham and Ellerslie Cheese and Butter Factory Company Limited.
21. The Willung Cream and Butter Factory Limited.
22. Tragowel Cheese Factory Company Limited.
23. The Buninyong Butter Factory Company Limited.
24. Winton Co-operative Butter Factory and General Store Company Limited.
25. The Glengary Co-operative Creamery Company Limited.
26. Koonda Butter and Cheese Factory Company Limited.
27. The Trafalgar Co-operative Butter and Cheese Factory Company Limited.

And the said amendment was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment.

21. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend 'The Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

And the said amendment was read and is as follows :—

Clause 2, omit this clause and insert the following new clause :—

- A. From and after the 31st day of March, 1900, section 62 of the Act No. 765 shall be repealed and the following shall be substituted therefor and be read as part of the said Act, viz., "The days of labour of any person employed by the company as a driver or conductor of any tramcar or of the animals working any tramcar shall be eight hours, but any person so employed may work for the company overtime for a special rate of wages at one-fourth more per hour than the ordinary hourly rate of wages for the time being paid to such person. Provided that no person so employed shall in any case work for the company more than sixty hours in any one week, and the company shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds for each and every breach of this section."

And the said amendment was read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendment of the Legislative Council agreed to with the addition of the following proviso :—

"Provided further that forty-eight hours shall be the ordinary working time in each week."

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

22. **CYANIDE PATENT RIGHTS.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole House of the Conditional Agreement for the purchase by the Government of the cyanide patent rights in Victoria of the Australian Gold Recovery Company Limited having been read—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

And having continued to sit till after twelve of the clock—

THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

On the motion of Mr. Outtrim, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Beazley reported from a Committee of the whole House a certain resolution, which was read and is as follows:—

Resolved—That it is desirable to complete the Conditional Agreement set out in recent correspondence between the Honorable the Minister of Mines and the Australian Gold Recovery Company Limited with regard to the purchase by the Government of the said company's cyanide patent rights in Victoria.

And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

23. **CYANIDE PATENT RIGHTS PURCHASE BILL.**—Mr. Outtrim moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill authorizing the State to acquire certain patent and other rights relating to the extraction of gold and silver by the cyanide process.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Outtrim and Mr. Irvine do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Outtrim then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill authorizing the State to acquire certain Patent and other Rights relating to the Extraction of Gold and Silver by the Cyanide Process,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Outtrim, read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

24. **WALHALLA RAILWAY.**—Mr. Outtrim moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting Walhalla by a railway, either on a broad or narrow gauge, with the existing railway system be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Methven moved, as an amendment, That the words "and the question of constructing a railway from Traralgon to Currajung" be inserted after the word "system."

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—That the question of connecting Walhalla by a railway, either on a broad or narrow gauge, with the existing railway system be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report—put and resolved in the affirmative.

25. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in correcting the clerical error reported by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Land Acts.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to validate certain Licences and for other purposes*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Supreme Court Act 1890' with regard to the Boundaries of the Eastern and Central Bailiwicks*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the further amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on an amendment of the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Marine Act 1890.'*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly on an amendment of the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize Contributions by Municipal Councils towards Military Contingents for South Africa or any members thereof or their relatives.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

26. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Water Act 1890,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to some of the amendments of the Legislative Assembly on amendments of the Legislative Council, and have agreed to other amendments of the Legislative Assembly on amendments of the Legislative Council with amendments, and still insist on some of their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendments be printed and taken into consideration this day.

27. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend 'The Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have disagreed with the amendment made in such Bill by the Legislative Assembly on an amendment of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 14th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

And the said amendment was read and is as follows:—

Amendment of the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Clause 2, omit this clause and insert the following new clause:—

A. From and after the 31st day of March, 1900, section 62 of the Act No. 765 shall be repealed and the following shall be substituted therefor and be read as part of the said Act, viz.:—"The days of labour of any person employed by the company as a driver or conductor of any tramcar or of the animals working any tramcar shall be eight hours, but any person so employed may work for the company overtime for a special rate of wages at one-fourth more per hour than the ordinary hourly rate of wages for the time being paid to such person. Provided that no person so employed shall in any case work for the company more than sixty hours in any one week, and the company shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds for each and every breach of this section."

Agreed to by the Assembly, with the addition of the following proviso:—"Provided further that forty-eight hours shall be the ordinary working time in each week."

Mr. Beazley moved, That this House do not insist on its amendment on the amendment made by the Legislative Council, but agree to the following further amendment in lieu thereof:—At the end of new clause A add the words "Provided further that each employé shall have one day's rest out of each seven days."

Debate ensued.

Mr. McBride moved, That the words "if they make application for it" be added to the proposed amendment.

Debate continued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added to the amendment proposed by Mr. Beazley be so added—put and negatived.

Question—That this House do not insist on its amendment on the amendment made by the Legislative Council, but agree to the following further amendment in lieu thereof :—At the end of new clause A add the words “Provided further that each employé shall have one day’s rest out of each seven days”—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on its amendment on the amendment made by the Legislative Council, but have made a further amendment in lieu thereof, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

28. VICTORIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT BILL (No. 3.)—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Salmon moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Salmon moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Salmon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Beazley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Salmon, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Salmon moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—

Mr. Salmon moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

29. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act authorizing the State to acquire certain Patent and other Rights relating to the Extraction of Gold and Silver by the Cyanide Process,*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th February, 1900.

And the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

1. Clause 2, before “The terms” insert “Subject to the provisions of this Act.”

2. Insert the following new clause :—

A. Notwithstanding anything herein contained this Act shall not take effect until and unless the company enter into an agreement with the Minister of Mines to permit the Minister to exercise and enforce within Victoria on behalf of Her Majesty all the rights of the company under letters patent in Victoria dated the twenty-fourth day of August One thousand eight hundred and ninety-three and numbered 10756 and letters patent dated the tenth day of July One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four and numbered 11497 and letters patent dated the twelfth day of June One thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and numbered 12265.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendment 1 agreed to.

Amendment 2 agreed to with the following amendments:—After “11497” insert “for a period of five years from the passing of this Act”; omit “and letters patent dated the twelfth day of June One thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and numbered 12265.”

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to one of the said amendments and have agreed to another of the said amendments with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

30. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “*An Act to further amend ‘The Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company’s Act 1883,’*” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have disagreed with the further amendment made in such Bill by the Legislative Assembly on an amendment of the Legislative Council.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th February, 1900

And the said amendment was read and is as follows:—

Amendment of the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

Clause 2, omit this clause and insert the following new clause:—

- A. From and after the 31st day of March, 1900, section 62 of the Act No. 765 shall be repealed and the following shall be substituted therefor and be read as part of the said Act, viz.:—
“The days of labour of any person employed by the company as a driver or conductor of any tramcar or of the animals working any tramcar shall be eight hours but any person so employed may work for the company overtime for a special rate of wages at one-fourth more per hour than the ordinary hourly rate of wages for the time being paid to such person. Provided that no person so employed shall in any case work for the company more than sixty hours in any one week and the company shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Five pounds for each and every breach of this section.”

Agreed to by the Assembly with the addition of the following proviso:—“Provided further that forty-eight hours shall be the ordinary working time in each week.”

Amendment of the Assembly disagreed with by the Council.

Amendment not insisted on by the Assembly, but the following further amendment substituted therefor, viz.:—
At the end of new clause A add—“Provided further that each employé shall have one day's rest out of each seven days.”

Further amendment of Assembly disagreed with by the Council.

Mr. Beazley moved, That this House do insist on its further amendment on the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly insist on their further amendment on the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the said Bill.

