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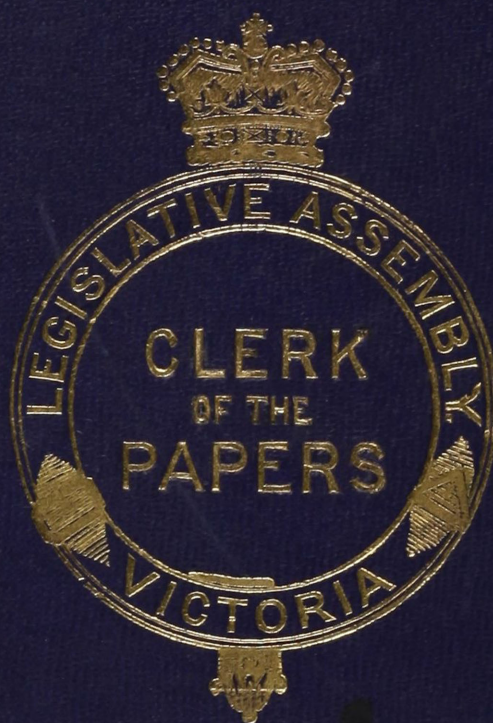
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ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES: Bill relating to duties payable under the Administration and Probate Acts—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Oct., 1908, p. 91; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Oct., p. 106. (*Assented to 20 October. Act No. 2152.*)

ADULT SUFFRAGE: Bill to provide for adult suffrage—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 15 Oct., p. 103.

ADULT SUFFRAGE (BILL NO. 2): Bill to provide for adult suffrage—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Oct., 1908, p. 101; read a second time, on division, 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; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 20 Oct., pp. 105-6; the Council's agreement notified, 24 Nov., p. 131.—Bill reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon.

AGENTS: Bill to provide for the licensing of estate and other agents—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 29 July, 1908, p. 42.—Bill lapsed.

ARTIFICIAL MANURES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the Artificial Manures Acts—(*Mr. Swinburne*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 14 July, p. 20; further considered in Committee, 15 July, p. 24.

FEES.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of giving power to the Governor in Council to make regulations prescribing the registration fees to be charged under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution giving power to the Governor in Council to make regulations prescribing the registration fees for the registration of brands of artificial manures, not exceeding in the case of any one manufacturer or importer the sum of Five pounds, reported and agreed to, 15 July, p. 24.

Bill further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 15 July, p. 25; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 July, p. 32;

the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 7 Oct., p. 94; amendments considered—some agreed to and others disagreed with, 13 Oct., p. 98; the Council insist on their amendments disagreed with by Assembly, 27 Oct., p. 118; amendments considered—disagreement, on division, insisted on, 18 Nov., p. 124.—Bill not returned from the Council.

BALLAARAT EAST LANDS: Bill to provide for the vesting of certain lands for the purposes of the Ballaarat South-street Debating Society and Public Library for reducing the width of certain streets in the Town of Ballaarat East and for other purposes—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 July, 1908, p. 45; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; further consideration postponed, 1 Oct., p. 88; motion, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill; question, on division, not affirmed by the votes of a three-fourths majority, in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order No. 131, 6 Oct., p. 90; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 6 Oct., p. 92.

BALLAARAT EAST LANDS (BILL NO. 2): Bill to provide for the vesting of certain lands for the purposes of the Ballaarat South-street Debating Society and Public Library and for reducing the width of certain streets in the Town of Ballaarat East and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hunt*).—On motion, all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills, including those relating to the payment of fees, dispensed with, with the view of introducing the Bill; Bill initiated, after debate, and read a first time, 26 Nov., 1908, p. 136.—Bill lapsed.

BEECH FOREST AND CROWE'S RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION: Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Beech Forest to Crowe's—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated, on resolution of the House, and read a first time, 5 Aug., 1908, p. 51; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 16 Sept., p. 70.

RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the railway deficiency rate to be made and levied by the Railway Construction Trust under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution giving the Railway Construction Trust power to make and levy a railway deficiency rate reported and agreed to, 16 Sept., p. 70.

Bill further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Sept., p. 70; report from the Clerk of a correction made

- by him in the Bill, 22 Sept., p. 73; the Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 20 Oct., p. 106. (*Assented to 20 October. Act No. 2149.*)
- CASTLEMAINE LAND:** Bill to provide for the leasing of certain land granted as a site for municipal purposes at Castlemaine—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 July, p. 24; report from the Clerk of a correction made by him in the Bill, 21 July, p. 28; the Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 28 July, p. 39. (*Assented to 4 August. Act No. 2142.*)
- CHAFF ADULTERATION:** Bill to prevent the adulteration of chaff or other produce used for feeding stock and for other purposes—(*Mr. Graham*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 1 Oct., p. 87.
- CHAFF SALE REGULATION:** Bill to regulate the sale of chaff and other foods for stock—(*Mr. Swinburne*).—Initiated and read a first time, 22 Sept., 1908, p. 74; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 7 Oct., p. 96; further considered in Committee, 13 Oct., p. 99; 14 Oct., p. 101; 15 Oct., p. 103; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and further amendments made; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Oct., pp. 109-110.—Bill not returned from the Council.
- CHILLINGOLLAH AND MURRAY RIVER RAILWAY:** Bill to amend the laws relating to railway construction so far only as relates to the construction of a railway from Chillingollah to the River Murray—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 18 Nov., 1908, p. 124.—Bill lapsed.
- CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT 1904 FURTHER AMENDMENT:** Bill to further amend the *Closer Settlement Act 1904*—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated, after debate, and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17.—Bill lapsed.
- COMPANIES NAMES:** Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Name Style or Title of Companies*"—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 20 Oct., 1908, p. 107; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 22 Oct., p. 114. (*Assented to 16 November. Act No. 2156.*)
- COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND:** Bill to provide for the compulsory purchase of land—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Oct., 1908, p. 93.—Bill lapsed.
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 1):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million five hundred and thirteen thousand and fifty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council
- desired, 8 July, 1908, p. 13; the Council's agreement notified, 9 July, p. 15. (*Assented to 10 July. Act No. 2139.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 2):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and forty-seven thousand three hundred and eighty-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seven and One thousand nine hundred and eight—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 23 July, 1908, p. 35; further considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 July, p. 38; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Aug., p. 48. (*Assented to 30 July. Act No. 2140.*)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 3):** Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Eight hundred and fifty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 30 Sept., 1908, p. 85; the Council's agreement notified, 7 Oct., p. 94. (*Assented to 8 October. Act No. 2147.*)
- COURTS OF MINES AND COUNTY COURTS:** Bill to empower the Courts of Mines and County Courts in the country to deal with special cases stated by a warden and orders to review under the Justices Acts—(*Mr. Outtrim*).—Bill initiated and motion made, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the consideration of the Bill in Committee—question resolved in the affirmative and Bill read a first time; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 9 July, 1908, p. 17; further considered in Committee, 17 Sept., p. 71; 1 Oct., p. 87.—Bill lapsed.
- CRIMES LAW CODIFICATION AND AMENDMENT:** Bill to codify consolidate and amend the law relating to crimes—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Oct., 1908, p. 88.—Bill lapsed.
- DAYLIGHT SAVING:** Bill to promote the earlier use of daylight in certain months yearly and for other purposes relating thereto—(*Mr. Outtrim*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Nov., 1908, p. 135.—Bill lapsed.
- DENTISTS:** Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to Dentistry*"—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1908, p. 134.—Bill lapsed.
- EDUCATION LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT:** Bill to further amend the law relating to education and to officers and teachers of the Education Department—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Oct., 1908, p. 103; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 17) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 27 Oct., p. 118; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 18 Nov., p. 124.—Bill lapsed.
- ELSTERNWICK LAND:** Bill to revoke the permanent reservation and Crown grant of certain land at Elsternwick in the municipal district of Brighton

—(*Mr. Mackey for Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 July, 1908, p. 23; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 July, p. 29; the Council's agreement notified, 4 Aug., p. 48. (*Assented to 18 August. Act No. 2143.*)

FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Acts—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Aug., 1908, p. 56; 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 further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Sept., p. 69; report from the Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 22 Sept., p. 73.—Bill not returned from the Council.

FENCES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Fences Act 1890*—(*Mr. Mackinnon*).—Initiated and read a first time, 2 July, 1908, p. 4; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 15 July, p. 24; debate resumed and adjourned, 28 July, p. 39; 29 July, p. 43; debate continued—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment, 30 July, p. 46; report considered—amendments agreed to and further amendments made; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Aug., pp. 53-4; the Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 20 Oct., p. 107; amendments considered and agreed to, 21 Oct., p. 110. (*Assented to 16 November. Act No. 2155.*)

GAOLS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the *Gaols Act 1890*—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 1 Oct., 1908, p. 38.—Bill lapsed.

GOBUR LAND: Bill to provide for the revocation of the permanent reservation of portion of certain land reserved as a site for race-course and other purposes of public recreation at Gobur—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 4 Aug., 1908, p. 48; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 1 Oct., p. 88; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Oct., p. 107. (*Assented to 20 October. Act No. 2150.*)

GOVERNMENT STATIST: Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Appointment of Government Statist*"—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 11 Aug., 1908, p. 57; 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; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendments desired, 16 Sept., p. 69; the Council's agreement to the amendments notified, 7 Oct., p. 96. (*Assented to 20 October. Act No. 2148.*)

GOVERNOR'S SALARY REDUCTION: Bill to provide for the reduction of the State Governor's salary from £5,000 to £1,000—(*Mr. Toutcher*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.

IMPROVED SMALL HOLDINGS ACT 1906 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Small Improved Holdings Act 1906*—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17.—Bill lapsed.

INCOME TAX: Bill to declare the rates of income tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and nine—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Oct., 1908, p. 91; the Council's agreements notified, 20 Oct., p. 106. (*Assented to 20 October. Act No. 2151.*)

LAND VALUATION: Bill to provide for the Government valuation of land—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated, after debate, and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17; 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, 21 July, p. 28; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 21 July, p. 29; Order of the Day for resumption of debate read and, on division, postponed, 29 July, p. 43; debate resumed and adjourned, 4 Aug., p. 48; 5 Aug., p. 52; 6 Aug., p. 53; 11 Aug., p. 56; debate resumed and, on division, adjourned, 12 Aug., p. 60; debate resumed and adjourned, 23 Sept., p. 75; order for resumption of debate on second reading, on division, discharged and Bill withdrawn, 30 Sept., p. 82.

LAND VALUATION (BILL NO. 2): Bill to provide for the valuation and rating of land by municipalities and for other purposes—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 6 Oct., 1908, p. 90; (on motion, by leave) the name of another Member added to those appointed to bring in the Bill, 15 Oct., p. 103; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 20 Oct., p. 107.—Bill lapsed.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS (PREFERENTIAL VOTING): Bill to provide for preferential voting at elections for the Legislative Assembly—(*Mr. Toutcher for Mr. Watt*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 18; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 1 Oct., p. 87; debate resumed and adjourned, 15 Oct., p. 103.—Bill lapsed.

MARRIAGE ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Marriage Acts*"—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 20 Oct., 1908, p. 107; read a second time and committed, 22 Oct., p. 114; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 16) recommending an appropriation of part of certain fees for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 22 Oct., pp. 114-5.

FEES.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of charging a fee for the celebration of marriage by the Government Statist or any registrar of marriages; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution fixing a fee of Twenty shillings as the amount chargeable under the Bill reported and agreed to, 22 Oct., p. 115.

Bill considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time with an amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendment desired, 22 Oct., p. 115; Assembly's amendment not dealt with by the Council.—Bill lapsed.

MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the law relating to married women's property—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 July, 1908, p. 33; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 1 Oct., p. 88; the Council's agreement notified, 27 Oct., p. 118. (*Assented to 16 November. Act No. 2154.*)

MEDICAL EVIDENCE: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law with respect to Medical Evidence in Civil Cases*"—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 20 Oct., 1908, p. 107.—Bill lapsed.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17; 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, 29 July, p. 42.—Bill lapsed.

MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the Melbourne Harbor Trust Acts—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 7) 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, 29 July, p. 42; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Sept., p. 71.—Bill lapsed.

MELBOURNE HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF: Bill to regulate the conditions under which medical men may be elected or appointed to positions in the Melbourne Hospital and for other purposes—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 July, 1908, p. 33.—Bill lapsed.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (VETERINARY SCHOOL): Bill to provide for the establishment of a veterinary school in the University of Melbourne—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 19) 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, 18 Nov., 1908, pp. 122-3.—Bill lapsed.

MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the Mines Acts—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 28 July, 1908, p. 38; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 25 Nov., p. 134.—Bill lapsed.

MINING DEVELOPMENT ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the Mining Development Acts—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 29 July, 1908, p. 42. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 4 Aug., p. 49.

MINING DEVELOPMENT ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT (BILL NO. 2): Bill to further amend the Mining Development Acts—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Message

from His Excellency the Governor (No. 9) 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, 4 Aug., 1908, p. 48; further considered in Committee, 5 Aug., p. 52; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Aug., p. 53; the Council's agreement notified, 12 Aug., p. 60. (*Assented to 18 August. Act No. 2145.*)

MOE AND WALHALLA RAILWAY COMPLETION: Bill to provide for the completion of the Moe and Walhalla railway—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 7 Oct., 1908, p. 93; read a second time and committed, 22 Oct., p. 114.

EXTRA RATE.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of giving power to the Moe and Walhalla Railway Construction Trust to make and levy a railway construction extra rate; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution giving the Moe and Walhalla Railway Construction Trust power to make and levy a railway construction extra rate reported and agreed to, 22 Oct., p. 114.

Bill considered in Committee and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Oct., p. 114.—Bill not returned from the Council.

MONEY LENDERS LAW AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the law relating to money lenders—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 July, 1908, p. 45.—Bill lapsed.

MOTOR CARS: Bill to regulate the use of motor cars—(*Mr. Mackey* for *Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 29 July, 1908, p. 42; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 14 Oct., p. 101.

FEES.—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the registration and licence fees to be charged under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution fixing the registration and licence fees chargeable under the Bill reported and agreed to, 21 Oct., p. 110.

Bill further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 21 Oct., p. 111; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 Nov., pp. 131-2.—Bill not returned from the Council.