31. WATER ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council with reference to the amendments made by the Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

Amendments of the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

After clause 6 insert the following new clause:—

- A. (1) The Governor in Council may upon the application of any Waterworks Trust by Order declare that the district of any Waterworks Trust whether created before or after the commencement of this Act shall for the purpose of the election of commissioners of such Trust be divided into ridings, and may upon such application by Order fix the boundaries of such ridings, or from time to time alter such ridings and boundaries, and may upon such application at any time vary or repeal any such Order.
- (2) When any Order is made dividing any district into ridings such Order, except so far as may be necessary or expedient for the purpose of enabling the commissioners for such ridings to be elected prior to such date, shall not take effect until a date fixed in such Order, when all the commissioners for the district whether elected or appointed shall go out of office.
- (3) In any such Order as aforesaid the Governor in Council shall determine the number of commissioners (whether one or more) of the Trust of the district so divided into ridings to be from time to time elected for each of such ridings and the period for which such commissioners shall hold office.
- (4) No person shall be eligible for election as a commissioner of a Waterworks Trust for any riding unless he be the owner or an occupier under lease of land situated within such riding, and no person except as aforesaid shall continue to be a commissioner of such Trust for such riding after he has ceased to be the owner or an occupier under lease of land within such riding.

Division into ridings of Waterworks Districts.

When Order to begin to take effect.

Number and tenure of commissioners for each riding.
Comp. No. 1156 ss. 182, 191.

Qualification of commissioners for riding.
Ib. ss. 192, 202.

Agreed to by the Assembly with the following amendments in sub-section (1):—
Lines, 1, 2, and 3, omit “upon the application of any Waterworks Trust”;
line 8, omit “upon such application”;
line 11, omit “upon such application.”

Amendments disagreed with by the Council.

Amendments insisted on by the Assembly, but the following further amendment made:—In place of the words “upon the application of any Waterworks Trust” (omitted) insert “upon a petition by not less than one-fourth of the persons liable to be rated.”

Further amendment of the Assembly agreed to by the Council with the following amendment:—Omit “one-fourth” and insert “one-half.”

Amendments of the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

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| <p>(5) The qualification for electors of commissioners of a Waterworks Trust for any riding and the number of votes in respect of such qualification shall be the same as the qualification provided for electors of commissioners in the last preceding section of this Act, save and except only that the land in respect of which the elector for a riding shall be qualified to vote shall be land within such riding, and if an elector possesses a qualification in respect of land situate in two or more ridings he shall be entitled to vote only in respect of the land within one riding, and he shall intimate to the returning officer for which riding he determines to exercise his franchise.</p> <p>(6) All the provisions of the Water Acts relating to commissioners of Waterworks Trusts and relating to the election of such commissioners shall so far as is consistent with this section apply to commissioners of a Trust to be elected for a district divided into ridings under this section, and to the election of any such commissioners.</p> <p>(7) This section does not apply to urban divisions or to commissioners therefor.</p> | <p>Qualification of electors for riding.</p> <p>Provisions of Principal Act to apply to commissioners of Trusts elected for ridings.</p> <p>Non-application to urban division.</p> |
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| <p>Clause 36, sub-clause (2), at end of sub-clause add :—" Provided that the Governor in Council shall not make any such Order in Council while and so long as the amount suspended under any previous Order in Council remains unpaid."</p> | <p>Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.</p> <p>Disagreement insisted on by the Assembly.</p> <p>Amendment still insisted on by the Council.</p> |
| <p>Clause 79, line 32, after "may" insert "upon the application of any Trust."</p> | <p>Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.</p> <p>Disagreement insisted on by the Assembly, but the following further amendment made :—"After "may" insert "upon a petition by not less than one-fourth of the persons liable to be rated."</p> <p>Further amendment of the Assembly agreed to by the Council with the following amendment :—"Omit "one-fourth" and insert "one-half."</p> |
| <p>" line 35, after "may" insert "upon such application."</p> <p>" line 37, after "may" insert "upon such application."</p> | <p>Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.</p> <p>Disagreement insisted on by the Assembly.</p> <p>Amendments still insisted on by the Council."</p> |
| <p>Clause 130, sub-clause (2), at end of sub-clause add :—" Provided that the Governor in Council shall not make any such Order in Council while and so long as the amount suspended under any previous Order in Council remains unpaid."</p> | <p>Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.</p> <p>Disagreement insisted on by the Assembly.</p> <p>Amendment still insisted on by the Council.</p> |

Mr. Outtrim moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with the amendments in this Bill still insisted on by the Legislative Council, and agree to the further amendments made by the Council on the Assembly's amendments in new clause A and in clause 79.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not now insist on disagreeing with certain of the amendments still insisted on by the Council, and have agreed to the further amendments made by the Council in the Assembly's amendments in new clause A and in clause 79.

32. ROYAL PARK RECREATION SITE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McColl moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

33. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the government discipline and maintenance of a Third Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa*" without amendment.⁵

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

34. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act authorizing the State to acquire certain Patent and other Rights relating to the Extraction of Gold and Silver by the Cyanide Process*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have disagreed with the amendment to omit certain words from new clause A, and have agreed to the insertion of other words, but to insert such words at the end of the clause.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

And the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Amendments of the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

2. Insert the following new clause :—

A. Notwithstanding anything herein contained this Act shall not take effect until and unless the company enter into an agreement with the Minister of Mines to permit the Minister to exercise and enforce within Victoria on behalf of Her Majesty all the rights of the company under letters patent in Victoria dated the twenty-fourth day of August One thousand eight hundred and ninety-three and numbered 10756 and letters patent dated the tenth day of July One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four and numbered 11497 and letters patent dated the twelfth day of June One thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and numbered 12265.

Agreed to by the Legislative Assembly with the following amendments :— After "11497" insert "for a period of five years from the passing of this Act"; omit "and letters patent dated the twelfth day of June One thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and numbered 12265."

Amendment to omit "and letters patent dated the twelfth day of June One thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and numbered 12265" disagreed with by the Legislative Council; and the amendment to insert "for a period of five years from the passing of this Act" agreed to, but to be inserted after the figures "12265."

Mr. Outtrim moved, That this House do not insist on their amendment to omit certain words from new clause A, and agree to the further amendment of the Legislative Council in the same clause.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on their amendment to omit certain words from new clause A, and have agreed to the further amendment of the Legislative Council in the same clause.

35. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLean moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past one o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty minutes past five o'clock in the morning, adjourned until Tuesday next.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 78.

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read :—

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 8.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly, for their consideration, the following amendment which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Marine Act 1890'*" :—

In clause 1, omit "1899," substitute "1900."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 19th February, 1900.

On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the said amendment, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment, and requesting their concurrence therein.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read :—

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 9.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly, for their consideration, the following amendment which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Companies Act 1890.'*"

Clause 2, omit "Part," substitute "Division."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 19th February, 1900.

On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the said amendment, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment, and requesting their concurrence therein.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read :—

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 10.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly, for their consideration, the following amendments which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Water Act 1890'*" :—

- Clause 1, omit "1899," substitute "1900."
- Clause 43, omit "1899," substitute "1900."
- Clause 64, page 24, after "Trust" insert "District."
- Clause 136, page 46, sub-clause (2), omit "1899," substitute "1900."
- Clause 142, page 47, after "Trust" insert "District."
- Clause 158, sub-clause (2), before "this" omit "1899," substitute "1900."
- Clause 160, page 53, omit "1899," substitute "1900."
- First Schedule, omit "1899," substitute "1900."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 19th February, 1900.

On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the said amendments, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read :—

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 11.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly, for their consideration, the following amendments which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Factories and Shops Acts*" :—

- Clause 1, omit "March," substitute "May."
- Clause 15, page 6, sub-clause (8), fifth line of sub-clause, before "only" insert "or rate."
- Clause 15, page 6, sub-clause (8), seventh line of sub-clause, after "wages" insert "price or."
- Clause 15, page 9, sub-clause (21), omit "(17) or (18)," substitute "(19) or (20)."
- Clause 18, third line of clause, omit "are," substitute "is."
- Clause 18, fourth and fifth lines of clause, omit "is carried on."
- Clause 24, fifth line of clause, omit "for," substitute "of."
- Clause 27, last two lines, omit "one to the other."
- Clause 35, after last word "section" add "and the said section shall be deemed to authorize the making of regulations limiting the hours of employment of such billiard markers or waiters of any age whatsoever."
- Clause 46, omit "each," substitute "any."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 19th February, 1900.

On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the said amendments, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

6. PAPERS.—Mr. Outtrim presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
Mine Ventilation.—Second Progress Report of the Mine Ventilation Bonus Board.

Mr. McLean presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—

Refrigerating Stores and Central Wine Depôt—Royal Commission on.—Report on Refrigerating Stores, with Appendices and Synopsis of Evidence.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1899.

Income Tax Acts.—Regulations.—Order in Council.

Land Acts.—Regulations.—Order in Council.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, Balance-Sheet, and Contracts for the year ending 30th June, 1899.

Post Office Acts 1890 and 1897—

Fees to be charged at Public Telephone Bureaux for Conversations by Telephone.

Rates for Press Messages on Country Trunk Telephone Lines.

7. FIELD-MARSHAL LORD ROBERTS, V.C.—Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That the Parliament of Victoria records its high appreciation of the magnificent services rendered to our Queen and Empire by Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C., in South Africa. By his recent successes against the enemy His Lordship has not only added distinction to his illustrious military career, but at the same time has upheld the honour and prestige of the British Empire.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. McLean moved, by leave, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to transmit the foregoing Resolution, by cable, to Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message requesting their concurrence therein.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor recommending amendments in the Bill intituled "*An Act for the proper supervision of the Slaughtering of Animals and the Sale of Meat and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the several amendments recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in this Bill, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for their consideration, the following amendments which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act for the proper supervision of the Slaughtering of Animals and the Sale of Meat and for other purposes*" :—

Clause 9, last line but one, after "abattoir" insert "or place."

Clause 44, page 14, last line but seven, after "the" omit "the."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 19th February, 1900.

On the motion of Mr. McLean, the House agreed to the said amendments, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendments therein recommended.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Marine Act 1890.'*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Companies Act 1890.'*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Water Act 1890.'*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Factories and Shops Acts.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in adopting the Resolution recording the high appreciation of the Parliament of Victoria of the services rendered by Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C., to our Queen and Empire in South Africa.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th February, 1900.

W. A. ZEAL,
President.

10. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—A Message was delivered by the Usher of the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Lieutenant-Governor desires this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to attend His Excellency, when His Excellency was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Public Bills, viz. :—

“An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.”

“An Act to further amend the Factories and Shops Acts.”

“An Act to provide for the government discipline and maintenance of a Third Victorian Contingent for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in South Africa.”

After which His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

It affords me pleasure to be able to release you from the discharge of your legislative duties after an arduous and protracted session.

The struggle which our Nation is at present waging in South Africa has aroused a spirit of deep enthusiasm and patriotism throughout the Empire. I am rejoiced to think that the Australasian Colonies, though so far distant from the Motherland, have loyally responded to the call to share the dangers and responsibilities of the great Empire of which we form a part and whose protection we have so long securely enjoyed.

Whilst in despatching our troops we have been moved by sentiments of patriotism and national gratitude, the moral effect of our aid to the Mother country is of supreme moment in binding indissolubly together England and her great Dependencies, and exhibiting to the world the spectacle of the splendid solidarity of the British Empire.

Two Contingents from Victoria have already reached the seat of war, and have won the high commendation of the Commander-in-Chief and of the Imperial generals. I am deeply grieved to learn that so many Victorians have already met a soldier's death on the battle-field. But they have fallen nobly in their country's cause, fighting gallantly to uphold its prowess. By their heroism we have been privileged to give evidence, in deeds, of our loyal resolve to do our part in manifesting the unity and establishing the peace of the Queen's dominions. Active preparations are in progress for the despatch of a third Contingent, consisting of men accustomed to bush life, whose services will, it is expected, prove of exceptional value under the peculiar conditions of warfare in South Africa. I cherish the hope that the war will soon be brought to a triumphant close, and result in the establishment, on a permanent basis, of the political and religious rights of those of our fellow subjects in South Africa on whose behalf the Empire is in arms.

The near approach of the consummation of Federation is a matter for sincere congratulation. The Amended Commonwealth Bill having been submitted to the people was approved by an overwhelming majority. A Joint Address from both Houses was thereupon transmitted to Her Majesty, praying that the Bill might be enacted by the Imperial Parliament. The Imperial Authorities having subsequently expressed a desire to have the assistance and advice of representatives from the Colonies when the Bill is before Parliament, my Advisers have sent to England, as the Delegate of Victoria, Mr. Deakin, who for many years has been an enthusiastic and eloquent advocate of Federation. He, in conjunction with the representatives of the other federating Colonies, will act for Australia in this important matter. In anticipation of the early passing of the Bill my Advisers will prepare the measures necessary for the establishment of the Commonwealth. We may hope to achieve, before the year has closed, the desires of many years of earnest effort in witnessing the birth of a new nation as auspicious in destiny as steadfast in fealty to the English Crown.

The Act to amend the law relating to Factories will insure a great extension of the benefits of legislation for the suppression of sweating and for the amelioration of the condition of workers.

The purchase of the Wando Vale Estate under the provisions contained in Part III. of the *Land Act* 1898 having received your assent, my Advisers believe that this step, which marks a new departure with regard to the settlement of the people on the land, will prove a successful initiation of the principle of the acquisition of private land for closer settlement purposes.

The acquisition by the State of the rights of the patentees of the Cyanide process will be a great public boon in the freedom it secures to the miners of the Colony from harassing actions and the danger of excessive royalties. In promoting the further application of the process to low-grade deposits and the refuse of the quartz batteries, the more profitable and constant employment of the people will be advanced.

By the Amending Land Act, to which you have agreed, lessees of grazing areas have been granted further advantages in the way of extension of leases and facilities for selection; and a concession, which will be highly appreciated by mallee allotment lessees, has been made, whereby negotiable licences and perpetual leases may be issued forthwith, and the holders credited with past rents, residence, and improvements. A more liberal system of classification has been applied to the mallee country, and the work of classifying has been already commenced. Lessees will therefore be able shortly to learn how their land has been classed, and the rate at which it can be purchased.

It is gratifying to know that the revenue is showing steady signs of increase, and this fact may be accepted as a sure indication of the returning prosperity of the community.

A number of defects in the practical working of the laws relating to Water Supply having become apparent have been amended by further legislation. At the same time most generous concessions have been made to the Water Trusts, many of which had fallen into arrears in respect of overdue interest on their loans from the State. Such substantial relief has been afforded to these debtor Trusts as will, it is hoped, enable them to meet their reduced obligations for the future. Provision has likewise been made for the construction of further works.

The question of the abolition of Plural Voting at elections for Members of the Legislative Assembly, which has been before you for many years, has now been settled by the passing of a measure restricting electors to the exercise of one vote.

The Bill to regulate and supervise the slaughter and sale of meat, to which you have agreed, will do much to prevent the spread of disease, and to promote the health of the community.

It is a source of satisfaction to know that there has been during the past few months a great development of trade between this colony and the ports of South Africa. The needs of the troops and the horses employed in warfare and transport are very great, and such action has been taken by my Advisers as has led to contracts being made for the supply from Victoria of large quantities of fodder, flour, tinned meat, and other articles of food. Careful supervision is being exercised by the Department of Agriculture, so as to prevent produce other than that of the best quality being shipped. The course adopted in this respect will, it is believed, lead to a large permanent trade.