MUNICIPALITIES AMERICAN FLEET CELEBRATIONS: Bill to authorize and validate certain expenditure by councils of municipalities in connexion with the visit of the Fleet of the United States of America—(*Mr. Mackinnon*).—Initiated, after debate, and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17; read a second time, on division, and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 14 July, pp. 20-21; the Council's agreement notified, 28 July, p. 38. (*Assented to 4 August. Act No. 2141.*)

- MUNICIPAL RATING (UNIMPROVED VALUE):** Bill to amend the *Local Government Act 1903* so as to provide for the optional rating by municipalities on the unimproved values of rateable property—(*Mr. Membrey* for *Mr. Holden*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17.—Bill lapsed.
- MURRAY RIVER WATERS:** Bill to ratify and provide for carrying out an agreement entered into between the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and for other purposes—(*Mr. Swinburne*).—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, 14 July, 1908, p. 20; order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Nov., p. 125.
- MURRAY RIVER WATERS (BILL No. 2):** Bill to ratify and provide for carrying out an agreement entered into between the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and for other purposes—(*Mr. Downward*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of the whole House on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message (No. 3) of 14th July, 1908, and read a first time, 18 Nov., 1908, p. 125; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 24 Nov., p. 131.—Bill lapsed.
- NORTHCOTE RAILWAY STATION:** Bill to provide for improving the access to the Northcote railway station—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 24 Nov., 1908, p. 130.—Bill lapsed.
- OLD-AGE PENSIONS INCREASE:** Bill to increase for one year the total sum appropriated for old-age pensions—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 18) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 27 Oct., 1908, p. 118; 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, 18 Nov., p. 124; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 19 Nov., p. 128; further considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 24 Nov., p. 130.—Bill not returned from the Council.
- PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION:** Bill to provide for the abolition of plural voting and for other purposes—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Oct., 1908, p. 103.—Bill lapsed.
- PUBLIC TRUSTEE:** Bill for the appointment of a public trustee and for other purposes—(*Mr. Beazley*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17.—Bill lapsed.
- RAILWAYS MANAGEMENT LAW AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the law relating to the management of the Victorian Railways—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Aug., 1908, p. 56.—Bill lapsed.
- REFERENDUM AND POPULAR INITIATIVE:** Bill to provide for the adoption in legislation of popular initiative and referendum—(*Mr. Outtrim*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 18.—Bill lapsed.
- SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION:** Bill to provide for the inspection of scaffolding—(*Mr. Prendergast* for *Mr. Elmslie*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 July, 1908, p. 45; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 15 Oct., p. 103; further considered in Committee, 22 Oct., p. 113; order for further consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 26 Nov., p. 135.
- SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFERENDUM:** Bill to authorize the taking of a referendum on the subject of reading Scripture lessons in State schools—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1908, p. 133.—Bill lapsed.
- SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS:** Bill amending and declaring the law relating to settled estates and settled land—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 July, 1908, p. 23; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 7 Oct., p. 96.—Bill lapsed.
- SHEEP DIPPING:** Bill to provide for the compulsory dipping of sheep—(*Mr. Robertson*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 July, 1908, p. 17.—Bill lapsed.
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA BOUNDARY:** Bill relating to the common boundary between Victoria and South Australia—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 21) 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, 18 Nov., 1908, p. 123.—Bill lapsed.
- SOUTH MELBOURNE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE:** Bill constituting the mayor councillors and citizens of the City of South Melbourne the trustees of the Mechanics' Institute in the said city—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 22 July, 1908, p. 31; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 28 July, p. 39; the Council's agreement notified, 16 Sept., p. 68. (*Assented to 18 August. Act No. 2146.*)
- STAMPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT:** Bill to further amend the Stamps Acts—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 6 Oct., 1908, p. 90; 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; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 7 Oct., p. 93; the Council's agreement notified, 20 Oct., p. 106. (*Assented to 20 October. Act No. 2153.*)
- ULTIMA TO CHILLINGOLLAH RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION:** Bill to authorize the construction by the State of a line of railway from Ultima to Chillingollah—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Initiated (on motion, by leave) and read a first time, 21 July, 1908, p. 28; read a second time and committed, 22 July, p. 32.
- RAILWAY LOADING RATES.**—(On motion, by leave) House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the railway

loading rates to be made by the council of the Shire of Swan Hill under the Bill; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution giving the council of the Shire of Swan Hill power to make and levy railway loading rates reported and agreed to, 22 July, p. 32.

Bill 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; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 July, p. 32; the Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 11 Aug., p. 56; Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 12) recommending an amendment in the Bill; amendment agreed to; the Message transmitted to the Council and their concurrence requested, 11 Aug., p. 56; the Council's agreement to the amendment notified, 11 Aug., p. 57. (*Assented to 18 August. Act No. 2144.*)

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK INCREASE: Bill to authorize the raising of money for certain purposes by increasing the amount of Government Three per cent. Stock—(*Sir Thomas Bent*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 23) 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, 24 Nov., 1908, p. 130.—Bill lapsed.

WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the *Water Act 1905*—(*Mr. Swinburne*).—Initiated and read a first time, 5 Aug., 1908, p. 51; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 7 Oct., p. 96; further considered in Committee, 20 Oct., p. 108.

IRRIGATION CHARGES.—(On motion, by leave)

House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of making further provision for the making and levying of irrigation charges for the supply of water under the Water Acts; matter considered; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution providing for making further provision for the making and levying of irrigation charges as proposed, reported and agreed to, 21 Oct., p. 109.

Bill further considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 21 Oct., p. 109; read the third time with amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 21 Oct., p. 110.—Bill not returned from the Council.

WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT (CHIEF ENGINEER): Bill relating to the office of Chief Engineer of the Department of Water Supply—(*Mr. Downward*).—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, 18 Nov., 1908, p. 123.—Bill lapsed.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the *Weights and Measures Act 1890* and for other purposes—(*Sir Alexander Peacock*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 July, 1908, p. 23; Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 4) recommending an appropriation from penalties, forfeitures, and fees for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 15 July, pp. 23-4; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment, 7 Oct., p. 96; read the third time with amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 13 Oct., pp. 98-9.—Bill not returned from the Council.

WIRE NETTING: Bill to provide for supplying owners of land with wire netting for vermin-proof fences—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 30 Sept., 1908, p. 82; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 1 Oct., p. 88; report considered—amendments agreed to and further amendments made; Bill read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 7 Oct., pp. 94-6; report from the Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 13 Oct., p. 97.—Bill not returned from the Council.

WORKERS' ACCIDENTS COMPENSATION: Bill to provide for compensation to workers for injuries suffered in the course of their employment—(*Mr. Mackinnon*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 July, 1908, p. 23; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 30 July, p. 46; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 16 Sept., p. 70; further considered in Committee, 17 Sept., p. 71; 22 Sept., p. 74; 23 Sept., p. 75; 24 Sept., p. 77.—Bill lapsed.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Under Section 20 of Act No. 1864, assented to 26th November, 1903, the Legislative Assembly consisted of Sixty-eight Members, but under Act No. 2075, assented to 26th January, 1907, the number of Members was reduced to Sixty-five.

TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

SECOND SESSION (2ND JULY, 1908, TO 7TH DECEMBER, 1908).

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.				Informal.	Votes Polled for Sitting Member.*	Proportion of Electors who Voted.
			Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voters' Certificates.	Total.			
Anstey, Frank, Esquire ...	Brunswick ...	5,330	3,134	661	82	3,877	17	2,313	72·73
Argyle, Reginald Ivon, Esquire ...	Dalhousie ...	3,346	2,108	503	10	2,621	14	1,315	78·33
Bayles, Norman, Esquire ...	Toorak ...	4,751	1,926	415	4	2,345	9	1,524	49·86
Beazley, William David, Esquire ...	Abbotsford ...	4,304	2,292	433	10	2,735	15	1,896	63·54
Bennett, George Henry, Esquire ¹ ...	Richmond ...	5,091	2,724	748	12	3,484	11	1,576	68·43
Bent, The Honorable Sir Thomas, K.C.M.G. ²	Brighton ...	4,121	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Billson, Alfred Arthur, Esquire ...	Ovens ...	3,035	1,597	407	...	2,004	38	1,327	66·03
Billson, John William, Esquire ...	Fitzroy ...	4,269	2,256	458	7	2,721	18	1,502	63·74
Bowser, The Honorable John ³ ...	Wangaratta ...	3,735	1,910	416	...	2,326	12	1,399	62·27
Boyd, The Honorable James Arthur ⁴	Melbourne ...	5,918	2,226	589	6	2,821	9	1,820	47·67
Bromley, Frederick Hadkinson, Esquire ⁵	Carlton ...	4,439	1,949	616	5	2,570	27	1,338	57·89
Cameron, The Honorable Ewen Hugh ⁶	Evelyn ...	3,641	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Cameron, James, Esquire ...	Gippsland East	3,101	1,485	470	8	1,963	5	1,272	63·30
Campbell, Hugh John Munro, Esquire	Glenelg ...	3,600	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Carlisle, John Joseph, Esquire ...	Benalla ...	3,563	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Cotter, Edmund John, Esquire ⁷ ...	Richmond ...	5,230	2,669	582	...	3,251	7	2,046	62·16
Craven, Albert William, Esquire ⁸ ...	Benambra ...	2,672	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Cullen, John, Esquire ...	Gunbower ...	3,067	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Downward, The Honorable Alfred ⁹ ...	Mornington ...	4,275	1,731	234	...	1,965	17	1,400	45·96
Duffus, James Francis, Esquire ¹⁰ ...	Port Fairy ...	3,580	2,041	484	17	2,542	24	1,305	71
Elmslie, George Alexander, Esquire ¹¹	Albert Park ...	5,045	2,880	617	...	3,497	22	2,063	69·31
Farrer, James Farish, Esquire ...	Barwon ...	3,891	2,087	383	...	2,470	15	900	63·48
Forrest, Charles Lamond, Esquire ...	Polwarth ...	3,774	1,810	322	...	2,132	19	1,503	56·49
Glass, Thomas, Esquire ...	Bendigo East	3,841	2,251	392	1	2,644	16	1,504	68·83
Graham, The Honorable George ...	Goulburn Valley	3,257	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Gray, John, Esquire ...	Swan Hill ...	3,114	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed

NOTES.

* The particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1907; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 7 March, 1907, the "day of nomination," and in other cases 15 March, 1907, the "day of polling." Where the Member's name is printed in *italic*, the particulars relate to the elections held subsequent to 1907, and the dates of these elections will be found in the following notes:—

- 1 Mr. G. H. Bennett, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A. Deceased 8 September, 1908; succeeded by Mr. E. J. Cotter.
- 2 The Hon. Sir Thomas Bent, Minister of Railways, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 10 June, 1902, to 21 July, 1903. Commissioner of Public Works, and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works (without salary), from 6 February, 1903, to 21 July, 1903. Commissioner of Public Works, from 21 July, 1903, to 16 February, 1904. Minister of Health (without salary), from 6 February, 1903, to 16 February, 1904. Treasurer (Premier), also Minister of Railways (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 16 February, 1904.
- 3 The Hon. J. Bowser, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A; vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected, 17 November, 1908, polling 1,522 votes; Minister of Public Instruction from 31 October, 1908.
- 4 The Hon. J. A. Boyd, appointed a Member of the Executive Council, 21 February, 1907. Was also a Member of the Government without office from 21 February, 1907, to 5 November, 1908.
- 5 Mr. F. H. Bromley, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A. Deceased 29 September, 1908; succeeded by Mr. R. H. Solly.
- 6 The Hon. E. H. Cameron, Minister of Mines and Water Supply, from 10 June, 1902, to 16 February, 1904. Minister of Public Health; also Commissioner of Public Works (without salary), and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 16 February, 1904, to 31 October, 1908.
- 7 Mr. E. J. Cotter, elected 2 October, 1908, *vice* Mr. G. H. Bennett, deceased.
- 8 Mr. A. W. Craven, Chairman of Committees, from 12 July, 1904.
- 9 The Hon. A. Downward, vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected, 17 November, 1908, polling 1,266 votes; Minister of Water Supply, also Minister of Agriculture (without salary), from 31 October, 1908.
- 10 Mr. J. F. Duffus, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A.
- 11 Mr. G. A. Elmslie, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 September, 1908.

Member.	District.	No. of Electors on Rolls.	No. of Electors who Voted.			Total.	Infor- mal.	Votes Polled for Sitting Mem- ber.*	Proportion of Electors who Voted.
			Rate- payers.	Non- Rate- payers.	Voters' Certifi- cates.				
Gurr, The Honorable William ...	Geelong ...	4,414	2,444	356	...	2,800	23	1,507	63·43
Harris, Albert, Esquire ...	Walhalla ...	2,830	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Holden, George Frederick, Esquire ...	Warrenheip... ..	3,073	1,792	248	12	2,052	21	1,139	66·77
Hunt, The Honorable Thomas ¹² ...	Upper Goulburn	3,677	2,002	387	10	2,399	14	1,201	65·42
Hutchinson, William, Esquire ...	Borong ...	3,127	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Keast, William Stephen, Esquire ...	Dandenong ...	4,263	1,536	145	...	1,681	6	1,330	39·43
Keogh, Hubert Patrick, Esquire ...	Gippsland North	3,060	1,538	224	...	1,762	4	1,195	57·58
Kirton, The Honorable Joseph William	Ballaarat West	4,041	2,214	425	1	2,640	5	1,200	65·33
Langdon, The Honorable Thomas ...	Korong ...	2,736	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Lawson, Harry Sutherland Wightman, Esquire	Castlemaine and Maldon	3,388	2,045	419	...	2,464	19	1,563	72·72
Leimon, John, Esquire ...	Williamstown	6,126	3,410	816	11	4,237	28	2,422	69·16
Livingston, Thomas, Esquire ...	Gippsland South	3,875	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Mackey, The Honorable John Emanuel ¹³	Gippsland West	3,303	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Mackinnon, The Honorable Donald ¹⁴	Prahran ...	4,903	2,311	822	...	3,133	7	2,036	63·90
Madden, The Honorable Frank ¹⁵ ...	Boroondara ...	5,933	2,076	289	...	2,365	10	1,607	39·87
Mason, John Walter, Esquire ¹⁶ ...	Waranga ...	2,953	1,743	266	...	2,009	13	711	68·03
McBride, Peter, Esquire ...	Kara Kara ...	3,229	1,713	287	...	2,000	19	1,602	61·93
McCutcheon, Robert George, Esquire	St. Kilda ...	4,840	2,136	368	1	2,505	11	1,548	51·75
McGrath, David Charles, Esquire ...	Grenville ...	3,693	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
McGregor, The Honorable Robert ...	Ballaarat East	4,278	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
McKenzie, Hugh, Esquire ...	Rodney ...	3,542	2,291	353	22	2,666	12	1,522	75·27
McLeod, The Honorable Donald ¹⁷ ...	Daylesford ...	3,156	1,829	283	1	2,113	14	1,384	66·95
Membrey, John George, Esquire ...	Jika Jika ...	5,660	2,824	337	6	3,167	13	1,759	55·95
Murray, The Honorable John ...	Warrnambool	3,278	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Oman, David Swan, Esquire ...	Hampden ...	4,064	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Outtrim, The Honorable Alfred Richard	Maryborough	3,828	2,259	355	...	2,614	15	1,487	68·28
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G. ¹⁸	Allandale ...	3,153	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Prendergast, George Michael, Esquire	North Melbourne	5,364	2,607	741	4	3,352	21	1,911	62·49
Robertson, The Honorable Andrew Robert †	Bulla ...	3,764	1,799	421	...	2,220	5	1,538	58·98
Sangster, George, Esquire ...	Port Melbourne	5,483	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Smith, David, Esquire ...	Bendigo West	4,382	2,254	387	4	2,645	13	1,751	60·36
Solly, Robert Henry ¹⁹ ...	Carlton ...	4,222	1,964	463	...	2,417	...	1,398	57·24
Stanley, Robert, Esquire ...	Lowan ...	3,102	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unopposed
Swinburne, The Honorable George ²⁰	Hawthorn ...	5,833	2,856	448	...	3,304	18	2,247	56·64
Thomson, John, Esquire ²¹ ...	Dundas ...	3,098	1,818	241	...	2,059	29	1,112	66·46
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Stawell and Ararat	3,260	1,596	485	...	2,081	7	1,326	63·83
Tunnecliffe, Thomas, Esquire ...	Eaglehawk ...	3,582	2,063	336	...	2,399	14	1,218	66·97
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ...	Flemington ...	5,384	2,631	525	10	3,166	14	1,619	58·80
Watt, The Honorable William Alexander	Essendon ...	5,810	3,104	462	15	3,581	12	1,904	61·63
Weedon, Sir Henry ...	East Melbourne	4,346	1,404	612	15	2,031	6	1,467	46·73
Wilkins, Edgar, Esquire ²² ...	Collingwood	4,499	2,503	414	19	2,936	13	1,659	65·26

For note (*) see page xlv.