Amongst other measures to which you have given your approval may be mentioned the Bill to renew the Income Tax ; the Bill to amend the Law relating to State School Teachers ; the Bill to prohibit Indecent and Obscene Advertisements ; the Bill to amend the Marine Act ; the Bill to amend the Law of Evidence ; and Bills to amend Part I. of the *Companies Act* 1890.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

¶ I thank you in Her Majesty's name for the liberal provision you have made for the efficient conduct of the service of the State.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The measures which were submitted to you for extending the franchise to women, for making provision for old-age pensions, and for the restriction of undesirable immigration failed to become law. These and other important matters, such as the Usury Bill, the Coal Mines Bill, the Infant Life Protection Bill, and the Boilers Inspection Bill, which could not be dealt with during the present session, will receive the attention of my Advisers during the recess, with a view to their being again submitted to the consideration of Parliament.

I desire to express the hope that, with the blessing of Divine Providence, the result of your labours may tend to the maintenance and increase of the prosperity and progress of the country and to the happiness of all classes of the community.

I now, in Her Majesty's name, declare this Parliament to be prorogued to the 24th day of April, 1900, and it is prorogued accordingly.

JOHN MADDEN.

W. V. ROBINSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SESSION 1899-1900.

1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed 27th June, 1899.)

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Burton,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. A. Harris,

Mr. Methven,
Mr. Moule,
Mr. R. Murray Smith, C.M.G.

2.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 4th July, 1899.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Graves,
Mr. Higgins,
Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Staughton,

Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Sir George Turner,
Mr. Vale,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Zox.*

* Died 23rd October, 1899.

3.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 4th July, 1899.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Deakin,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,

Mr. Madden,
Mr. Shiels.

4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 4th July, 1899.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Moule,

Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Taverner.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 4th July, 1899.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Craven,
Mr. Dyer,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Grose,

Mr. Hancock,*
Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Langdon,
Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Rawson.

* Died 22nd November, 1899.

6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 4th July, 1899.)

Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Austin,
Mr. Bennett,Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Wilkins.

7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 4th July, 1899.)

Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Carter,
Mr. Deakin,
Sir John McIntyre,Mr. R. Murray Smith, C.M.G.,
Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Wheeler.

8.—LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW.

(Appointed 16th August, 1899.)

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Graham,*
Mr. Grose,
Mr. Keys,Mr. McLean,*
Mr. Methven,
Mr. Moule,
Mr. White.

* Ceased to be a member on accepting office of profit under the Crown, 5th December, 1899.

9.—TRANSFER OF J. R. JACKSON TO THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

(Appointed 19th September, 1899.)

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Deakin,
Mr. Graves,
Mr. J. Harris,Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Styles.

10.—MR. ANGUS ROBERTSON AND THE NATIONAL BANK.

(Appointed 20th September, 1899.)

Mr. Austin,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Graham,*
Mr. McCay,*Mr. McColl,*
Mr. Outtrim,*
Mr. Trenwith.

* Ceased to be a member on accepting office of profit under the Crown, 5th December, 1899.

11.—LEONGATHA LABOUR COLONY.

(Appointed 18th October, 1899.)

Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Graham,*
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. McColl,*
Sir John McIntyre,Mr. Methven,
Mr. Salmon, †
Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

* Ceased to be a member on accepting office of profit under the Crown, 5th December, 1899.

† Ceased to be a member on accepting office of profit under the Crown, 29th December, 1899.

12.—CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE BILL.

(Appointed 17th January, 1900.)

Mr. Bowser,
Mr. Gurr,
Mr. J. Harris,Mr. Higgins,
Mr. E. D. Williams.

NOTE.—The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways (Joint) was appointed on 23rd November, 1897.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899.

No. 1.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 29TH JUNE, 1899.

THURSDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1899.

No. 1.—*Australasian Federation Enabling Act Amendment Bill.*—Clause 5.

The question to be proposed in the ballot-paper shall be—

Form of question.

“ Are you in favour of the “ proposed ” Federal Constitution Bill as amended ? ”

—(*Sir George Turner.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “ following amendments of the ” be inserted before the word “ proposed,” in line 2.—(*Mr. Maloney.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Noes, 52.

Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Higgins,
Mr. Sangster,
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

Tellers.

Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Maloney.

Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Austin,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Best,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Burton,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Craven,
Mr. Deakin,
Mr. Downward,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Fink,
Mr. Forrest,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Graves,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Hamilton,
Mr. A. Harris,
Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Madden,

Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. McArthur,
Mr. McCay,
Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Methven,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Shiels,
Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Sir George Turner,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Watt,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. White,
Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. Zox.

Tellers. >

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Moule.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899.

No. 2.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 17TH AUGUST, 1899.

TUESDAY, 15TH AUGUST, 1899.

No. 1.—*Marine Act 1890 further Amendment Bill.*—Clause 7.

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the *Marine Act 1890* the Board may by writing under the hand of the secretary grant to the master or the owner or the agent of the owner of any steam-ship subject to the Marine Acts and not carrying passengers, or carrying passengers not exceeding twelve in number, a permit exempting such steam-ship from the operation of the provisions of the Marine Acts relating to the survey of the hull equipments and machinery of any such steam-ship.

Permit exempting certain steam-ships from provisions as to survey &c.
See S.A. Act 1881 No. 237 s. 226.

(2) Any such permit may be absolute or limited in any particular and may at any time be revoked and cancelled by the Board.

Cancellation &c. of permit.

(3) No such permit shall be granted in respect of any steam-ship employed in coasting only or actually "and regularly" trading between any port of Victoria and of any of the colonies of New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, or Western Australia or in respect of any steam-ship registered in any such colony.

Not to be granted for coasting boats &c.

(4) If the master or the owner or the agent of the owner of any steam-ship in respect of which a permit has been granted receives on board or carries more than twelve passengers, such master or owner or agent shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding Fifty pounds, and in addition the permit granted in respect of such steam-ship shall be absolutely forfeited; and after such conviction no permit under this section shall at any time be granted to such master owner or agent in respect of such steam-ship so long as she remains the property of such owner or in the charge of such master.—(*Mr. Best.*)

Penalty.

Amendment proposed—That the words "and regularly," in line 10, be omitted.—(*Mr. McCay.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Best,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. H. R. Williams,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Thomson.

Tellers.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. Maloney,	

Tellers.

Mr. McCay,
Mr. J. B. Tucker.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 1899.

No. 2.—*Hawkers and Pedlers Law Amendment Bill*.—Clause 2.

No hawker's licence shall be granted to any persons unless he proves to the satisfaction of "the justices"—

- (a) that during the last two years he has resided for at least twelve months in Victoria ;
- (b) that he is a natural-born or naturalized subject of Her Majesty ; and
- (c) that he possesses a sufficient knowledge of the English language and coinage.
- (*Mr. Peacock*.)

No person except British subject having knowledge of English language and coinage to receive a licence.

Amendment proposed—That the words "the justices," in line 2, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "a police magistrate."—(*Mr. Brake*.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hancock,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Gurr.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Brake,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. R. Murray Smith.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Madden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

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No. 3.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 23RD AUGUST, 1899.

TUESDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1899.

No. 1.—*Women's Suffrage Bill*.—New clause A.

The question of women's suffrage shall be remitted to a vote of the women of Victoria over twenty-one years of age and resident for a period of six months in the colony, and before such vote can pass Fifty thousand such women shall vote for the suffrage.—(*Mr. Bowser.*)

Motion made and question put—That new clause A be now read a second time.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. White,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Gair,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. J. Harris.

Noes, 52.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bromley,	Sir B. O'Loghlen, Bart.,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Tutchter,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hancock,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. McCay.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899.

No. 4.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 5TH OCTOBER, 1899.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1899.

No. 1.—*Immigration Restriction Bill.*—Clause 2.