- † Honorary Minister.
- ¹² The Hon. T. Hunt, vacated his seat by accepting office; re-elected, 17 November, 1908, polling 1,142 votes; President of the Board of Land and Works, and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, from 31 October, 1908.
- ¹³ The Hon. J. E. Mackey, President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, from 17 August, 1906, to 31 October, 1908. Chief Secretary and Minister of Labour (without salary), from 11 December, 1906, to 4 January, 1907; Solicitor-General from 28 February, 1908, to 8 September, 1908; Chief Secretary and Minister of Labour from 31 October, 1908.
- ¹⁴ The Hon. D. Mackinnon, appointed a Member of the Executive Council, 21 February, 1907. Was also a Member of the Government without office from 21 February, 1907, to 20 October, 1908.
- ¹⁵ The Hon. F. Madden, Speaker, from 29 June, 1904.
- ¹⁶ Mr. J. W. Mason, deceased, 3 December, 1908; seat vacant to date of dissolution of Parliament, 7 December, 1908.
- ¹⁷ The Hon. D. McLeod, Minister of Mines, from 16 February, 1904, to 8 November, 1904; a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 16 February, 1904, to 3 March, 1904; and Minister of Water Supply (without salary), from 10 March, 1904, to 26 April, 1904. Minister of Mines and Forests, from 8 November, 1904.
- ¹⁸ The Hon. Sir Alexander James Peacock, Chief Secretary, also Minister of Labour (without salary), from 22 February, 1907, to 20 October, 1908.
- ¹⁹ Mr. R. H. Solly, elected 23 October, 1908, *vice* Mr. F. H. Bromley, deceased.
- ²⁰ The Hon. G. Swinburne, Minister of Water Supply, from 26 April, 1904, to 31 October, 1908; also Minister of Agriculture (without salary), from 8 November, 1904, to 31 October, 1908.
- ²¹ Mr. J. Thomson, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A.
- ²² Mr. E. Wilkins, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A from 6 October, 1908.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i>	The Honorable FRANK MADDEN.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i>	ALBERT WILLIAM CRAVEN, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly</i>	THOMAS GREENLEES WATSON, Esquire, C.M.G., J.P.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i>	HIBBERT HENRY NEWTON, Esquire.
<i>Clerk of Committees and Serjeant-at-Arms</i>	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

THURSDAY, 2ND JULY, 1908.

1. The Legislative Assembly met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the thirtieth day of May, 1908, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

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

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Honorable Sir Reginald Arthur James Talbot, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS the Parliament of Victoria stands prorogued until Tuesday, the second day of June, 1908 : Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Thursday, the second day of July, 1908, and I do hereby fix Thursday, the second day of July, 1908, aforesaid, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne : And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this thirtieth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign.

(I.S.)

R. TALBOT.

By His Excellency's Command,

T. BENT.

GOD SAVE THE KING !

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. SIR THOMAS BENT, K.C.M.G.—Mr. Speaker addressed the House as follows :—

Before business is proceeded with I desire to refer to the fact, of which intelligence has recently been received, that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confer on the Premier the dignity of Knighthood, and has made him a Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. The Premier is a very old Member of this House, to which he was first elected on the 16th March, 1871, as Member for Brighton. I desire to congratulate him on the honour he has received, and I hope that he will long live to enjoy it.

Several Honorable Members having also congratulated Sir Thomas Bent on the honour conferred upon him by His Majesty the King,

Sir Thomas Bent thanked Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members for their kind felicitations.

4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Beazley, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Public Accounts ; together with the Minutes of Evidence and Appendix.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

5. DEATH OF THE MARQUIS OF LINLITHGOW.—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that upon the announcement of the death of the Marquis of Linlithgow during the recess, he had conferred with the President of the Legislative Council and they had transmitted, by cable, a joint message of condolence to Lady Linlithgow, and had received a reply, which Mr. Speaker read to the House.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this House, at its first meeting since the death of the Marquis of Linlithgow, desires to express its deep sympathy with Lady Linlithgow and family in their great bereavement, and to place on record its sorrow at the early death of one who had so endeared himself to the people, first as Governor of Victoria from the 28th November, 1889, to the 12th July, 1895, and afterwards as the first Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That Mr. Speaker be requested to convey the foregoing Resolution, through His Excellency the Governor, to the Marchioness of Linlithgow.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. 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—

William David Beazley, Esquire,
 Frederick Hadkinson Bromley, Esquire,
 James Cameron, Esquire,
 George Alexander Elmslie, Esquire,
 Thomas Hunt, Esquire,
 Thomas Livingston, Esquire, and
 The Honorable William Alexander Watt

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

Given under my hand this second day of July, One thousand nine hundred and eight.

FRANK MADDEN,

Speaker.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

George Henry Bennett, Esquire,
 John Bowser, Esquire,
 Frederick Hadkinson Bromley, Esquire,
 James Francis Duffus, Esquire, and
 John Thomson, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this second day of July, One thousand nine hundred and eight.

FRANK MADDEN,

Speaker.

8. PAPERS.—Sir Thomas Bent presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Education.—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1906-7.

Inter-State Conference.—Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates of the Inter-State Conference held at Melbourne, April-May, 1908 ; together with Appendices.

Port of Melbourne.—Report on the, by Wm. Ferguson, Esq., M. Inst. C.E., M. Inst. Mech. E. Public Service Commissioner.—Report for the year 1907.

Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria—

For the year 1906—

Part X.—Interchange.

For the year 1907—

Part I.—Blue Book.

Part II.—Finance.

Part III.—Population,

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

Mines and Forests.—Annual Report of the Secretary for Mines, to the Honorable D. McLeod, M.P., Minister of Mines and Forests for Victoria, including Statistics, Reports on Geological Survey, Forests, Sludge Abatement, Inspection of Mines, Dredging, Progress of Mining, Boring Operations, &c., for the year 1907.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns—

For the quarter ended 31st December, 1907.

For the quarter ended 31st March, 1908.

Board of Inquiry.—Bradford Inquiry Board—Maximum Expenditure authorized.

Closer Settlement Acts.—Alteration in the Regulations for the Disposal of Lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts.—Order in Council (2 papers).

Companies Act 1896.—Rules under Division VII.—Return by Prothonotary of Business of the Supreme Court.

Education Act 1890.—Regulation No. XXII. (Exhibitions)—Sub-section rescinded and sub-section substituted.—Order in Council.

Explosives Act 1890.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives to the Honorable the Chief Secretary, on the working of the Explosives Act during the year 1907.

Factories, Work-rooms, and Shops.—Report of the Chief Inspector of, for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

Fire Brigades Act 1890—

Country Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the year ended 31st December, 1907; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.

Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.—Report for the year ending 31st December, 1907; together with Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, and Assets and Liabilities, for that period.

Justices Act 1890.—Fees in Courts of Petty Sessions, and in Proceedings before a Justice or Justices.—Order in Council.

Marine Act 1890—

Marine Board of Victoria.—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

Amending Regulation in substitution of Section 27 and repealing Section 28 of the Pilot Regulations 1904.

Medical Act 1890, Part II., and Dentists Act 1898.—Regulation IV. repealed and New Regulation made.

Mines Act 1890.—Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund.—Balance-sheet, 31st December, 1907.

Mines Act 1904.—Suspension of Labour Covenants granted during 1907.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.—Seventeenth General Report.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Chief Secretary (3 papers).

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Law (2 papers).

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Mines and Water Supply (2 papers).

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Agriculture (3 papers).

Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Mines and Water Supply.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Public Instruction.

Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Department of Agriculture.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Lands and Survey.

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Chief Secretary.

Addendum to Regulations.—Clause 14, Chapter V.

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Public Instruction (2 papers).

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of State Forests.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Agriculture.

Pure Food Act 1905—

Regulations as to Milk, Skim Milk, Bread, and Aerated Waters.

Regulation altering in some instances the Form of Label for Articles of Food mixed with Preservative Substances.

Regulation altering Standard of, and allowed Addition to, Minced Meat or Sausage Meat. Regulation relating to the Cleansing of Drinking Vessels.

Registration of Teachers and Schools Act 1905.—Teachers and Schools Registration Board.—Regulations.—Regulation V. (A)—Primary Teachers.

Supreme Court Act 1900.—Rules of the Supreme Court, dated 13th April, 1908.

Trade Unions—Twenty-second Annual Report on.—Report of the Actuary for Friendly Societies for the year 1907, with an Appendix.

Water Act 1905—

Copy of Pumping Lease granted to Gervasio Giunelli.

Copy of Pumping Lease granted to the Long Tunnel Mining Company No Liability.

9. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—

By Mr. Beazley—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Abbotsford and surrounding districts.

By Mr. Bowser—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Wangaratta.

By Mr. E. H. Cameron (for Mr. Speaker)—

From certain residents of the Electoral Districts of Boroondara and Hawthorn.

By Mr. Craven—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Benambra.

By Mr. Cullen—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Gunbower.

By Mr. Elmslie—

From certain residents of the district of South Melbourne (two Petitions).

By Mr. Harris—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Walhalla.

By Mr. Hunt—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Upper Goulburn (two Petitions).

By Mr. Keogh—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Gippsland North (two Petitions).

From certain residents of the district of Lindenow.

From certain residents of the district of Sale.

By Mr. Lawson—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Castlemaine and Maldon.

By Mr. Livingston—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Gippsland South.

By Mr. Oman—

From certain persons.

By Mr. Outtrim—

From certain residents of the district of Avoca.

From certain residents of the district of Talbot.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

10. FENCES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Mackinnon obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Fences Act 1890’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR’S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I have summoned you to meet in order that your advice and assistance on matters of public importance may be given to the Governor of the State.

You will be glad to know that the revenue of the State continues in a satisfactory condition, and that there is a large surplus on the transactions of the financial year which has just closed ; also that the 4 per cent. loan of £2,000,000 which matured in April last has been converted into a 3½ per cent. loan. The widespread rainfall with which the State has recently been blessed encourages us to hope for a year of abundant production. The financial condition of the State has enabled reductions to be made in the rates of Railway charges for carriage of goods, which will probably amount to about £67,000 per annum, and in passenger fares to about £47,000 per annum. These reductions have been made with special consideration to country requirements and the producing interests ; but, notwithstanding these large concessions, the surplus in Railway account for the financial year is about £80,000.

I join with you in expressions of sorrow over the deplorable loss of life caused by the railway accident at Sunshine.

At the Conference of Premiers and Ministers of the States held in Melbourne, in April last, serious consideration was again given to the financial relationship of the Commonwealth and the States. The Prime Minister and the Treasurer of the Commonwealth attended and laid their proposals before the Conference ; and, although the settlement of the matters at issue was postponed to a future Conference, my Advisers are of opinion that a distinct advance has been made towards the satisfactory solution of the difficult and intricate problems involved. Other matters of Inter-State concern were also dealt with. The record of the Proceedings and the Resolutions of the Conference will shortly be laid before you.

My Advisers have, during the recess, conferred with the representatives of the State of South Australia with a view to settling the long-standing dispute regarding the boundary of that State and Victoria. An agreement was arrived at, subject to the approval of the Parliaments of the two States.

My Advisers intend to again submit to you the Bill for giving effect to the Agreement between the Governments of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria for the fuller utilization, on equitable terms, of the waters of the River Murray, and it is hoped that a similar Bill will be laid before the Legislatures of each of the two sister States, and dealt with simultaneously by the Parliaments of the three States concerned.

My Advisers realize that the shipping facilities of the Port of Melbourne are inadequate for our expanding trade. They have accordingly obtained from Mr. W. Ferguson, Civil Engineer, of the Wellington Harbor Trust, a comprehensive report upon the subject, which will be laid before you. The recommendations contained in that report are being carefully considered with a view to the preparation of a scheme for your approval.

Arrangements are being made by My Advisers, in co-operation with the Government of the Commonwealth, to welcome the Fleet of our American kinsmen in a manner worthy of an historic occasion.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

Estimates of the State Expenditure for the coming financial year will in due course be laid before you. They have been prepared with the object of effecting such economies as are consistent with the efficient maintenance of the Public Service and the increasing demands of a progressive community.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

It has become apparent that the system of valuation of land for State and Municipal purposes hitherto adopted in this State is unsatisfactory, and that the time is ripe for a fundamental alteration. A Bill will be submitted to you to authorize the making by the Government of a valuation of all lands in the State other than Crown lands; such valuation to specify both the improved and the unimproved values of all such lands. Provision will be included to enable Municipalities at their option to rate upon either such improved or unimproved valuations.

A proposal will also be laid before you to alter the basis and incidence of land taxation in such a way as to promote the subdivision and more profitable occupation of the private lands of the State.

For many years the control, maintenance, and organization of our Charitable Institutions have called for legislative action. A measure will be submitted to you which is designed to secure greater economy and efficiency in this important branch of our national life.

The opening up of lands for settlement is being steadily proceeded with. Amongst the areas which are being prepared for occupation are the White Cliff and Nyah Irrigation Districts, the country between Ouyen and Pinnaroo, the Heytesbury Forest land, the Portland Heath country, and other areas near Rosedale, and in Eastern Gippsland.

My Advisers are convinced that in order to promote more rapid settlement it is necessary to obtain fuller powers to resume private lands upon payment of compensation. A measure to carry out this object will be introduced.

The work of water conservation is being rapidly carried on, so that the lands which are being opened up for settlement may be well supplied with water for domestic and irrigation purposes.

It is essential to the success of a large irrigation scheme that a supply of water should always be available, and a proposal will be brought forward to construct a reservoir on the Goulburn which will insure an unfailing supply to our greatest system, and will irrigate 600,000 acres.

A proposal will be laid before you whereby light railways will be enabled to be constructed for the purpose of utilizing unoccupied Crown lands.

During last year the Director of Education visited Europe and America, and, as the result of his observations and inquiries in those countries, he has submitted certain recommendations, which are receiving careful consideration. A measure for the Reclassification of Teachers, and providing an additional annual sum of about £40,000 to increase their remuneration, will be laid before you. You will also be asked to approve of a measure to amend the Education Act, and provision will be made for the better arrangement of school attendances by causing pupils to attend within prescribed zones.

The powers contained in the Amending Mines Act passed last Session are being enforced, and have resulted in great improvements being effected in the ventilation and sanitation of mines. A series of experiments are being conducted in some of the deeper mines with the view of determining the best mode of providing effective ventilation, and reducing the temperature in mines which are being worked at great depths.

A Bill will be introduced this Session to effect further amendments in the Mining Law, and also a measure to consolidate the laws relating to Mining.

An amendment of the law relating to Mining Companies will be proposed to regulate the formation and proceedings of companies and to give greater security to shareholders and investors.

The State Forests Department, provided for in the Forests Act, has been constituted, a Conservator appointed, and steps are now being taken to organize a School of Forestry.

Preparations are also being made to clear and reafforest large areas which have been denuded of timber and to replant suitable areas with eucalypts, pines, and other valuable timbers for commercial purposes, both in the mining and agricultural districts.

A measure providing for the taking of a Referendum on the subject of the use of Scripture Lessons in State Schools will be again submitted for your consideration.

A measure providing for the payment of compensation to workers who are injured by accidents arising out of or in the course of their employment will be introduced,

Resolutions will be introduced for the purpose of creating Wages Boards under the Factories Act passed last Session.

Proposals will also be submitted to you for the codification of the Criminal Law, for the consolidation of the numerous Acts amending the Constitution, for the regulation of Motor Cars, for the amendment of the County Court Acts, for the amendment of the constitutions of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works and the Melbourne Harbor Trust, for the licensing of Estate and other Agents, for the amendment of the Local Government Acts, the Dentists Acts, and for the regulation of the Celebration of Marriages.

On this, the last occasion of my meeting Parliament, I am glad to be able to congratulate you upon the prosperity that has existed in Victoria during my term of office, and, in bidding you farewell, I pray that it may long continue.

I trust that, with the blessing of Divine Providence, your deliberations and determinations may tend to advance the well-being of the people and the good of the State.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the consideration of His Excellency's Speech to be postponed until Tuesday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the consideration of His Excellency's Speech be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next, and that the Order of the Day take precedence of all other business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

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VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 7TH JULY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS—BIBLE LESSONS IN STATE SCHOOLS.—Mr. Speaker said :—I desire to call attention to Standing Order No. 196 :—

“Every Petition shall be fairly written ; and no printed or lithographed Petition will be received.”

All the Petitions presented to this House on Thursday last, the 2nd July, are reproductions from a typed stencil, and, therefore, do not comply with the requirements of this Standing Order.

On the 20th July, 1897, the Standing Orders Committee of this House carefully considered the question whether it was advisable to amend Standing Order No. 196 so as to enable Petitions which are in print to be received, and arrived at the following resolution :—

“That in the opinion of the Committee no sufficient reasons have been shown to necessitate any alteration of the existing Standing Order.”

Petitions should, moreover, be free from erasures and interlineations, and the sheets containing the signatures should be properly gummed to the Petition. Some of these Petitions err in these respects also.

On the 5th July, 1905, a large number of Petitions on the question of Sunday Excursion trains were presented, and were found to be out of order for similar reasons, and I ruled as follows :—

“When the avalanche of Petitions descended on the House to-night, there was not time to see that some of them were not in order. Since then the Petitions have been examined. Those that were printed were rejected at once. I have two here, also, which do not comply with the Standing Orders, because there are no signatures on the first sheet. One of these was presented by the Honorable Member for Kara Kara, and the other by the Honorable Member for Williamstown. They are both out of order, and therefore cannot be accepted by the House.”

The right of Petition to Parliament is a solemn right which should be properly guarded, otherwise the Petitions are apt to lose their value, and be regarded with less respect than they ought to be.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the Order, made on the 2nd July instant, that the said Petitions do lie upon the Table be read and discharged.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. ULTIMA TO EUREKA RAILWAY.—Mr. Graham, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Ultima to Eureka ; together with Appendix and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.
4. BEECH FOREST TO WANGERRIP RAILWAY.—Mr. Graham, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the construction of a 2ft. 6in. narrow-gauge railway from Beech Forest to Wangerrip ; together with the Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.
5. PAPER.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Penal Establishments and Gaols.—Report of the Inspector-General for the year 1907.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor's Speech having been read—Mr. Gurr moved, That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Debate ensued.

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

Question—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.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

Fences Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH JULY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **ELTHAM TO HURST'S BRIDGE (DIAMOND CREEK) RAILWAY.**—Mr. Graham, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Eltham to Hurst's Bridge (Diamond Creek); together with the Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.
3. **CRESSY AND PITFIELD PLAINS RAILWAY.**—Mr. Graham, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Cressy and Pitfield Plains by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and of loading the lands enhanced in value by the construction of the railway.
Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.
4. **PETITION.**—The following Petition, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, was presented :—
By Mr. Langdon—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Korong.
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 :—
Friendly Societies—Thirtieth Annual Report on.—Report of the Actuary for Friendly Societies for the year 1907, to which are appended the Valuations, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.
Pure Food Act 1905.—Regulations.—Pickles, Exemptions, and Sale by Approximate Weight, &c.
Water Act 1905.—Copy of Pumping Lease granted to James Bonner Witney.
6. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Thomas Bent, and the same was read :—

1908.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1908-9.

JOHN MADDEN,

*Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.**Message No. 1.*

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the months of July, August, and September in the year 1908-9, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th July, 1908.

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

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until after Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive :—

Address in Reply to the Governor's Speech—Motion for—Resumption of debate.

8. **COMMITTEES OF SUPPLY AND WAYS AND MEANS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That Standing Order No. 273A be suspended so as to allow the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means to be appointed before the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Speech has been agreed to by this House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. **SUPPLY.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. **SUPPLY.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Thomas Bent 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. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

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

12. **SUPPLY.**—Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,513,057 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1908–9, viz. :—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries	300
2.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	25
3.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries	1,615
4.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	900
5.	Railways Standing Committee—Salaries	105
6.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	90
7.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries	650
8.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	400
9.	The Library—Salaries	156
10.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	63
11.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries	162
12.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	270
13.	Refreshment Rooms—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	450
14.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries	1,560
15.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, Miscellaneous Items	160
16.	" " " " General Items	575
17.	" " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	15,000
18.	" " Grants	205
19.	Board for Protection of Aborigines—Salaries	84
20.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	900
21.	" " " " Works and Buildings	150
22.	Explosives—Salaries	515
23.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	450
24.	Inspector of Factories and Shops—Salaries	1,295
25.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	850
26.	Friendly Societies—Salaries	460
27.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	480
28.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries	375
29.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	100
30.	The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	120
31.	Inebriates' Institution—Salaries	265
32.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	600
33.	Marine Board—Salaries	660
34.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	280
35.	Mercantile Marine—Salaries	190
36.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	20
37.	Observatory—Salaries	570
38.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, Astrophotographic Catalogues	135
39.	" " " " General Items	450
40.	Premier's Office—Salaries	400
41.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	150
42.	Agent-General—Agent-General, Staff, &c.	1,350

Division No.		£
44.	Audit Office—Salaries	2,485
45.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	665
46.	Government Statist—Salaries	1,815
47.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,580
48.	Hospitals for Insane—Salaries	18,450
49.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	18,000
50.	Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools—Salaries	1,541
51.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, Maintenance	15,090
52.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	900
53.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries	9,035
54.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	6,965
55.	Police—Salaries	63,775
56.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	12,225
57.	Public Library, Museum, and National Gallery—Salaries	2,885
58.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,250
59.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, Works and Buildings... ..	4,500
60.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries	245
61.	" " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	290
62.	Education—Director, &c.	151,592
63.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	19,224
64.	Education—Pensions, &c.	408
65.	" Works and Buildings	5,000
66.	" Endowments	6,750
67.	Supreme Court—Salaries	1,050
68.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	514
69.	Law Officers—Salaries	2,810
70.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,990
71.	" " Pensions, &c.	70
72.	Crown Solicitor—Salaries... ..	1,340
73.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	270
74.	Prothonotary—Salaries	507
76.	Master-in-Equity, &c.—Salaries	1,427
78.	Registrar-General—Salaries	9,598
79.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,200
80.	Sheriff—Salaries	1,349
81.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	5,000
82.	Comptroller of Stamps, &c.—Salaries	903
83.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	500
84.	County Courts, &c.—Salaries	2,472
85.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	6,000
86.	Police Magistrates, &c.—Salaries	4,034
87.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,400
88.	Clerk of Courts—Salaries	7,149
89.	Coroners—Salaries	36
90.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,600
91.	" " " Pensions, &c.	67
92.	Treasury—Salaries	6,124
93.	" Ordinary Expenditure	1,000
94.	Transport	750
95.	Unforeseen	700
96.	Carriage of Coal	400
97.	Payment to Railway Department for issue of Free Passes to State Governor and Staff, Members of Parliament, &c., Executive Councillors, and Members of Parliaments of other States	1,250
98.	Treasury—Grants, Charitable Institutions	30,000
99.	" " Pensions	520
101.	Advance to Treasurer	200,000
102.	Income Tax—Salaries	2,705
103.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	600
104.	Land Tax—Salaries	62
105.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	320
106.	Curator—Salaries	516
107.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	32
108.	Government Printer—Salaries	5,935
109.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	11,622
110.	Advertising	1,000
111.	Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries	12,548
112.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,700
113.	" " Surveys, &c.	1,400
114.	Public Parks—Salaries	40
115.	" Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	67
116.	" Non-recurring	40
117.	" Grants	800

Division No.	£
118. Botanical, &c., Gardens—Salaries	1,483
119. " " Ordinary Expenditure—General Items...	657
120. Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries	125
121. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items ...	4,284
122. Closer Settlement—Salaries	579
123. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	143
124. Small Holdings—Salaries... ..	328
125. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	100
126. Village Settlements, &c.	200
127. Works and Buildings	1,210
129. Lands, Non-recurring	750
130. Public Works—Salaries	6,407
131. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,640
132. " " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	32
133. Ports and Harbors—Salaries	4,098
134. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,500
136. Public Works—Works and Buildings	89,078
137. " " Road Works and Bridges	12,000
138. " " Endowments and Grants	5,000
139. " " Non-recurring	190
140. Mines—Salaries	4,638
141. " Furtherance of Mining Industry	3,800
142. " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,250
143. " Non-recurring	4,950
144. Forests—Salaries	1,711
145. " Ordinary Expenses, General Items	4,500
146. Water Supply—Salaries	1,356
147. " " Survey, &c.	300
148. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	220
149. " " Non-recurring	2,700
150. State Rivers and Water Supply Commissior	32,401
151. Agriculture and Industries—Salaries, &c.	2,464
152. " " Ordinary Expenditure, Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	27
153. " " Publishing Reports	1,000
154. " " Development of Export Trade	8,000
155. " " Travelling Exhibit	300
156. " " General Items	900
157. Grants	604
158. Non-recurring	2,699
159. Stock and Dairy Supervision	3,412
160. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,156
161. Vegetation Diseases	791
162. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,725
163. Technical Agricultural Education	1,285
164. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	4,675
165. Viticulture Industry	192
166. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	980
167. Public Health—Salaries	1,910
168. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	4,540
169. Victorian Railways	561,600
170. Miscellaneous	2,625
171. Chief Engineer for Railway Construction—Working Expenses	920
	£1,513,057

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

13. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Sir Thomas Bent 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. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Craven 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.
14. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—
Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1908–9 the sum of £1,513,057 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 Thomas Bent and Mr. Swinburne do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

15. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (NO. 1).—Sir Thomas Bent then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million five hundred and thirteen thousand and fifty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven 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 Thomas Bent, read a third time.

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Debate resumed.

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

Question—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.

17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

Fences Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

THURSDAY, 9TH JULY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. TOOLONDO RAILWAY.—Mr. Graham, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Toolondo by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and of loading the lands enhanced in value by the construction of the railway; together with the Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report 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 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 five hundred and thirteen thousand and fifty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th July, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which His Excellency the Governor was 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 Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at four o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, and half-past Ten o'clock on Thursday; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after half-past Ten o'clock on Tuesday and Wednesday, and after Four o'clock on Thursday.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday and Wednesday in each week during the present Session Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That on Thursday in each week during the present Session, business shall be called on in the following order, viz. :—

On one Thursday—

(Until One o'clock.)

Private Bill Business :

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

General Business :

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

(After One o'clock.)

Government Business.

On the alternate Thursday—

(Until One o'clock.)

General Business :

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

Private Bill Business :

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

(After One o'clock.)

Government Business.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Sir Thomas Bent 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. Beazley, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. McBride ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beazley, Sir Thomas Bent, Mr. J. W. Billson, Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Murray, Mr. Outtrim, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Toutcher ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; five to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—Sir Thomas Bent 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. E. H. Cameron, Mr. Elmslie, Mr. Lemmon, and Mr. McGregor ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Downward, Mr. Harris, Mr. Holden, Mr. Keast, Mr. Langdon, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. McGregor, and Mr. Prendergast ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.—Sir Thomas Bent 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. Bennett, Mr. Forrest, Mr. McBride, Mr. Thomson, and Mr. Wilkies ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Anstey, Mr. Beazley, Mr. A. A. Billson, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Duffus, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Watt ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

15. **LAND VALUATION BILL.**—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, after debate, with Mr. Mackinnon, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Government Valuation of Land*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
16. **CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT 1904 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, after debate, with Sir Thomas Bent, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Closer Settlement Act 1904’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
17. **ARTIFICIAL MANURES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Swinburne obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the Artificial Manures Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
18. **MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Swinburne, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Melbourne Harbor Trust Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
19. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
20. **IMPROVED SMALL HOLDINGS ACT 1906 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Small Improved Holdings Act 1906’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
21. **CASTLEMAINE LAND BILL.**—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Leasing of certain Land granted as a Site for Municipal Purposes at Castlemaine*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
22. **MUNICIPALITIES AMERICAN FLEET CELEBRATIONS BILL.**—Mr. Mackinnon obtained leave, after debate, with Mr. E. H. Cameron, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize and validate certain expenditure by Councils of Municipalities in connexion with the visit of the Fleet of the United States of America*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
23. **ADULT SUFFRAGE BILL.**—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. J. W. Billson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for Adult Suffrage*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 23rd July instant.
24. **MUNICIPAL RATING (UNIMPROVED VALUE) BILL.**—Mr. Holden, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Membrey, obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Local Government Act 1903’ so as to provide for the Optional Rating by Municipalities on the Unimproved Values of Rateable Property*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 23rd July instant.
25. **CHAFF ADULTERATION BILL.**—Mr. Graham obtained leave, with Mr. Stanley, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to prevent the Adulteration of Chaff or other Produce used for feeding Stock and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 6th August next.
26. **COURTS OF MINES AND COUNTY COURTS BILL.**—Mr. Outtrim obtained leave, with Mr. Glass, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to empower the Courts of Mines and County Courts in the Country to deal with special cases stated by a Warden and orders to review under the Justices Acts.*”
- Mr. Outtrim moved, pursuant to the Standing Order for the Restoration of Lapsed Bills, That this Bill be now advanced through all its stages up to the consideration of the Bill in Committee.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Mr. Outtrim moved, That this Bill 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 and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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 Thursday, 6th August next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
27. **PUBLIC TRUSTEE BILL.**—Mr. Beazley obtained leave, with Mr. Bennett, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill for the appointment of a Public Trustee and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 20th August next.
28. **SHEEP DIPPING BILL.**—Mr. Robertson obtained leave, with Mr. Hutchinson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 23rd July instant.

29. REFERENDUM AND POPULAR INITIATIVE BILL.—Mr. Outtrim obtained leave, with Mr. Elmslie, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the adoption in Legislation of Popular Initiative and Referendum*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 6th August next.
30. GOVERNOR'S SALARY REDUCTION BILL.—Mr. Toutcher obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the reduction of the State Governor's Salary from £5,000 to £1,000*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 13th August next.
31. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS (PREFERENTIAL VOTING) BILL.—Mr. Watt, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Toutcher, obtained leave, with Mr. Toutcher, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for Preferential Voting at Elections for the Legislative Assembly*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 30th July instant.
32. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next:—
Fences Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.
Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
Ways and Means—To be further considered in Committee.
33. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent 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 three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 14TH JULY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—
- By Mr. Argyle—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Dalhousie.
- By Mr. Bayles—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of St. Kilda (two Petitions).
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Toorak.
- By Mr. McBride—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Kara Kara.
- By Mr. McKenzie—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Rodney.
- By Mr. Membrey—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Jika Jika.
- By Mr. Robertson—
From certain residents of the district of Werribee.
- By Mr. Stanley—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Lowan.
- By Mr. Wilkins—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Collingwood and adjacent district.
- 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:—
- Board of Inquiry.—Bradford Inquiry Board.—Further Expenditure authorized.
- Electric Light and Power Act 1896.—Report respecting Applications and Proceedings under, for the year 1907.
- Public Service Acts—
Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Law.
Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Public Works (two Papers).
Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Chief Secretary.
- Vegetation Diseases Acts—
Importation of certain Trees, Plants, and Vegetables into Victoria prohibited.—Proclamation.
Regulations.—Order in Council.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Thomas Bent, and the same was read :—

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 2.

The Lieutenant-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 One million five hundred and thirteen thousand and fifty-seven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine.”

State Government Offices,
Melbourne, 10th July, 1908.

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

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to ratify and provide for carrying out an Agreement entered into between the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 13th July, 1908.

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

6. MURRAY RIVER WATERS 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. Swinburne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to ratify and provide for carrying out an Agreement entered into between the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, after debate—That Mr. Swinburne and Sir Thomas Bent do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Swinburne then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to ratify and provide for carrying out an Agreement entered into between the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. 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 No. 4.

8. ARTIFICIAL MANURES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Swinburne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bennett 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.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive, and Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive, be postponed until after No. 9.