This Act shall not apply to—

* * * * *

(f) the officers and crew of any other vessel landing during the stay of such vessel in any port in Victoria ;

“ Provided that if any officer of Customs notifies the master of the vessel that in his opinion such vessel has on board a person or persons forming portion of the crew thereof who would but for the exemption contained in this paragraph be a prohibited immigrant or immigrants, the master shall upon being so required ^{Master to muster crew} by any officer of Customs and before being permitted to clear out ^{if required.}

from or leave such port cause the whole of the officers and crew of such vessel to be mustered in the presence of an officer of Customs. The names and numbers of the officers and crew present at such muster shall be carefully checked with the names and numbers appearing on the vessel's articles at the time of such arrival. If on mustering the crew it is found that any person who according to such articles formed portion of the crew be not present then such person shall not be exempted by this paragraph and until the contrary be proved shall be deemed to have landed in Victoria contrary to the provisions of this Act and may be dealt with accordingly, and the master owner or charterer of the vessel to the crew of which such person belonged shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding One hundred pounds for each such member of the crew so absent ;” or

(g) any person duly accredited to Victoria by or under the authority of the Imperial or any other Government.—(Mr. Best.)

Amendment proposed—That all the words from “Provided,” in line 4, to “absent” inclusive line 19, be omitted.—(*Mr. Madden.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. White,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLean,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Methven,	Mr. Murray.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Bowser,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Zox.
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Madden,	Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Thomson.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1899.

No. 2.—*Boilers Inspection and Regulation Bill.*—Clause 5.

* * * * * Governor in Council
may appoint
inspectors of boilers.
the Governor in Council may
make regulations prescribing the qualifications of persons having a theoretical and practical knowledge of
boiler-making.—(*Mr. Peacock.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause as amended :—“ or of the use and working of boilers.”—(*Mr. J. B. Tucker.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Leven,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McArthur,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McColl,	Mr. Bailes,
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Watt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	
Mr. Moule,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Styles,	Mr. Murray.

No. 3.—

Further words having been added to the clause, a further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause as further amended :—“and also persons having a similar knowledge to be appointed as licensed inspectors.”—(*Mr. McColl.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McColl,	
Sir John McIntyre,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Grose,
Mr. Methven,	Mr. Sangster.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McArthur,	
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4.—Clause 18.

(1) No certificate shall have any force or effect if after inspection any material alteration or addition has been made in or to the boiler mentioned in such certificate. Further provision as to certificates.

(2) The Chief Inspector shall have power to cancel or suspend any such certificate in any such case where he deems it necessary so to do for the purpose of giving due effect to this Act.—(*Mr. Peacock.*)

Amendment proposed—That sub-section (1) of the clause be omitted.—(*Mr. McColl.*)

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do report progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr. Wheeler.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. McColl,
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Moule.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. McLean,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moloney,	Mr. Grose,
Mr. Murphy,	Mr. Sangster.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899.

No. 5.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 19TH OCTOBER, 1899.

TUESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1899.

No. 1.—*Water Supply Advances Relief Bill (No. 2).*—Clause 3.

(1) The amount of all moneys advanced by the Crown pursuant to the Water Acts or any Acts thereby repealed by way of loan and which are due to the Crown by any of the bodies specified in the Schedule to this Act shall by the operation of this Act be reduced by the sum set opposite the name of such body in the fourth column of such Schedule. Sums to be written off capital.
Schedule.

(2) The amount of interest due to the "Crown" by any such body shall by the operation of this Act be reduced by the sum set opposite the name of such body in the seventh column of such Schedule.—(*Mr. Foster.*) Sums to be written off interest.

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word "Crown," in line 6, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "by any Urban Trust and by any local governing body for moneys advanced in respect of water supply works and by any of the bodies mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Act shall be reduced to an amount equal to Three per centum of the amount set opposite the name of such body or Trust in the seventh column of the First Schedule to this Act."
—(*Mr. Morrissey.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. McArthur,	
Mr. McCay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Methven,	Mr. Moule.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Brown,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. Gurr,	
Mr. Higgins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Salmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—NEW FIRST SCHEDULE :—

1. Body.	Capital Account.		Interest Account.	
	2. Amount Owing on 30th June, 1899.	3. Written off.	4. Amount Due on 30th June, 1899.	5. Written off.
	£	£	£	£

LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES.

Ararat Borough	45,266	" 18,266 "	26,811	26,811
Beechworth Shire	23,858	5,958	4,048	4,048
Bet Bet Shire	986	986	413	413
Chiltern Shire	4,470	508	...	...
" Clunes Borough "	70,195	62,395	38,745	38,745
Stawell Borough	106,661	61,661	69,002	69,002
Talbot Borough	14,986	13,986	11,538	11,538
Totals	266,422	163,760	150,557	150,557

WATERWORKS TRUSTS.

Avoca United	9,569	2,494	1,323	1,182
Birchip	4,905	...	1,010	752
Boort	1,150	150	...	...
Carisbrook	8,400	2,400	...	...
Charlton	6,887	887	961	841
Dandenong	19,128	5,128	1,644	1,262
Daylesford Borough	27,000	3,139	...	...
Donald	7,166	1,166	...	...
Horsham Borough	17,712	...	995	641
Korumburra	11,396	...	769	392
Koroit	5,047	2,047	227	127
Loddon United	21,671	" 1,717 "	9,245	8,846
Longwood	2,400	550	...	...
Maryborough	70,544	9,200	...	...
Mooroopna	3,000	1,400	...	...
Nhill	9,982	2,482	680	480
Omeo	3,951	...	201	122
Riddell's Creek	3,296	497	...	...
Rutherglen	3,094	...	2,635	2,635
Seymour	27,958	...	1,055	279
Shepparton Urban	12,578	2,416	1,824	1,621
Shire of Numurkah	19,757	6,076	543	358
Shire of Shepparton	17,196	" 1,376 "	1,971	1,810
Shire of Stawell	369	250	41	10
Shire of Tungamah	16,568	4,750	1,904	1,573
St. Arnaud Borough	18,736	15,077	...	...
Swan Hill Shire	40,043	36,043	21,260	21,260
Tatura	2,250	650	...	...
United Echuca and Waranga	69,748	29,748	30,415	29,415
Wimmera United	131,392	10,000	13,835	11,408
Wycheproof	8,390	700	...	...
Totals	601,292	140,343	92,538	85,014

IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY TRUSTS.

1. Body.	Capital Account.		Interest Account.	
	2. Amount Owing on 30th June, 1899.	3. Written off.	4. Amount Due on 30th June, 1899.	5. Written off.
	£	£	£	£
Bacchus Marsh	13,906	8,906	5,486	5,486
Bairnsdale	31,439	23,439	7,819	7,739
Benjeroop and Murrabit]	12,000	7,200	4,379	4,379
Campaspe	60,685	52,685	18,131	18,131
Carrum	23,732	6,732	7,146	7,146
Cohuna	124,968	93,968	46,770	46,770
Dookie	630	630	171	171
Dry Lake	1,286	686	567	567
East Boort	21,556	14,866	7,902	7,902
Emu Valley	8,167	8,167	2,907	2,907
Harcourt	1,113	1,113	335	335
Kerang East	13,984	6,984	4,910	4,910
Koondrook and Myall	13,580	12,080	5,100	5,100
Leaghur and Meering	5,043	2,543	1,864	1,864
Lerderderg	447	447	169	169
Macorna North	19,082	8,082	4,337	4,337
Marquis Hill	14,476	9,076	5,466	5,466
North Boort	6,867	4,867	2,835	2,835
Pine Hills... ..	2,050	2,050	1,065	1,065
Rodney	212,699	147,699	52,726	52,726
Swan Hill	24,799	19,799	10,126	10,126
Torumbarry North	12,300	6,300	4,612	4,612
Tragowel Plains	158,418	123,418	80,141	80,141
Twelve-mile	5,050	3,250	2,343	2,343
Wandella	29,469	19,769	8,280	8,280
Western Wimmera	212,835	132,835	{ 36,063 }	{ 51,218 }
Yatchaw	6,261	1,661	{ 15,155 }	{ 514 }
Totals	1,036,852	719,252	337,319	337,239

—(Mr. Foster.)

Amendment proposed—That the figures “18,266,” in the third column, opposite the words “Ararat Borough,” be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the figures “25,266.”—(Mr. Toucher.)