10. MUNICIPALITIES AMERICAN FLEET CELEBRATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackinnon moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mason,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Carlisle.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Glass,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGrath,	
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Warde.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Bennett 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. Mackinnon, 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. 1 to 3 inclusive, Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive, and Nos. 10 and 11 be postponed until to-morrow.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JULY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Mackinnon—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Prahran.
 - By Mr. McCutcheon—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of St. Kilda.
 - By Mr. Murray—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Warrnambool (Cobden Division).
 - By Mr. Outtrim—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Maryborough.
 - By Mr. Sangster—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Port Melbourne.
 - By Mr. Watt (for Mr. Keast)—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Dandenong.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. WORKERS' ACCIDENTS COMPENSATION BILL.—Mr. Mackinnon obtained leave, with Sir Thomas Bent, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for Compensation to Workers for Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Weights and Measures Act 1890' and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. Mackinnon, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill amending and declaring the Law relating to Settled Estates and Settled Land*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. ELSTERNWICK LAND BILL.—Sir Thomas Bent, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Mackey, obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Land at Elsternwick in the Municipal District of Brighton*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from penalties, forfeitures, and fees for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the *Weights and Measures Act 1890* and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th July, 1908.

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

8. **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 4, having been read—On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from penalties, forfeitures, and fees for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the *Weights and Measures Act 1890* and for other purposes.

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

9. **PAPERS.**—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1907.—Part IV.—Accumulation.

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 :—

Public Service Act 1901— .

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of William Murray from the Fifth to the Fourth Class in the Department of Lands and Survey.

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of John Molloy from the Third to the Second Class in the Department of Chief Secretary.

10. **FENCES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

11. **CASTLEMAINE 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. Mackey moved, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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. Mackey, read a third time.

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

12. **ARTIFICIAL MANURES 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. Craven 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

13. **ARTIFICIAL MANURES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—FEES.**—Mr. Mackinnon moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of giving power to the Governor in Council to make regulations prescribing the registration fees to be charged under the Artificial Manures Acts further Amendment Bill.

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. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Craven reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that the Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing the registration fees for the registration of brands of artificial manures, not exceeding in the case of any one manufacturer or importer the sum of Five pounds.

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

14. **ARTIFICIAL MANURES 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. Craven 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 Tuesday next.
15. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 11 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
17. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

 TUESDAY, 21st JULY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Argyle—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Dalhousie (Kilmore Division).
 - By Mr. J. W. Billson—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Fitzroy.
 - By Mr. Bowser—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Wangaratta.
 - By Mr. E. H. Cameron (for Mr. Speaker)—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Boroondara.
 - By Mr. Campbell—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Glenelg.
 - By Mr. Craven—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Benambra.
 - By Mr. Farrer—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Barwon.
 - By Mr. Forrest—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Polwarth.
 - By Mr. Graham—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Goulburn Valley.
 - By Mr. Gurr—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Geelong (two Petitions).
 - By Mr. Hunt—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Upper Goulburn.
 - By Mr. Lemmon—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Williamstown.
 - By Mr. Mason—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Waranga.
 - By Mr. McGregor—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Ballaarat East.
 - By Mr. McKenzie—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Rodney.
 - By Mr. Oman—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Hampden.
 - By Sir Alexander Peacock—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Allandale.
 - By Mr. Thomson—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Dundas (three Petitions).
 - By Mr. Warde—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Flemington.
 - By Mr. Watt—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Essendon.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. **CASTLEMAINE LAND BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTION.**—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill, viz. :—
In the preamble, line 18, the word "the" has been inserted before the word "authority."

4. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Mackinnon presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905:—

Government Contracts.—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing Material purchased and Prices paid for Goods obtained outside the Commonwealth by the Law Department during the financial year 1907-8.

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 :—

Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools Department.—Report of the Secretary and Inspector for the year 1907.

Victorian Railways.—Reports of the Victorian Railways Commissioners—

For the quarter ending 30th September, 1907.

For the quarter ending 31st December, 1907.

For the quarter ending 31st March, 1908.

5. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Prendergast 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 unemployment."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

6. **ULTIMA TO CHILLINGOLLAH RAILWAY.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 5ft. 3in. line of railway from Ultima to Chillingollah.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. **STRATHBOGIE RAILWAY.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting Strathbogie by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and of loading the lands enhanced in value by the construction of the railway, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. **ULTIMA TO CHILLINGOLLAH RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Sir Thomas Bent, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Mackinnon, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Ultima to Chillingollah*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1907—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.**—SIR Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a hairdresser, or barber, or wig-maker, or worker of hair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.

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

JOHN MADDEN,

Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

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 to provide for the Government Valuation of Land.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 21st July, 1908.

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

11. **LAND VALUATION 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. Mackinnon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the Government Valuation of Land.

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

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
13. **LAND VALUATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackinnon moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
14. **GREETING TO GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE.**—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that yesterday he had, with the President of the Legislative Council, transmitted the following joint telegram to Fremantle, to His Excellency Sir Thomas David Gibson-Carmichael, Baronet, Governor-designate of Victoria :—
- Melbourne, 20th July, 1908.
- His Excellency Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Bart.,
Passenger by P. and O. s.s. *Macedonia*,
c/o. P. and O. Agents, Fremantle, Western Australia.
- The Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly send you and Lady Gibson-Carmichael a loyal greeting and warm congratulations from the Parliament of Victoria.
- H. J. WRIXON, President.
FRANK MADDEN, Speaker.
- Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House that he had received the following reply from His Excellency :—
- The Speaker,
Legislative Assembly, Melbourne.
- Perth, 21st July, 1908.
- I beg to acknowledge your kind telegram from the Parliament of Victoria. Please thank Members of Legislative Assembly on behalf of myself and Lady Gibson-Carmichael.
- THOS. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
16. **ELSTERNWICK LAND BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven 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. Mackey, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 3, and Nos. 5 to 14 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.
18. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Thomas Bent 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 nine o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JULY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker reported that he had, that day, waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to on the 9th July instant, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor on the opening of Parliament, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I thank you, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, for the expression of loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign contained in the Address which you have just presented to me.

I fervently hope that the measures to be brought under your deliberations will be conducive to the advancement and prosperity of this State.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd July, 1908.

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-governor of Victoria.

3. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, was presented:—
- By Mr. Bayles—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Toorak.
- Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. ASSURANCE FUND UNDER TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890.—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The total amount paid to the Registrar of Titles as an Assurance Fund under the provisions of section 42 of the *Transfer of Land Act 1890* or of any previous Act relating to real property.
 2. The total amount paid out of such Fund.
 3. The total amount of claims made against such Fund.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. MORNINGTON AND GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS CONNEXION.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That the question of connecting the Mornington and Great Southern Railways by means of a railway, and of loading the lands enhanced in value by the construction of the railway, be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for inquiry and report.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. SOUTH MELBOURNE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill constituting the Mayor Councillors and Citizens of the City of South Melbourne the Trustees of the Mechanics' Institute in the said City*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Bennett 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 lease of Prince's Court."
- Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Mr. Bennett moved, That the House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and negatived.

8. **ARTIFICIAL MANURES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Mackinnon 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. Mackinnon, read a third time.
On the motion of Mr. Mackinnon, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—
In clause 3, page 1, after the sub-paragraph, insert the following paragraph :—Before the word “offal” there shall be inserted the word “crude.”
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.
10. **ULTIMA TO CHILLINGOLLAH RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.
11. **ULTIMA TO CHILLINGOLLAH RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—RAILWAY LOADING RATES.**—Mr Mackinnon moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Railway Loading Rates to be made by the Council of the Shire of Swan Hill under the Ultima to Chillingollah Railway Construction Bill.
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. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Craven reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient that the Council of the Shire of Swan Hill have power to make and levy Railway Loading Rates under the Ultima to Chillingollah Railway Construction Bill.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
12. **ULTIMA TO CHILLINGOLLAH RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments ; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Mackinnon, read a third time.
On the motion of Mr. Mackinnon, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—
Clause 13, page 4, sub-section (2), line 4, omit the word “Loading” and insert the words “Deficiency Rate.”
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 Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive, and Nos. 8 to 13 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.
14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 23RD JULY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petition, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, was presented :—
By Mr. Downward—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Mornington.
Mr. Watt presented a Petition from John Robertson, M.A., of Ascot Vale, formerly Inspector of Schools, praying that the House will take steps to inquire into his objections to the Education Act, and into the steps he proposes for its reform.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Sir Thomas Bent, and the same was read :—
1908.
VICTORIA.
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1907-8.
JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 6.*
The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1907-8, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 23rd July, 1908.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until Thursday, 20th August next.
5. MELBOURNE HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF BILL.—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. Beazley, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to regulate the conditions under which Medical Men may be elected or appointed to positions in the Melbourne Hospital and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 20th August next.
6. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. E. H. Cameron, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the Law relating to Married Women's Property*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

7. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Thomas Bent 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. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

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

8. SUPPLY.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1907-8.—Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £147,382 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1907-8, viz. :—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

DIVISION No.		£	£
3.	Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	100	
4.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates	10	
7.	Refreshment-rooms	350	
9.	Administrative and Scientific	1,705	
10.	Government Statist	700	
11.	Police	2,921	
12.	Penal Establishments and Gaols	160	
13.	Hospitals for the Insane	1,600	
14.	Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	1,381	
15.	Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria	200	
17.	Grants	750	
18.	Miscellaneous	389	
		<hr/>	10,266

II.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

19.	Education	275	
20.	Education	459	
21.	Technical Schools	2,775	
22.	Miscellaneous	4,123	
		<hr/>	7,632

III.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

26.	Prothonotary	20	
27.	Master in Equity and Lunacy	93	
28.	Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	781	
30.	Comptroller of Stamps and Collector of Imposts under Stamps Acts 1890 and 1892	61	
31.	Miscellaneous	430	
		<hr/>	1,385

IV.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

36.	Miscellaneous	304	
		<hr/>	304

V.—TREASURER.

37.	Treasury	32	
38.	Income Tax Office	1,043	
39.	Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	183	
40.	Government Printer	3,800	
45.	Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	3,600	
47.	Miscellaneous	4,041	
		<hr/>	12,699

VI.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

49.	Survey, Land Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands	70	
51.	Botanical and Domain Gardens	11	
52.	Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	3	
53.	Acquisition of Land for the purpose of Closer Settlement	180	
54.	Acquisition of Land for the purpose of Small Improved Holdings	220	
56.	Miscellaneous	16,772	
		<hr/>	17,256

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

57.	Public Works	2,050	
58.	Ports and Harbors, Immigration, and Fisheries	147	
60.	Miscellaneous	65	
61.	Works and Buildings	10,542	
63.	Road Works and Bridges	598	
		<hr/>	13,402

VIII.—MINISTER OF MINES.

DIVISION No.	£	£
64. Mines	159	
66. Miscellaneous	650	
67. State Forests and Nurseries	121	
		930

IX.—MINISTER OF WATER SUPPLY.

68A. Miscellaneous	391	
		391

X.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

71. Agriculture and Industries, and Government Botanist	535	
73. Vegetation Diseases	2,160	
75. Technical Agricultural Education, Experimental Stations, and Demonstration Plots	144	
77. Viticultural Industry, including Rutherglen Viticultural Station and Experimental Farm	1,000	
78. Development of Export Trade	300	
79. Wyuna Irrigation Farm	1,000	
80. Milk and Dairy Supervision	63	
81. Grants... ..	194	
82. Miscellaneous	458	
		5,854

XI.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

83. Public Health	652	
		652

XII.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

84. Victorian Railways	70,889	
85. Pensions, Gratuities, Compensation, &c.	5,722	
		76,611
		147,382

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. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1907–8, the sum of £147,382 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 Thomas Bent and Mr. Swinburne do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (NO. 2).—Sir Thomas Bent then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One hundred and forty-seven thousand three hundred and eighty-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seven and One thousand nine hundred and eight*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 28TH JULY, 1908.

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

2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Prendergast presented a Petition from certain Victorian citizens, praying that the House will use its vast powers on behalf of the unemployed citizens of Victoria, and that the State will industrially and commercially organize those citizens who cannot find fellow citizens to employ them, or will take other steps to redress their grievances.

On the motion of Mr. Prendergast, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—

By Mr. Argyle—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Dalhousie.

By Sir Thomas Bent—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Brighton.

By Mr. E. H. Cameron—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Evelyn.

By Mr. E. H. Cameron (for Mr. Speaker)—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Boroondara.

By Mr. Craven—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Benambra.

By Mr. Cullen—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Gunbower.

By Mr. Elmslie—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Albert Park (two Petitions).

By Mr. Gray—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Swan Hill.

By Mr. Holden—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Warrenheip.

By Mr. Hunt—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Upper Goulburn.

By Mr. Keogh—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Gippsland North.

By Mr. McBride—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Kara Kara.

By Mr. Prendergast—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of North Melbourne.

By Mr. Stanley—

From certain residents of the district of Horsham.

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Lowan.

By Mr. Swinburne—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Hawthorn (two Petitions).

By Mr. Thomson—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Dundas (two Petitions).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table:

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

Fisheries Act 1890.—Notices of Proclamations—

Variation of Existing Proclamation *re* Licences to Net and Registration of Boats.
 Area closed against Netting, Port Welshpool.
 Oysters in the Port of Corner Inlet and Port Albert.
 Restrictions on Netting in Corner Inlet and Port Albert (two Papers).
 Methods of taking Fish restricted.
 Restriction of Length, &c., of Nets.
 Definition of the Mouth of Mitchell River.
 Definition of the Mouth of Nicholson River.
 Definition of the Mouth of Tambo River.
 Definition of the Mouth of Latrobe River.
 Definition of the Mouth of Avon River.
 Definition of the Mouth of Skeleton Creek.
 Definition of the Mouth of Kororoit Creek.
Re Netting in Western Port.

4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARDS TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a wire worker using six-gauge or smaller wire, but not including persons employed in making wire netting, barbed wire, wire nails, or wire mattresses.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.

Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in carting or driving or assisting in carting, or driving in the business of a baker or seller of bread.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.

5. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. E. H. Cameron, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Mines Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE 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. Craven 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 Thomas Bent, read a third time.

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

7. ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—WELCOME TO SIR THOMAS DAVID GIBSON-CARMICHAEL.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That the following Address to His Excellency the Governor be agreed to by this House:—

To His Excellency Sir Thomas David Gibson-Carmichael, Baronet, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in Parliament assembled, desire to convey to Your Excellency the expression of our loyalty to His Majesty's Throne and Person, and our regard for the high office His Majesty has been pleased to confer upon Your Excellency.

We extend to Your Excellency on behalf of the people of this State a cordial welcome to Victoria, and we beg that Your Excellency will receive our assurances that we shall at all times readily co-operate with Your Excellency in advancing the welfare of this part of His Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas, and in preserving the connexion with the Mother Country.

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 this House.

8. 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 and validate certain Expenditure by Councils of Municipalities in connexion with the Visit of the Fleet of the United States of America*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
 President.