Question—That the figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Best,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Burton,
Mr. Chirnside,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Deakin,
Mr. Downward,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Fink,
Mr. Forrest,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Grose,
Mr. Hamilton,
Mr. A. Harris,
Mr. Higgins,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,
Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Maloney,
Mr. McArthur,
Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Methven,
Mr. Murray,
Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Shiels,
Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Sir George Turner,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Vale,
Mr. Watt,
Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. H. R. Williams.

Tellers.

Mr. McCay,
Mr. Moule.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Bowser,
Mr. Brake,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Craven,
Mr. Dyer,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Gurr,
Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Keys,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. McBride,
Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Wheeler.

Tellers.

Mr. Austin,
Mr. McColl.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 3.—

Further amendment proposed—That after the item “Clunes Borough” the following new item be inserted, viz.:—

“Creswick Borough | ... | ... | 196 | 196” —(*Mr. Grose.*)

Question—That the new item proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Gray.

Tellers.
Mr. Grose,
Mr. Vale.

Noes, 66.

Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Best,
Mr. Brake,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Burton,
Mr. Chirnside,
Mr. Craven,
Mr. Deakin,
Mr. Downward,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Dyer,
Mr. Fink,
Mr. Forrest,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Gurr,
Mr. Hamilton,
Mr. A. Harris,
Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Keys,
Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Maloney,
Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. McArthur,
Mr. McBride,
Mr. McCay,
Mr. McColl,
Mr. McGregor,
Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Methven,
Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Murray,
Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Shiels,
Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Sir George Turner,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Watt,
Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. H. R. Williams.

Tellers.

Mr. Austin,
Mr. Cook.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4.—

Further amendment proposed—That the figures “1,717,” in the third column, opposite the words “Lodden United,” be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the figures “9,571.”—(*Mr. McColl.*)

Question—That the figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Best,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Chirnside,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Forrest,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Grose,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,
Mr. Kirton,
Mr. McArthur,
Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Methven,
Mr. Murray,
Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,
Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Sangster,
Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Sir George Turner,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Vale,
Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. H. R. Williams.

Tellers.

Mr. Cook,
Mr. McCay.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Austin,
Mr. Bowser,
Mr. Brake,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Burton,
Mr. Craven,
Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Dyer,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Gurr,
Mr. Hamilton,
Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Keys,
Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. McBride,
Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. McLean,
Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Wheeler.

Tellers.

Mr. McColl,
Mr. Salmon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1899.

No. 5.—

Further amendment proposed—That the figures “1,376,” opposite the words “Shire of Shepparton,” in the third column, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the figures “6,376.”—(*Mr. Brown.*)

Question—That the figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gair,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. White,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart.,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. T. Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899.

No. 6.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 27TH OCTOBER, 1899.

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1899.

No. 1.—*Water Act 1890 Amendment Bill.*—New clause FF.

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in section three hundred and thirty-eight of the Principal Act every Waterworks Trust (whether constituted before or after the commencement of this Act) instead of adopting for water rating purposes the municipal valuation of any property within the district may if such Trust thinks fit from time to time cause to be made for either the whole or any portion (as the case may be) of the lands within the district a valuation of the rateable property within the whole or any described portion of such district in manner following (that is to say) :—

Trust empowered to make valuation for water rating purposes.

- (a) Such valuation shall be made by a competent person or persons to be appointed by the Trust and to be called valuers.
- (b) Notice of such valuation shall be given or sent through the post to the occupier or owner of the rateable property so valued, or notice of such valuation shall be published in some newspaper circulating in the neighbourhood.
- (c) Rates made by the Trust in respect of the property so valued shall be made upon such valuation.
- (d) In every such valuation the property rateable shall be computed at its net annual value (that is to say) :—

(1) At the rent at which the same might owing to its accessibility to water supply in addition to any other consideration reasonably be expected to let from year to year free from all usual tenant's rates and taxes and deducting therefrom the probable annual average cost of insurance and other expenses (if any) necessary to maintain such property in a state to command such rent. Provided that no rateable property shall be computed as of an annual value of less than Five pounds per centum upon the fair capital value of the fee simple thereof, but that every person occupying (otherwise than under any lease) Crown lands for pastoral purposes only shall be rated in respect of such annual value thereof as aforesaid, and not on the capital value thereof.

(2) Consideration shall be given to the relative position of the property to the water available and to its proximity to or distance from the source of possible water supply and to the benefits appearing to accrue to such property by the construction of the works of the Trust.—(Mr. Foster.)

Amendment proposed—That the following sub-section be added to the clause :—

“(3) It shall be competent for any Trust to cause to be made a valuation of the lands within the district according to the capital sum for which the fee-simple estate in such land would sell under such reasonable conditions of sale as a *bond fide* seller would require assuming the actual improvements (if any) had not been made.”—(*Mr. Deakin.*)

Question—That the sub-section proposed to be added be so added—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Best,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. McColl,	Mr. McBride.
Sir John McIntyre,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

FRIDAY (MORNING), 27TH OCTOBER, 1899.

No. 2.—Clause 154 (*on recommittal*).—

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in *The Waterworks Act 1884* or in any mortgage by the Ballarat Water Commissioners to the Board or to the Treasurer, the sum payable as interest in respect of the principal moneys secured by any such mortgage shall on the thirty-first day of December One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight and on the thirtieth day of June in each and every year thereafter be at the rate of Four pounds per centum per annum.

(2) This section shall be deemed and taken to have come into operation on the first day of July One thousand eight hundred and “ninety-eight.”—(*Mr. Foster.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word “ninety-eight,” in the last line, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word “ninety-four.”—(*Mr. Vale.*)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Best,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Duggan,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Methven,	
Mr. Morrissey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murray,	Mr. John A. Isaacs,
Mr. Peacock,	Mr. McColl.
Mr. Sangster,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Grose.
Mr. O'Neill,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899.

No. 7.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 16TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

No. 1.—*Factories and Shops Acts further Amendment Bill.*—Clause 1.

(1) This Act may be cited as the *Factories and Shops Act 1899*, and shall be read and construed as one with the *Factories and Shops Act 1890* (hereinafter called the Principal Act) and any Acts amending the "same."

Short title and construction.
Nos. 1091, 1445, 1476,
1518, 1 97.

(2) The *Factories and Shops Acts* and this Act may be cited together as the *Factories and Shops Acts.*—(*Mr. Peacock.*)

Citation.

Amendment proposed—That the words "and the aforesaid Acts shall be continued until the expiry of the first session of the next Parliament" be inserted after the word "same," in line 3.

—(*Mr. R. Murray Smith.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Brake,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. White.
Mr. McArthur,	
Sir John McIntyre,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. McLeod,	Mr. J. Harris.

Noes, 55.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Foutcher,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gurr,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McCay,	Mr. Wilkins.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899.

No. 8.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 24TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1899.

No. 1.—*Factories and Shops Acts further Amendment Bill.*—Clause 3.

Section 59 of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1896 is hereby repealed, and ^{Act No. 1445} (except the said section) the said Act and any enactment amending the said Act ^{continued.} shall continue in full force and effect “until amended or repealed by law.”—(*Mr. Peacock.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “until amended or repealed by law,” in the last line, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words “for three years with provision for inquiry in the meantime.”—(*Mr. Moule.*)

And the words proposed to be omitted having been omitted—

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—
put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. McCay,	
Mr. McColl,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Brake,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. White.
Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Austin,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Craven.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1899.

No. 2.—Clause 16.

For section fifteen of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1896 there shall as from the commencement of the said Act be deemed to have been substituted the following section, namely:—

15. (1) In order to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing either inside or outside a factory or work-room any particular articles [or to any person or persons or classes of persons employed in any process trade or business usually or frequently carried on in a factory or work-room or employed in the process trade or business of a butcher or seller of meat] the Governor in Council may if he think fit from time to time give notice in the "*Government Gazette*." of the intention of the Governor in Council to appoint a Special Board consisting of not less than four or more than ten members elected as may be prescribed and a chairman, and may at any time remove any member of any such Special "Board." In fixing such lowest prices or rates a Special Board shall take into consideration the nature kind and class of the work, and the mode and manner in which the work is to be done, and the age and sex of the workers, and any matter [whatever which the Special Board considers may affect such prices or rates].

Amendment of s. 15 of No. 1445.

Power to appoint Board to fix prices for certain work.

See No. 1445 s. 15 (1) and No. 1597 s. 4.

No. 1597.

No. 1518.

(7) When determining any prices or rates of payment pursuant to this section every Special Board may also determine the number or proportionate number of apprentices or improvers or of apprentices and improvers (as the case may be) who may be employed within any factory or work-room [or shop or "place,"] and the lowest prices or rates of pay payable to such apprentices or improvers when wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any articles as to which any Special Board has made a determination [or when engaged in any process trade or business respecting which any Special Board has made a determination]. The Board when so determining may take into consideration the age sex and experience of such apprentices or improvers and may fix a scale of prices or rates payable to such apprentices or improvers respectively according to their respective age sex and experience and may fix a different proportion of male and female apprentices or improvers.

Apprentices and improvers.

See No. 1518 s. 3 (b).

—(Mr. Peacock.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "As soon as practicable after the giving of such notice as aforesaid that a Special Board will be appointed a copy of such notice with full particulars thereof and the reasons therefor shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament; and no Order in Council appointing such Special Board shall be made by the Governor in Council until the expiration of thirty days after a copy of such notice has been so laid before both Houses of Parliament" be inserted after the word "Board," in line 11.—(Mr. Peacock.)

Further amendment proposed—That the words "and approved by both Houses of Parliament" be added to the proposed amendment.—(Mr. Gillies.)

Question—That the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment be so added—put. Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Austin,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Keys,	Mr. White.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Moule.

Noes, 47.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gurr,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McBride,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McColl,	
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Methven,	Mr. T. Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—

Further amendment proposed—That the words "and may determine the number of such apprentices or improvers to be assigned to the different branches or classes of work within any factory work-room shop or place" be inserted after the word "place," in line 19.—(Mr. Gray.)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Foster,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. McBride,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McColl,	Mr. J. Harris,
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

FRIDAY (MORNING), 24TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

No. 4.—Clause 40.

The Governor in Council may in the manner prescribed by section sixty-three of the Principal Act make regulations—

Power to limit hours of all carriers and carters.

- (a) limiting the total number of hours in the week during which any persons may within any part of Victoria specified in such regulations be "employed" as a carrier or carter of any goods wares merchandise or materials whatsoever in connexion with a factory or work-room or shop or in assisting any such carrier or carter; and
- (b) providing that every person whomsoever so employed shall have a half-holiday on some day in each week (other than a Sunday) from the hour of One o'clock in the afternoon or if the regulation so specify from the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon.—(*Mr. Peacock.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "as a clerk or bookkeeper or cashier or other person engaged in any office or" be inserted after the word "employed," in line 4.—(*Mr. Watt.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Deakin,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McCay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	
Mr. Peacock,	Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. Rawson,	Mr. Turner.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—New clause D.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Factories and Shops Acts or by-laws or regulations made thereunder, every shopkeeper keeping a shop in the Metropolitan district (other than those shops included in the Fourth Schedule) shall close his shop at the hour of Six o'clock in the afternoon on each and every day of the week other than the Saturday and the day of the week on which he closes his shop at the hour of One o'clock in the afternoon.—(*Mr. Gray.*)

Motion made and question put—That new clause D be now read a second time.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Bromley,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Vale.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. O'Neill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Wilkins.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Foster,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. J. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Salmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899.

No. 9.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 1ST DECEMBER, 1899.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

No. 1.—*Supply.—Estimates for 1899–1900.*

Motion made—That the following sum be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

Number.	Classification		£	£
		DIVISION NO. 2.		
		LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.		
		SALARIES.		
		Subdivision No. 1.		
1		The Speaker	1,250	
1		The Chairman of Committees	740	
2			1,990	
		Subdivision No. 2.		
		FIRST DIVISION.		
1		The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly	1,000	
		* * * * *		
		Total Division No. 2	10,459	
		The sum of ... ..	...	5,996

—(Mr. Peacock.)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this amount be reduced by the sum of £1.—(Mr. Wilkins.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McCay,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Chirnside,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Levison,	Mr. Bales,
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Maloney.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Anderson,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Isaac A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Turner.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899-1900.

No. 10.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 11TH JANUARY, 1900.

THURSDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 1900.

No. 1.—*Railway Loan Application Bill.*—Schedule.

Item No.	Station.	Work or Purpose.	Amount.
			£
WORKS ON EXISTING LINES.			
1	Bendigo	Station improvements	2,000
" 2	Flinders-street	New station	5,000 "
*	*	*	*
TOTAL FOR WORKS ON EXISTING LINES			170,550
*	*	*	*
GRAND TOTAL			237,650

—(Mr. Outtrim.)

Amendment proposed—That Item 2 of the Schedule be omitted.—(Mr. O'Neill.)
 Question—That the item proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Anderson,
 Mr. Austin,
 Mr. Bennett,
 Mr. Best,
 Mr. Bowser,
 Mr. Brake,
 Mr. Bromley,
 Mr. Burton,
 Mr. Cameron,
 Mr. Carter,
 Mr. Cook,
 Mr. Deakin,
 Mr. Fink,
 Mr. Forrest,
 Mr. Foster,
 Mr. Gair,
 Mr. Gillies,
 Mr. Gillott,
 Mr. Graham,
 Mr. Graves,
 Mr. Gray,
 Mr. Gurr,
 Mr. A. Harris,
 Mr. J. Harris,
 Mr. Higgins,
 Mr. Irvine,
 Mr. John A. Isaacs,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Keys,
 Mr. Langdon,
 Mr. Lawson,
 Mr. Levien,
 Mr. J. W. Mason,
 Mr. Mauger,
 Mr. McArthur,
 Mr. McBride,
 Mr. McColl,
 Sir John McIntyre,
 Mr. McKenzie,
 Mr. McLean,
 Mr. McLeod,
 Mr. Methven,
 Mr. Morrissey,
 Mr. Outtrim,
 Mr. Peacock,
 Mr. Salmon,
 Mr. Sangster,
 Mr. R. Murray Smith,
 Mr. T. Smith,
 Mr. Staughton,
 Mr. Taverner,
 Mr. Toutcher,
 Mr. Trenwith,
 Mr. J. B. Tucker,
 Sir George Turner,
 Mr. Turner,
 Mr. Watt,
 Mr. White,
 Mr. Wilkins,
 Mr. E. D. Williams,
 Mr. H. R. Williams.

Tellers.

Mr. Maloney,
 Mr. Moule.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Duggan,
 Mr. Grose,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Spiers.

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
 Mr. O'Neill.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899-1900.

No. 11.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 18TH JANUARY, 1900.

THURSDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1900.

No. 1.—*Land Acts further Amendment Bill.*—New clause D.

In section one hundred and fifty-two of the *Land Act* 1898 after the words "by agreement" there shall be inserted the words "or by taking compulsorily."—(*Mr. Higgins.*)
 Motion made and question put—That new clause D be added to the Bill.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. Mauger,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McColl,	
Mr. McLean,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Gair.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Staughton.
Mr. Dyer,	
Mr. Gillies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gurr,	
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Forrest,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—New clause G.

It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to grant a perpetual lease to any person being a father of a family who shall satisfy the Minister as to his *bonâ fide* intention to make a home for his family for six hundred and forty acres of first-class land or one thousand acres of second-class land at a rent not exceeding Two shillings and sixpence per square mile, such land to be inalienable and to be occupied solely for the purposes of a home.—(*Mr. Maloney.*)

Motion made and question put—That new clause G be added to the Bill.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Vale.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. Mauger,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. T. Smith,	Mr. Higgins.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gillics,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Salmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899-1900.

No. 12.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 2ND FEBRUARY, 1900.

TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1900.

No. 1.—*Supply*.—*Estimates for 1899-1900.*

Motion made—That the following sum be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899-1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

XIV.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

DIVISION No. 87.							£	£
VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.								
*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Working expenses of all Lines during the year 1899-1900, including Salaries as above, viz., £235,159—								
*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	“1,735,500”	
Total Division No. 87							1,743,000	
The sum of ... ..							...	715,000

—(Mr. Outtrim.)

Amendment proposed—That the amount of £1,735,500 be reduced by the sum of £10.—(Mr. Higgins.)

Further amendment proposed—That the amount of £1,735,500 be reduced by the sum of £15.—(Mr. McBride.)

Further amendment proposed and question put—That the amount of £1,735,500 be reduced by the sum of £20.—(Mr. T. Smith.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Keys,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Gair.

Mr. Bowser,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shields,
Mr. J. Harris,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. McColl,	
Mr. McLean,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moloney,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. McBride.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—

Further amendment proposed and question put—That the amount of £1,735,500 be reduced by the sum of £19.—(*Mr. Muloney.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.		Noes, 31.	
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. O'Neill,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Methven,	Mr. Brake,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. T. Smith,	Mr. Fink,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Styles,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. Gillot,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,	Mr. J. Harris,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,	Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Turner,	Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. E. D. Williams.	Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Kirton,		Mr. Keys,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bailes,	Mr. McColl,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Gair.	Mr. McLean,	Mr. Langdon,
		Mr. Moloney,	Mr. McBride.
		Mr. Morrissey,	

And so it passed in the negative,

THURSDAY (MORNING), 1ST FEBRUARY, 1900.

No. 3.—*Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's Act 1883 further Amendment Bill.*—New clause B.

The minimum rate of wages payable by the company to a driver or conductor of any tramcar or of the animals working any tramcar shall be not less than Two pounds per week of forty-eight hours during which such conductor or driver is employed by the company, and the company shall not pay any such driver or conductor any wages at a lower rate than such minimum rate. The company shall on conviction before a court of petty sessions for any contravention of this section be liable to a penalty of Five pounds for each and every such contravention.—(*Mr. Wilkins.*)

Motion made and question put—That new clause B be now read a second time.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.		Noes, 22.	
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. E. D. Williams.	Mr. Best,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Lawson,		Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Mothven,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Gillies,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Styles,	Mr. Wilkins.	Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Vale,
		Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
		Mr. Irvine,	
		Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Kennedy,
		Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Salmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1900.

No. 4.—*Supply.—Estimates for 1899–1900.*

Motion made—That the following sum be granted to Her Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1899–1900 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this present Session of Parliament for such services, viz. :—

VI.—MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

DIVISION No. 50.							£	£
DEFENCE DEPARTMENT.								
*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Subdivision No. 22.								
<i>Naval Brigade Pay.</i>								
*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
			Total Naval Brigade	...	...	...	“ 2,360 ”	
*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Subdivision No. 34.								
MILITIA PAY.								
*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
			Total Militia Pay	...	...	...	“ 27,295 ”	
*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
			Total MINISTER OF DEFENCE	...	...	...	168,592	
			The sum of	...	...	...	...	64,297

—(*Mr. Salmon.*)

Amendment proposed and question put—That the amount of £2,360 be reduced by the sum of £10.—
(*Mr. Styles.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Manger,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. T. Smith.
Mr. Methven,	

Noes, 43.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Hamilton,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. White.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Gair,
Mr. McArthur,	Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 5.—

Further amendment proposed and question put—That the amount of £27,295 be reduced by the sum of £2.—(*Mr. Styles.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. White,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. Mauger,	
Mr. McBride,	
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Methven,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. T. Smith.

Noes, 43.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Brake,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Moloney,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. Graves,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Kennedy,	
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Madden,	

Tellers.

Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

FRIDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1900.

No. 6.—*Wando Vale Estate.*

Motion—That it is expedient to acquire for the purpose of closer settlement the Wando Vale Estate, particulars of which are included in the Provisional Contract and Statement placed upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly on the 25th day of January, 1900.—(*Mr. McColl.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the motion—"but subject to the Crown and its sub-purchasers getting a title to the land free from all encumbrances."—(*Mr. Higgins.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Brake,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. J. B. Tucker.
Mr. Graves,	
Mr. Grose,	
Mr. Gurr,	
Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Gair.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Bennet,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Best,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Irvine,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Madden,	
Mr. Mauger,	
Mr. McArthur,	
Mr. McColl,	

Tellers.

Mr. Cook,
Mr. Maloney.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899-1900.

No. 13.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 9TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

No. 1.—*Wando Vale Estate Purchase Bill.*—Clause 3.

(1) Notwithstanding anything in the Land Acts such portion of the land comprised in the said provisional agreement as was charged with the payment of an annuity of Three hundred pounds to Annie Robertson (now Annie Duke) during her life shall subject to the terms and conditions of the said provisional agreement be acquired by conveyed to and held by the Board and all lessees and grantees thereof from the Crown subject to the said charge if and so long as the said annuity continues to be or would in the absence of any law to the contrary continue to be a valid subsisting charge upon the said portion of the said land.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in the Land Acts the Board and all lessees "and grantees" of the Crown of any part of the said portion shall be entitled to the benefit of the declaration and the covenant in the said recited deed of the twentieth day of February One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five expressed to be made between the said John Russell McPherson and the said Ann Nicholas.—(*Mr. McColl.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "and grantees," in line 8, be omitted.—(*Mr. Cook.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. J. W. Mason,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Best,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Dyer,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. R. Murray Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. J. Harris,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Irvin,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Toutcher.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—New clause A.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the one hundred and sixty-sixth section of the *Land Act 1898* it shall be lawful to subdivide the said land into allotments the value of each of which shall not exceed *One thousand two hundred and fifty pounds*.—(Mr. Kennedy.)

Motion made and question put—That new clause A, as amended, be added to the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Moule,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Rawson,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Staughton,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Irvine,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Madden,	Mr. Wheeler.
Mr. J. W. Mason,	
Mr. McArthur,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McColl,	
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Gair,
Sir John McIntyre,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. E. D. Williams,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Higgins,	
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Toutcher.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

No. 3.—*Meat Supervision Bill*.—New clause A.

Upon the sale of any animal which is intended to be slaughtered for human consumption there shall be implied in every such sale a warranty that such animal is free from disease and that the same is fit and proper for human consumption.—(Mr. Wilkins.)

Motion made and question put—That new clause A be added to the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Bromley,	Mr. T. Smith,
Mr. Burton,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Gurr,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Maloney.

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 48.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McArthur,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Brake,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Peacock,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Salmon,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. A. L. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Sir George Turner,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Turner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Higgins,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. White,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Madden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Austin,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Duggan.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1899-1900.

No. 14.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 15TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

THURSDAY (MORNING), 15TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

No. 1.—*Cyanide Patent Rights.*

Motion made and question put—That it is desirable to complete the Conditional Agreement set out in recent correspondence between the Honorable the Minister of Mines and the Australian Gold Recovery Company Limited with regard to the purchase by the Government of the said company's cyanide patent rights in Victoria.—(*Mr. Outtrim.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Anderson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McColl,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Cameron,	Sir John McIntyre,
Mr. Carter,	Mr. McLean,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Spiers,
Mr. Hamilton,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Vale,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Kennedy,	Mr. Wheeler,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. E. D. Williams.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. W. Mason,	Mr. Burton,
Mr. Mauger,	Mr. Salmon.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Cook,	Mr. Styles,
Mr. Gillott,	Mr. J. B. Tucker,
Mr. John A. Isaacs,	Mr. H. R. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Methven,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Bales,
Mr. O'Neill,	Mr. Maloney.
Mr. Sangster,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