Legislative Council,
 Melbourne, 28th July, 1908.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Leasing of Certain Land granted as a Site for Municipal Purposes at Castlemaine*," without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 28th July, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive be postponed until after No. 12.
10. **SOUTH MELBOURNE 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. Mackey moved, by leave, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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. Mackey, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until to-morrow.
12. **FENCES 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. McBride 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.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 11 inclusive, and Nos. 13 to 15 inclusive, be postponed until to-morrow.
14. **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 agreeing to the following resolution, viz. :—
That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a hairdresser, or barber, or wig-maker, or worker of hair,
with the following amendment, viz., omit "worker" and insert "other workers," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 28th July, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock, the said amendment was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

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

15. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Thomas Bent 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 ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

 WEDNESDAY, 29TH JULY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Beazley—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Abbotsford.
 - On the motion of Mr. Beazley, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
 - The Petition was read by the Clerk.
 - By Mr. J. W. Billson—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Fitzroy.
 - On the motion of Mr. J. W. Billson, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
 - The Petition was read by the Clerk.
 - By Mr. Bowser—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Wangaratta (three Petitions).
 - By Mr. Elmslie—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Albert Park.
 - By Mr. Gurr—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Geelong.
 - On the motion of Mr. Gurr, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
 - The Petition was read by the Clerk.
 - By Mr. Hutchinson—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Borung.
 - By Mr. Lawson—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Castlemaine and Maldon.
 - By Mr. Oman—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Hampden.
 - By Mr. Outtrim—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Maryborough.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Mackinnon presented—
 - Assurance Fund under Transfer of Land Act 1890.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 22nd July, 1908, for a return showing—
 1. The total amount paid to the Registrar of Titles as an Assurance Fund under the provisions of section 42 of the *Transfer of Land Act 1890* or of any previous Act relating to real property.
 2. The total amount paid out of such Fund.
 3. The total amount of claims made against such Fund.

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

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—List of Special Material manufactured outside the Commonwealth for the service of the Mines Department for the financial year 1907-8.

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:—

Friendly Societies—Report of the Registrar of, for the year 1907.

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

THOS. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 7.

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 Melbourne Harbor Trust Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 27th July, 1908.

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

5. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 7, having been read—On the motion of Sir Thomas Bent, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the Melbourne Harbor Trust Acts.

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

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

THOS. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

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 amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 27th July, 1908.

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

7. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—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 Thomas Bent, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts.

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

8. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. E. H. Cameron, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Mining Development Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

9. MOTOR CARS BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Mackey, obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to regulate the use of Motor Cars*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. AGENTS BILL.—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Licensing of Estate and other Agents*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

11. LAND VALUATION 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—
Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
And, after debate—
Question—That this Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next—put,
The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Livingston,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mason,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Prendergast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Elmslie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. FENCES 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.
Sir Thomas Bent 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.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 13 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent 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 six o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 30TH JULY, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented:—
 - By Mr. E. H. Cameron—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Evelyn.
 - By Mr. Harris—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Walhalla.
 Severally ordered to lie on the table.
3. CONVICT MANNING.—Mr. Watt moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be placed before this House the papers relating to the convict Manning.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION BILL.—Mr. Elmslie, pursuant to notice moved on his behalf by Mr. Prendergast, obtained leave, with Mr. Prendergast, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Inspection of Scaffolding*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
5. MONEY LENDERS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. Beazley, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Money Lenders*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 27th August next.
6. FINES UNDER DAIRY, PURE FOOD, AND FACTORIES ACTS.—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing separately all fines imposed under (a) The Milk and Dairy Supervision Act; (b) The Pure Food Act; (c) The Factories and Shops Acts, specifying—

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and 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 Thursday, 13th August next.
8. BALLARAT EAST LANDS BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the vesting of certain Lands for the purposes of the Ballarat South-street Debating Society and Public Library for reducing the width of certain streets in the Town of Ballarat East and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

9. **FENCES 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 and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. **WORKERS' ACCIDENTS COMPENSATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackinnon moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Prendergast 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.
12. **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 Tuesday next.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Swinburne moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS OF WELCOME 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, agreed to on Tuesday last, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

On behalf of His Majesty the King, I have heard with pleasure your expression of loyalty to His Majesty's Throne and Person.

I thank you for the expression of your regard for the high office which His Majesty has been pleased to confer upon me.

I thank you also for the cordial welcome which, on behalf of the people of the State of Victoria, you have extended to me ; and I assure you that I shall at all times be ready to co-operate with you in advancing the welfare of our State and in preserving the connexion which so happily unites it with the Mother Country.

THOS. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL.

3. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented:—

By Mr. Bayles—

From certain residents of the Electoral Districts of Prahran and Toorak.

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Toorak.

By Mr. Mackinnon—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Prahran and others (four Petitions).

By Mr. McCutcheon—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of St. Kilda.

By Mr. Robertson—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Bulla.

By Mr. Smith—

From certain residents of the district of Bendigo.

By Mr. Swinburne—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Hawthorn.

From certain residents of the districts of Kew and Hawthorn.

By Mr. Watt—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Essendon.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

4. PAPERS.—Sir Thomas Bent presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

St. Kilda to Brighton Electric Street Railway Board.—Report on the Management, Working, and Maintenance by Mr. Francis Edwin Bradford of the St. Kilda to Brighton Electric Street Railway ; together with Appendices and Minutes of Evidence.

Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1907.—Part V.—Municipal Statistics.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

5. **GOBUR LAND BILL.**—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. Mackinnon, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the revocation of the Permanent Reservation of portion of certain Land reserved as a Site for Race-course and other purposes of Public Recreation at Gobur*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

THOS. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 9.

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 further amend the Mining Development Acts.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 3rd August, 1908.

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

7. **MINING DEVELOPMENT ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT 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. 9, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McLeod, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the Mining Development Acts.

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

Ordered—That Mr. McLeod and Mr. E. H. Cameron do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. McLeod then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the Mining Development Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Mr. McLeod moved, by leave, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

And, after debate—

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

Debate continued.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And, after debate—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate further continued.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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. **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 forty-seven thousand three hundred and eighty-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and seven and One thousand nine hundred and eight*” without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 28th July, 1908.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Land at Elsternwick in the Municipal District of Brighton*” without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 4th August, 1908.

9. **LAND VALUATION 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. Membrey 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.

10. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—
Mining Development Acts further Amendment Bill—Second reading.
 Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 18 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. NETHERBY AND NORTH-WESTERN MALLEE RAILWAY.—Mr. Graham, Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Netherby, Yanac-a-Yanac, Kow Plains, and the North-Western portion of the Mallee country by means of a line of railway with the existing railway system, and of loading the Crown and other lands enhanced in value by the construction of the railway; together with Minutes of Evidence. Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Sir Thomas Bent, and the same was read :—

THOS. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

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 to authorize and validate certain Expenditure by Councils of Municipalities in connexion with the Visit of the Fleet of the United States of America.”

“An Act to provide for the Leasing of Certain Land granted as a Site for Municipal Purposes at Castlemaine.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 4th August, 1908.
4. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—

By Mr. Bayles—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Toorak.

By Mr. Watt—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Essendon.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Swinburne obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Water Act 1905’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. BEECH FOREST AND CROWE’S RAILWAY.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to construct a 2ft. 6in. line of railway from Beech Forest to the Camping Reserve on the Laver’s Hill and Wangerrip-road.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Sir Thomas Bent and Mr. McLeod do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
Sir Thomas Bent then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Beech Forest to Crowe’s*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

7. LAND VALUATION 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. Watt 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. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT 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. Craven 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.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent 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 eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 15.

THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Thursday, 20th August instant; Nos. 2 and 3 until Thursday, 17th September next; and No. 4 until Thursday, 10th September next.
Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
 3. **MINING DEVELOPMENT ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McLeod, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
 4. **LAND VALUATION 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. McCutcheon moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
 5. **FENCES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey, by leave, offered the following new clauses to be added to the Bill :—
 - A. The Governor in Council may by Order proclaim any fence described in such Order to be a vermin-proof fence within the meaning of this Act either throughout Victoria or within any portion thereof specified in such Order and may at any time revoke any such Order.
 - B. Notwithstanding anything in this Act where any person has (whether before or after the commencement of this Act) constructed on the boundary of his land a fence of any of the kinds specified in paragraph (b) or (c) of section two of this Act but having wire netting the mesh of which is larger than one and a half inch and not larger than one and five eighths inch the occupier of any adjoining land shall not be entitled to compel any such person to contribute towards constructing a vermin-proof fence of another kind in place of such fence or on the ground merely of the size of the mesh to contribute towards making such fence vermin-proof.
 - C. (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Fences Acts where any person constructs on the boundary of his land a vermin-proof fence and the land immediately adjoining is unalienated Crown land the occupier of the first-mentioned land shall be entitled to claim and recover from the person who afterwards becomes the first occupier of such adjoining land one-half of the actual value of the vermin-proof fence forming the dividing line or fence between such adjoining lands.
(2) The value of such fence shall be ascertained as soon as practicable after the adjoining land has become so occupied and in default of agreement between the parties such value may on the complaint of either of them be determined by any Court of Petty Sessions.
(3) Any sum recoverable under this section may be recovered in a Court of Petty Sessions.
- And, after debate, the said clauses were read a second time and added to the Bill.

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—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Mackey, read a third time.

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, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 20 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House, at one minute past four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—

By Mr. McLeod—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Daylesford.

By Mr. Swinburne—

From certain residents of the Electoral Districts of Hawthorn and Boroondara.

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 Thomas Bent, and the same was read :—

THOS. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 11.

In reply to the Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 30th July, 1908, requesting that the Governor would cause to be placed before that House the papers relating to the convict Manning, the Governor now begs to transmit such papers accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th August, 1908.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising on Thursday next, adjourn until Tuesday, the 8th September next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackey,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mason,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Farrer,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Duffus.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Lemmon,	
Mr. McGrath,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Smith,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Warde,	Mr. Elmslie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the order of Private Business and Government Business on Thursdays be suspended on Thursday next so as to allow Government Business to take precedence during the whole of the sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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 authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Ultima to Chillingollah*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 4th August, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in agreeing to the following resolution, viz.:—

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving in the business of a baker or seller of bread.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th August, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in agreeing to the following resolution, viz.:—

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a wire worker using six-gauge or smaller wire, but not including persons employed in making wire netting, barbed wire, wire nails, or wire mattresses.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th August, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

THOS. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 12.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the 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 authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Ultima to Chillingollah*" :—

Page 4, clause 13, sub-clause (5), in the third line, after "area" insert "which shall be the Railway Deficiency Rate District."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 10th August, 1908.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Bent, 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.

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

Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Report of the Trustees for 1907, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1906-7.

9. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir Alexander Peacock obtained leave, with Mr. Mackinnon, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. RAILWAYS MANAGEMENT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Management of the Victorian Railways*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

11. LAND VALUATION 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. Stanley moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

And, after debate—

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

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

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 amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor in the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Ultima to Chillingollah.*"

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th August, 1908.

13. 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 Appointment of Government Statist,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th August, 1908.

14. GOVERNMENT STATIST BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was 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 Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent 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 ten o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO THE FLEET OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That an Address be presented to Rear-Admiral Charles Stillman Sperry, Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet of the United States of America, extending to him and to his officers and men a cordial welcome to these shores, and assuring him of the sincere friendship which exists throughout Victoria for the President and people of the United States of America.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the Clerk be directed to enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was passed unanimously.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—
By Mr. Elmslie (for Mr. Anstey)—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Brunswick.
By Mr. Livingston—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Gippsland South.
By Mr. McBride—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Kara-Kara.
By Mr. McCutcheon—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of St. Kilda.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. A. A. Billson 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 Government in excluding the country cadets from participating in the welcome to the American Fleet."
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Mr. A. A. Billson moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
5. YARRAM YARRAM GENERAL SESSIONS.—Mr. Mackinnon moved, pursuant to notice, That, in pursuance of the Act of Parliament No. 1105, section 177, an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the Court of General Sessions of the Peace hitherto held at Palmerston may cease to be so held, and that in lieu thereof the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace may be held at Yarram Yarram.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Mackinnon moved, That the following be the Address :—
To His Excellency Sir THOMAS DAVID GIBSON-CARMICHAEL, Baronet, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :
We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, pray that the Court of General Sessions of the Peace hitherto held at Palmerston may cease to be so held, and that in lieu thereof the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace may be held at Yarram Yarram.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Mackinnon moved, That the Address be transmitted to the Legislative Council, with a Message desiring their concurrence therewith.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. LAND VALUATION 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. Thomson moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mackey,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mason,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Duffus.
Mr. Langdon,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Toutcher.
Mr. Glass,	
Mr. Lemmon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. McGrath.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

7. 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 Mining Development Acts*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 11th August, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 22 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent 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.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 18.

 THURSDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Prendergast moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "this House affirms the principle of a graduated land tax."
And, after debate—
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday, 8th September next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 22 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday, 8th September next.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at thirty-eight minutes past five o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 8th September next.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent announced to the House the death, on the 17th of August, of the Honorable Nicholas FitzGerald, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Council, and the death, that morning, of George Henry Bennett, Esquire (the Honorable Member for Richmond), and out of respect to their memory moved, That the House do now adjourn.

And other Honorable Members having addressed the House in support of the motion—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

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 Alexander Peacock, and the same was read :—

THOS. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 13.

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 revoke the Permanent Reservation and Crown Grant of certain Land at Elsternwick in the Municipal District of Brighton.”

“An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Ultima to Chillingollah.”

“An Act to further amend the Mining Development Acts.”

“An Act constituting the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of South Melbourne the Trustees of the Mechanics' Institute in the said City.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 18th August, 1908.

3. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO THE FLEET OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, on Monday, the 31st August last, Admiral Sperry, who was accompanied by His Excellency the Governor, and the Admirals and Captains of the Atlantic Fleet of the United States of America, was present in the Chamber, and that he then presented to him, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, and in the presence of a large number of the Members of the House, the following Address of Welcome, founded on the Resolution unanimously agreed to by the House on Wednesday, the 12th August :—

To Rear-Admiral Charles Stillman Sperry, Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet of the United States of America, &c., &c., &c.

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in Parliament assembled, desire on behalf of the People of this State to extend to you and to the Officers and Men of the Fleet of the United States of America a cordial Welcome to these shores, and we beg that you will receive our assurances of the sincere friendship which exists throughout Victoria for the President and People of the great Nation you represent.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 29th August, 1908.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Admiral Sperry was pleased to make the following reply :—

“Nothing could give me more pleasure than to accept, on behalf of the officers and men of the Fleet, and on behalf of our own people and our President, whose immediate representatives we are, this gracious address of welcome. Our interests are common, our aspirations are the same. However much we may differ in political matters, it is evident, and well known to us all, that our aspirations are the same, and we hope to develop our great possessions along the same lines by the people for the people, and for their happiness and comfort.

“Nothing could be more acceptable to the President and our people than the great welcome extended to us by Parliament, which is so closely in touch with the people, who in the street to-day have expressed a welcome by their own voices which exceeded our wildest imagination, and we appreciate it most cordially. Thank you.”

4. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented:—

By Mr. Forrest—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Polwarth.

By Mr. Keast—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Dandenong.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1907.—Part VI.—Social Condition.

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:—

Closer Settlement Act 1904.—Report of the Lands Purchase and Management Board for the year ended 30th June, 1908.

Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 & 19 Vict., Cap. 55, during the year 1907-8.

Old-age Pensions Act 1901—Section 35.—Statement for the financial year 1907-8.

Public Service Acts—

Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Lift Attendant.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Lands and Survey.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Public Health.

6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1905—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of ice for trade or sale, or of a person carrying on the business of freezing, refrigerating, packing, or grading goods of any kind for the purpose of trade or sale in a frozen or refrigerated condition, other than ice cream.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Swinburne moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 21.

TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. COHUNA RAILWAY.—Mr. Graham, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Cohuna by means of a railway with the existing railway system, and of loading the land which will be enhanced in value by the construction of the railway ; together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
3. SERVICES OF THE LATE HONORABLE NICHOLAS FITZGERALD.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That this House desires to place on record its sense of the faithful service rendered to the Parliament and people of Victoria by the Honorable Nicholas FitzGerald during his prolonged term of membership of the Legislative Council from 1864 to 1908, and its appreciation of the probity and devotion to duty which he exhibited throughout his long and honorable parliamentary career.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Clerk do enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was carried unanimously.
4. SERVICES OF THE LATE GEORGE HENRY BENNETT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That this House desires to place on record its sincere sorrow at the death of George Henry Bennett, Esquire, whose personal character and useful public services as a citizen and as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Richmond since the 28th March, 1889, caused him to be regarded by all parties in this House and by the people of this State of Victoria with respect and affection.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Clerk do enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was carried unanimously.
5. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th June, 1908.
 - Marine Act 1890.—Additional Regulation relating to the Examination of Masters and Mates.
 - Medical Act 1890, Part II., and Dental Board of Victoria.—Regulation.
 - Mines Act 1890—
 - Court of Mines at Palmerston.—Order revoked.
 - Court of Mines, Yarram Yarram.—Order in Council.
 - Public Service Acts and Lunacy Act 1903.—Alteration of Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Painters.
6. WATER SUPPLY CONTRACTS AND SUPPLIES—MOTION OF CENSURE.—Mr. Elmslie moved, pursuant to notice, That the action of the Minister of Water Supply in dealing with tenders, contracts, and supplies for the Water Supply Department is of such a character as to merit the severe censure of this House ; and, further, that the policy pursued has been in defiance of the instruction of this House as determined by resolution on the 17th October, 1905.
Debate ensued.

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

WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Tunnecliffe.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Glass,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. McGrath.
Mr. Prendergast,	

Noes, 33.

Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mason,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Farrer,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holden,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Keast.
Mr. Mackey,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. 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 constituting the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of South Melbourne the Trustees of the Mechanics' Institute in the said City*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 12th August, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business and General Business, be postponed until this day.
9. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty minutes past two o'clock in the morning, adjourned until this day.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Beazley—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Richmond.
 - By Sir Thomas Bent—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Brighton.
 - By Mr. Campbell—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Glenelg.
 - By Mr. Gurr—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Geelong.
 - By Mr. Keast—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Dandenong.
 - By Mr. Smith—
From certain residents of the district of Bendigo.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. GOVERNMENT STATIST BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Alexander 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 and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments ; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock, 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 amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Alexander 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 and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments ; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock, read a third time.
On the motion of Sir Alexander Peacock, the House agreed to the following amendments in this Bill :—
 - Clause 3, line 16, after the word "Act" insert the words "and any fireman working with such person."
 - „ line 17, after the word "of" insert the words "not less than."

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

5. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
6. **WORKERS' ACCIDENTS COMPENSATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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, No. 3 and Nos. 5 to 10 inclusive be postponed until after No. 11.
8. **BEECH FOREST AND CROWE'S RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
9. **BEECH FOREST AND CROWE'S RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—RAILWAY DEFICIENCY RATE.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the Railway Deficiency Rate to be made and levied by the Railway Construction Trust under the Beech Forest to Crowe's Railway Construction Bill.
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. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Craven reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution:—
Resolved—That it is expedient that the Railway Construction Trust have power to make and levy a Railway Deficiency Rate under the Beech Forest to Crowe's Railway Construction Bill.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
10. **BEECH FOREST AND CROWE'S RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION 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. Craven 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 Thomas Bent, 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, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, No. 3 and Nos. 5 to 10 inclusive, and Nos. 12 to 22 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
12. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23.

 THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, was presented:—
By Mr. Watt—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Essendon.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPER.—Mr. Speaker presented—
Notes on the Financial Problems of the Commonwealth and the States of Australia. Compiled from official records by Thomas Greenlees Watson, C.M.G., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Victoria.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. COURTS OF MINES AND COUNTY COURTS 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. Craven 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 Thursday, 1st October next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive be postponed until Thursday, 1st October next.
6. WORKERS' ACCIDENTS COMPENSATION 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. Craven 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
8. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 and Nos. 5 to 19 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 24.

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that, on the 18th September instant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Richmond, in the place of George Henry Bennett, Esquire, deceased.
3. BEECH FOREST AND CROWE'S RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTION.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill, viz. :—
 In clause 15, sub-section (1), line 27, the word "Railways" has been omitted and the word "Railway" has been inserted.
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz. :—
 In clause 1, line 5, the word "called" has been omitted and the words "cited as" have been inserted.
 In clause 4, line 8, the word "nine" has been omitted and the numerals "IX." have been inserted.
 In clause 12, line 8, the word "one" has been omitted and the figure "1," in brackets, has been inserted.
5. PAPER.—Sir Thomas Bent presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
 Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing Machinery, Goods, and Materials purchased and Prices paid for Goods obtained outside the Commonwealth by the Railway Department during the year ended 30th June, 1908.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—
 By Mr. Langdon—
 From certain residents of the Electoral District of Korong.
 By Mr. Mason—
 From certain residents of the Electoral District of Waranga (two Petitions).
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Marine Act 1890.—Amended Regulations relating to the Port Phillip Pilot Sack and Superannuation Fund.
 Teachers Act 1905.—Addition to Regulation.—Regulation No. XXVIII.—Classified Roll.—Relative Order of Seniority.—Order in Council.
8. SAW-MILLS IN OPERATION.—Mr. Harris moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of saw-mills operating in the Warburton districts and getting timber on Crown lands or State forests.
 2. The total number of saw-mills in the State operating under licences from the Forest Department.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. **CHAFF SALE REGULATION BILL.**—Mr. Swinburne obtained leave, with Mr. Mackinnon, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to regulate the Sale of Chaff and other Foods for Stock*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **WORKERS' ACCIDENTS COMPENSATION 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. Craven 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.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 25.

 WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Sir Alexander Peacock presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1907—
Part VII.—Vital Statistics, &c.
Part VIII.—Law, Crime, &c.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after No. 5.
4. LAND VALUATION 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. Murray, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
5. WORKERS' ACCIDENTS COMPENSATION 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. Craven 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 Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive and Nos. 6 to 20 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McLeod 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 to-morrow.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
3. WORKERS' ACCIDENTS COMPENSATION 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. Craven 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 Nos. 3 to 19 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent 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 three o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA. ·

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 27.

TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF MEMBER.—Sir Thomas Bent announced to the House the death, that day, of Frederick Hadkinson Bromley, Esquire (the Honorable Member for Carlton), and out of respect to his memory moved, That the House do now adjourn.
And other Honorable Members having addressed the House in support of the motion—
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 28.

 WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DEATH OF THE MARQUIS OF LINLITHGOW.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following letter from the Marchioness of Linlithgow :—

Hopetoun House,
South Queensferry, N.B., 27th August.

Dear Mr. Speaker,

Please convey to the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria my most truly grateful thanks for the sympathetic message they have sent me. I am deeply touched by their great kindness, and it does much to help me in my great sorrow.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

HERSEY LINLITHGOW.

3. TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The following Warrant, nominating a Temporary Chairman of Committees, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :—

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

George Alexander Elmslie, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this twenty-ninth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and eight.

FRANK MADDEN,

Speaker.

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

1908.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1908-9.

THOS. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 14.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the months of October and November in the year 1908-9, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 29th September, 1908.

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

5. FINES IMPOSED ON SELECTORS UNDER CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT 1904.—Mr. Livingston moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The amount of fines imposed on selectors on each estate under the *Closer Settlement Act* 1904 since its initiation.
2. The number of selectors who have paid 16 per cent., also the number who have paid over 16 per cent.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—

By Mr. Livingston—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Gippsland South.

By Mr. McGregor—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Ballaarat East.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers—

Return showing Goods imported for use by the Water Supply Department during the year ended 30th June, 1908.

Return showing Machinery, Goods, or Material, manufactured outside the Commonwealth, purchased or contracted for by the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission during the year ended 30th June, 1908.

Return showing Machinery, Goods, or Material, manufactured outside the Commonwealth, purchased or contracted for by the Agricultural Department during the year ended 30th June, 1908.

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 :—

Dentists Act 1898.—Dental Board of Victoria.—Regulation.

Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector-General of the Insane for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

State Rivers and Water Supply Commission.—Third Annual Report, 1907-8.

8. WIRE NETTING BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. E. H. Cameron, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for supplying Owners of Land with Wire Netting for Vermin-proof Fences*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after No. 4.

10. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day—

Land Valuation Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate—

having been read—

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Order of the Day be discharged.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Langdon,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mason,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Gurr,	Sir Henry Weedon,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Keast.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Membrey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. McGrath.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

11. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

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

12. SUPPLY.—Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £856,668 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1908-9, viz. :—

Division No.		£
1.	Legislative Council—Salaries	200
3.	Legislative Assembly—Salaries	1,074
4.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	600
5.	Railways Standing Committee—Salaries	70
6.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	60
7.	Victorian Parliamentary Debates—Salaries	420
8.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	300
9.	The Library—Salaries	104
10.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	40
11.	The Library, State Parliament House—Salaries	107
12.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	122
13.	Refreshment Rooms—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	350
14.	Chief Secretary's Office—Salaries	1,080
15.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, Miscellaneous Items	50
16.	" " " " General Items	400
17.	" " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	3,600
18.	" " Grants	2,425
19.	Board for Protection of Aborigines—Salaries... ..	32
20.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	550
21.	" " " " Works and Buildings	116
22.	Explosives—Salaries	375
23.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	150
24.	Inspector of Factories and Shops—Salaries	865
25.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	650
26.	Friendly Societies—Salaries	325
27.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	230
28.	Government Shorthand Writer—Salaries	250
29.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	25
30.	The Governor's Office—Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	50
31.	Inebriates' Institution—Salaries	150
32.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	300
33.	Marine Board—Salaries	440
34.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	200
35.	Mercantile Marine—Salaries	130
36.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	15
37.	Observatory—Salaries	380
38.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, Astrophotographic Catalogues	65
39.	" " " " General Items	300
40.	Premier's Office—Salaries	270
41.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	50
42.	Agent-General—Agent-General, Staff, &c.	1,000
43.	" " Agent-General, Works and Buildings... ..	12,000
44.	Audit Office—Salaries	1,610
45.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	50
46.	Government Statist—Salaries	1,210
47.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	750
48.	Hospitals for Insane—Salaries	11,950
49.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	12,000
50.	Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools—Salaries	1,021
51.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, Maintenance	10,000
52.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	600
53.	Penal and Gaols—Salaries	6,021
54.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,979
55.	Police—Salaries	41,500
56.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	7,500
57.	Public Library, Museum, and National Gallery—Salaries	1,920
58.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,500
60.	Public Service Commissioner—Salaries	163
61.	" " " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	60
62.	Education—Director, &c.	91,061
63.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	12,500
64.	Education—Pensions, &c.	272

Division No.		£
65.	Education—Works and Buildings	2,000
67.	Supreme Court—Salaries	525
68.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	117
69.	Law Officers—Salaries	1,403
70.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	700
71.	" " Pensions, &c.	35
72.	Crown Solicitor—Salaries... ..	646
73.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	50
74.	Prothonotary—Salaries	253
75.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	20
76.	Master-in-Equity, &c.—Salaries	708
77.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	300
78.	Registrar-General—Salaries	4,792
79.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	800
80.	Sheriff—Salaries	675
81.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	250
82.	Comptroller of Stamps, &c.—Salaries	450
83.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	500
84.	County Courts, &c.—Salaries	1,236
85.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,000
86.	Police Magistrates, &c.—Salaries	2,017
87.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	300
88.	Clerk of Courts—Salaries	3,564
89.	Coroners—Salaries	18
90.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	400
91.	" " " Pensions, &c.	34
92.	Treasury—Salaries	4,000
93.	" " Ordinary Expenditure	800
94.	Transport	750
95.	Unforeseen Expenditure	300
96.	To Railway Department for Carriage and Use of Victorian Coal	2,000
97.	Payment to Railway Department for issue of Free Passes to State Governor and Staff, Members of Parliament, &c., Executive Councillors, and Members of Parliaments of other States	835
98.	Treasury—Grants, Charitable Institutions, &c.	5,000
99.	" " Pensions, Compensation, and Gratuities, &c.	800
102.	Income Tax—Salaries	1,804
103.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	100
104.	Land Tax—Salaries	41
105.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	300
106.	Curator—Salaries	337
107.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	28
108.	Government Printer—Salaries	12,866
109.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	639
110.	Advertising	600
111.	Survey, &c., Crown Lands—Salaries	8,313
112.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	17,720
113.	" " Surveys, &c.	700
114.	Public Parks—Salaries	40
115.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	100
116.	" " Non-recurring	50
117.	" " Grants	1,500
118.	Botanical, &c., Gardens—Salaries	977
119.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	438
120.	Extirpation of Rabbits, &c.—Salaries	82
121.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	3,000
122.	Closer Settlement—Salaries	387
123.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	95
124.	Small Holdings—Salaries... ..	213
125.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	67
126.	Village Settlements, &c.	117
127.	Works and Buildings	800
128.	Road Works	125
129.	Public Works—Salaries	4,321
131.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,832
132.	" " Pensions, Gratuities, &c.	21
133.	Ports and Harbors—Salaries	2,605
134.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,000
136.	Public Works—Works and Buildings	78,790
137.	" " Road Works and Bridges	5,000
138.	" " Endowments and Grants	5,000
139.	" " Non-recurring	1,050
140.	Mines—Salaries	3,138
141.	" " Furtherance of Mining Industry	2,600
142.	" " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,800
144.	Forests—Salaries	1,143

Division No.	£
145. Forests—Ordinary Expenses, General Items	2,500
146. Water Supply—Salaries	700
147. " " Survey, &c.	150
148. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	150
150. State Rivers and Water Supply Commission	19,601
151. Agriculture and Industries—Salaries, &c.	1,645
152. " " Ordinary Expenditure, Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	20
154. " " Development of Export Trade	2,000
156. " " General Items	800
156A. " " Works and Buildings	600
157. Grants	220
158. Non-recurring	2,999
159. Stock and Dairy Supervision	1,522
160. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,000
161. Vegetation Diseases	448
162. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	1,150
163. Technical Agricultural Education	857
164. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	2,500
165. Viticulture Industry	128
166. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items	850
167. Public Health—Salaries	1,294
168. " " Ordinary Expenditure, General Items... ..	2,960
169. Victorian Railways	374,530
170. Miscellaneous	1,830
171. Chief Engineer for Railway Construction—Working Expenses	610
	£856,668

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

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

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

Mr. Craven 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.

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1908-9, the sum of £856,668 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 Thomas Bent and Mr. Swinburne do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

15. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).**—Sir Thomas Bent then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Eight hundred and fifty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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 Thomas Bent, read a third time.

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

16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 3 and Nos. 5 to 20 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

17. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Thomas Bent 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.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 29.

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1908.

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 :—
 - Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st January, 1907, to 30th June, 1907.
 - Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the financial year ending 30th June, 1908.
3. COURTS OF MINES AND COUNTY COURTS 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. Craven 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
5. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS (PREFERENTIAL VOTING) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Watt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Sir Thomas Bent 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, 15th October instant.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Thursday, 15th October instant :—
Courts of Mines and County Courts Bill—To be further considered in Committee.
Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2, 3, 5, 7 to 9 inclusive, and No. 11 be postponed until Thursday, 15th October, instant, and Nos. 6 and 12 until Thursday next.
7. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day, General Business, was read and discharged :—
Chaff Adulteration Bill—Second reading.
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
8. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS—ENCOURAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCERS.—
Sir Thomas Bent moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the compliance by the several Departments of the State with the Order of the House contained in the resolution agreed to on the 17th October, 1905, relative to Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers, such Committee to consist of Mr. Beazley, Mr. Gurr, Mr. Hunt, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Oman, Mr. Outtrim, and Mr. Robertson, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; three to be the quorum.
And, after debate, the motion having been amended by the omission of the names of Mr. Outtrim and Mr. Robertson and the insertion of the names of Mr. McGrath and Mr. McCutcheon in place of those omitted—
Question—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the compliance by the several Departments of the State with the Order of the House contained in the resolution agreed to on the 17th October, 1905, relative to Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers, such Committee to consist of Mr. Beazley, Mr. Gurr, Mr. Hunt, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McGregor, and Mr. Oman, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to move from place to place, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the minutes of evidence from time to time; three to be the quorum—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. **CRIMES LAW CODIFICATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to codify consolidate and amend the Law relating to Crimes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. **GAOLS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Gaols Act 1890’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after No. 5.
12. **WIRE NETTING BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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 Tuesday next.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after Nos. 3 and 4.
14. **MARRIED WOMEN’S PROPERTY LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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. Mackey, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. **BALLAARAT EAST LANDS 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.”
Ordered—That the consideration of this Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
17. **GOBUR LAND BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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. Mackey, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
18. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 6 to 20 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
19. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifty-three minutes past three o’clock, adjourned until Tuesday next.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 30.

TUESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had that day received the return to the Writ issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Richmond, by which it appeared that Edmund John Cotter, of 122 Cremorne-street, Richmond, cooper, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Edmund John Cotter, Esq., was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. DONCASTER AND KEW RAILWAY.—Mr. Graham, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting Doncaster and Kew, and the Kew Asylum and Yarra Bend Asylum lands, by means of a steam or electric railway with the existing railway system, and of loading the Crown lands and other lands which will be enhanced in value by the construction of the steam or electric railway ; together with Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and the Report to be printed.
5. SERVICES OF THE LATE WILLIAM VALENTINE ROBINSON.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That this House desires to place on record its sorrow at the death of William Valentine Robinson, C.M.G., and its appreciation of his long and faithful services to the Parliament of Victoria in connexion with the establishment of the Victorian *Hansard* and as Clerk of this House from 11th May, 1891, to 30th June, 1902.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Clerk do enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was carried unanimously.
6. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, was presented :—
By Mr. J. Cameron—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Gippsland East.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. PAPERS.—Mr. E. H. Cameron presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—Return showing Articles, and their Prices, obtained outside the Commonwealth by the Public Health Department, for the financial year 1907-8.
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 :—
Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1908.

8. **LAND VALUATION BILL (No. 2).**—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Valuation and Rating of Land by Municipalities and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th October instant.
9. **STAMPS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the Stamps Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **BALLAARAT EAST LANDS BILL.—SUSPENSION OF PRIVATE BILL STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Mackey moved, pursuant to notice, That all the Private Bill Standing Orders be dispensed with, in accordance with Standing Order No. 131 relating to Private Bills, and that the Bill to provide for the vesting of certain Lands for the purposes of the Ballaarat South-street Debating Society and Public Library for reducing the Width of certain Streets in the Town of Ballaarat East and for other purposes be treated as a Public Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Kirton,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Lawson.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McGrath,	
Mr. Murray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Lemmon.
Mr. Sangster,	

Mr. Speaker said—As a three-fourths majority of the Members present have not voted for the motion, as is required by the Standing Order relating to Private Bills, No. 131, I declare the “Noes” have it.

And so it passed in the negative.

11. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
- Mr. Craven 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.
12. **WAYS AND MEANS—INCOME TAX.**—Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—

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

- (a) On all income derived by any person (not being a company) from personal exertion—
- for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Threepence;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Fourpence;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Fivepence; and
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Sixpence;
- (b) On all income derived by any person (not being a company) from the produce of property—
- for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Sixpence;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Eightpence;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Tenpence; and
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds, Twelvence;

- (c) On the income of any company (not being a life assurance company) for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Sevenpence ;
- (d) On the taxable amount of the income of any company which carries on in Victoria the business of life assurance for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof, Eightpence.

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

Provided further that the amount of income tax for which each person (not being a company) would except for this proviso be chargeable for the said year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and nine, shall be reduced by twenty per centum.

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

Ordered—That Sir Thomas Bent and Mr. Swinburne do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

13. **INCOME TAX BILL.**—Sir Thomas Bent then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and nine*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven 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 Thomas Bent, read a third time.

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

14. **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 concur with the Legislative Assembly in adopting the Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the Court of General Sessions of the Peace hitherto held at Palmerston may cease to be so held, and that in lieu thereof the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace may be held at Yarram Yarram, and that the Legislative Council have filled up the blank with the words “*Legislative Council and the.*”

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

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

Mr. Craven 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.

16. **WAYS AND MEANS—ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES.**—Mr. Craven reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—

Resolved—That Part V. of the *Administration and Probate Act* 1890 as amended by the *Administration and Probate Act* 1903 and the *Administration and Probate Duties Act* 1903 (No. 2) shall apply to the real and personal estate of every person dying between the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and eight and the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and ten, and to all persons liable to pay any duty in respect thereof.

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

Ordered—That Sir Thomas Bent and Mr. Swinburne do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

17. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES BILL.**—Sir Thomas Bent then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to Duties payable under the Administration and Probate Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven 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 Thomas Bent, read a third time.

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

18. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising to-morrow, adjourn until Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day No. 2 and Nos. 4 to 20 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
20. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the following Order of the Day be read and discharged:—
Ballaarat East Lands Bill—Second reading.
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
21. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 31.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1908.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

Edgar Wilkins, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this sixth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and eight.

FRANK MADDEN,

Speaker.

3. MOE AND WALHALLA RAILWAY COMPLETION BILL.—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Completion of the Moe and Walhalla Railway*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 15th October instant.
4. COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND BILL.—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Compulsory Purchase of Land*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. STAMPS ACTS, FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—
Sir Thomas Bent 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.

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 apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Eight hundred and fifty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
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 Artificial Manures 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.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

8. WIRE NETTING BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey, the House, after debate, agreed to the following amendments in this Bill :—

Clause 4, sub-section (2), line 6, after the word "and" insert the words "unless otherwise expressly provided in the agreement."

Clause 7, sub-section (1), line 29, omit the words "(other than a grazing area)."

" sub-section (2), line 33, omit the word "the" and insert the word "a."

Mr. Mackey moved, as a further amendment, That the words "of Four pounds," in clause 7, sub-section (2), line 33, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "not exceeding Four pounds and ten shillings."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and negatived.

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

Mr. J. W. Billson moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the omission of the word "ten" with a view to insert in place thereof the word "five."

Question—That the word "ten" proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put and negatived.

Question—That the word "five" proposed to be inserted in place of the word "ten" omitted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the words "not exceeding Four pounds and five shillings" be inserted in place of the words omitted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the House, after debate, agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—

Clause 9, at the end of the clause add the following new sub-section :—

(5) Wire netting advanced to an owner under this Act shall not (unless in conjunction with any land to which it is attached or affixed) be sold by the sheriff or any other officer by virtue of any writ of *feri facias* or other writ or process of execution of any Court whatsoever.

Clause 10, sub-section (1), line 42, after the word "shall" insert the words "successively to the extent only of instalments that have accrued due at the date when the crop is harvested."

" page 4, sub-section (3), line 5, after the word "shall" insert the words "unless otherwise agreed upon."

" page 4, sub-section (3), lines 6 and 7, omit the words "unless otherwise agreed upon."

Clause 11, at the end of the clause add the following new sub-section :—

(4) In the event of any mortgagee or incumbrancer of land refusing his consent as aforesaid or failing to give the same within ten days after request in writing by the owner then if the Chief Inspector for Suppression of Vermin after a personal inspection certifies in writing that he is of opinion that the advance would increase the value of the security the advance may be made without the consent of such mortgagee or incumbrancer.

On the motion of Mr. Thomson, the House agreed to the following further amendment in this Bill :—
Clause 15, line 27, after the word "or" insert the words "not exceeding."

On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the House agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—
Clause 16, sub-section (1), paragraph (c), line 38, omit the word "and."

" sub-section (1), after paragraph (c) insert the following new paragraph :—

(d) the mode of procedure before Chief Inspector for the Suppression of Vermin where written consent of a mortgagee or incumbrancer is refused or is not given, and."

" sub-section (1), line 39, omit the letter "d" and insert the letter "c."

Mr. Mackey, by leave, offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

A. The forms in the First and Second Schedules of this Act or forms to the like effect varied as circumstances require may be used and shall be sufficient in law for the purposes of licence liens or liens on crops under this Act.

And the said clause was read a second time and added to the Bill.

Mr. Mackey, by leave, offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

B. It shall be lawful for any person in whom any land is vested as mortgagee to add to his mortgage debt any sums expended or contributed by or recovered from him for or towards the erection of a rabbit-proof fence or the converting of a fence into a rabbit-proof fence upon near or for the benefit of such land or for or towards the maintenance or repair of any such fence ; and it shall be lawful for any person in whom any land is vested as a trustee to raise the sums required or recovered for any such purpose by mortgage of such land in the same way as if a power to mortgage for any or all of such purposes had been contained in the instrument creating or declaring the trusts.

And the said clause was read a second time and added to the Bill.

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

Insert the following new Schedules :—

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Wire Netting Act 1908.

FORM WHICH MAY BE USED AS A LICENSEE'S LIEN ON IMPROVEMENTS.

Parish— J, of being the holder of a licence, No. to occupy the (agricultural or grazing) allotment specified in the margin hereof in consideration of wire netting for vermin-proof fences for protecting my holding to the value of £ which I have this day received from of do hereby give the said a preferential lien (to the extent of the said sum and the interest hereinafter mentioned) on all my improvements on the said allotment ; and it is hereby agreed that the said shall be entitled to interest at the rate of per centum per annum on the sum of £ the value of the wire netting supplied as aforesaid, and that the said sum of £ shall be repaid on the day of and the interest aforesaid shall be payable half-yearly from the date hereof.

Dated this day of

Signature—

Witness—

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Wire Netting Act 1908.

LIEN ON CROPS.

(1) "The Council of the Board of Land and Works," or "The Board of Land and Works," (2) "Ten" or as the case may be. In consideration of (1) under the *Wire Netting Act 1908* having supplied me to the value of with wire netting for protecting the land from vermin which value with interest thereon at the rate of per centum per annum I have agreed to pay by (2) equal yearly instalments of each on the day of in each year hereafter until the whole is paid. I do hereby give the said (1) a preferable lien to the extent of the instalment falling due on the day of which will be in the year 19 as well as to the further extent of any instalment or part thereof falling due prior to that date which remains unpaid on that date and to the further extent of all interest due on any account up to the date named on (3) which between the last harvest time of the particular kind of crop and the subsequent harvest time of the same kind of crop which may occur prior to the said day of 19 may be grown or produced on my farm at containing acres or thereabouts being Allotment section Parish of County of

It is agreed that the said (1) shall be entitled to interest at the rate of per centum per annum on the amount for the time being unpaid of the value of the wire netting supplied until full payment has been made. And it is further agreed that (3) shall be harvested by me or at my expense and shall be delivered at to the order of the said (1) and that the said (1) may sell (4) so delivered and from the proceeds of sale retain the expenses of sale and the amount owing on all instalments which have accrued due prior to the date of sale with any interest or arrears of interest then due.

(3) "all crops of agricultural and horticultural products" or name kind of crop or crops as the case may be.

(4) "the said," (crop for which lien is given) or if general "all crops the subject of this lien."

Dated the day of A.D. 19

Witness—

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—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Mackey, read a third time.

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

(Clause 7, sub-section (1), line 28, omit the word "four" and insert the word "five."

On the motion of Mr. Thomson, the House, after debate, agreed to the following further amendment in this Bill :—

Clause 8, line 3, omit the word "five" and insert the word "six."

On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the House, after debate, agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—

Clause 15, paragraph (a), line 15, after the word "who" insert the words "without written authority."

„ paragraph (b), line 20, after the word "and" insert the words "without written authority."

„ paragraph (b), line 22, after the word "who" insert the words "without written authority."

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

9. WATER ACT 1905 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Swinburne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Thomson 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. SETTLED ESTATES AND SETTLED LANDS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Prendergast 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, 15th October instant.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 10 inclusive be postponed until after No. 11.

12. CHAFF SALE REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Swinburne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven 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.

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 amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Appointment of Government Statist.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 7th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.

15. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McLeod moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven 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.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 7 inclusive, Nos. 9 and 10, and Nos. 12 to 20 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 32.

TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1908.

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 Thomas Bent, and the same was read :—

T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 15.

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 Eight hundred and fifty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th October, 1908.

3. WIRE NETTING BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz. :—
In clause 17, line 11, the word “ of ” has been omitted and the word “ to ” has been inserted.
In clause 18, sub-section (1), paragraph (d), line 25, the word “ the ” has been inserted before the word “ Chief,” and at the end of the line the word “ the ” has been omitted.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Prendergast 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 unemployment.”
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Mackey presented—
Fines Imposed on Selectors under *Closer Settlement Act 1904*.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 30th September, 1908, for a return showing—
1. The amount of fines imposed on selectors on each estate under the *Closer Settlement Act 1904* since its initiation.
2. The number of selectors who have paid 16 per cent., also the number who have paid over 16 per cent.

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 :—

Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st July, 1907, to 31st December, 1907.

Public Service Act 1890.—Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Public Works.

Public Service Acts and Lunacy Act 1903.—Regulations.—Classification of General Division.—Hospitals for the Insane.

6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT 1905—SPECIAL BOARD TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business connected with or incidental to the manufacturing, making, or repairing of—

- (a) Carriages, carts, and other vehicles (other than perambulators), or any part or parts thereof, such as the ironwork or bodies, hoods, cushions, springs, axles, wheels, tires, rims, hubs, or spokes.
- (b) Motor car bodies, or any part or parts thereof, such as the hoods or cushions.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.

7. ARTIFICIAL MANURES 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. After clause 3 insert new clause—

A. In section five and in sub-section (1) of section seven and in the First Schedule of the Principal Act there shall be inserted at the end of the said section and sub-section and Schedule respectively the words “and the proportion per centum in which the manure contains silica.”

2. Clause 5, line 21, after “manure” insert “or more silica than the proportion stated in the invoice certificate or on the label attached to each parcel containing such manure.”

3. „ line 21, after “and” insert “in the case of any deficiency.”

4. „ line 25, after “vendor” insert “in every such case.”

5. Clause 11, line 16, after “December” insert “in the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and on or before the first day of October.”

6. „ line 16, after “each” insert “subsequent.”

7. Clause 15, line 29, after “brand” insert “not being a brand registered pursuant to sections twelve and thirteen.”

8. Clause 17, line 17, after “December” insert “in the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and after the twentieth day of October.”

9. „ line 17, after “every” insert “subsequent.”

In the Second Schedule—

10. In the heading, omit “values” and insert “value.”

11. In the footnote, omit “bulk” and insert “weight.”

And, after debate, the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendments 1 to 4 inclusive disagreed with.

Amendment 5—

Mr. Mackinnon moved, That this amendment be agreed to with the following amendment :—Omit the word “October” and insert the word “November.”

And, after debate—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Watt moved, That the Council's amendment be amended by omitting the word “October” with a view to insert in place thereof the word “December.”

Question—That the word “October” proposed to be omitted stand part of the Council's amendment—put and negatived.

Question—That the word “December” proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this amendment, as amended, be agreed to—put and negatived.—Amendment 5 disagreed with.

Amendment 6 disagreed with.

Amendment 7 agreed to.

Amendments 8 and 9 disagreed with.

Amendments 10 and 11 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 amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council, and have disagreed with others of the said amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

9. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 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. McLeod, read a third time.

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

Clause 5, sub-section (1), line 35, omit the words “at the request of not less than half of such Councils.”

Clause 17, line 40, after the word “pounds” omit the word “and” and insert the words “or in the case of any subsequent offence to imprisonment for any term not exceeding twelve months and in every case.”

Mr. McLeod, by leave, offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

B. For sub-section (1) of section four of the *Coal and Firewood Act* 1904 there shall be substituted the following sub-section, namely :—

- (1) "Firewood shall be sold by weight except when sold in a quantity exceeding ten cubic feet in which event it may be sold either by weight or measure at the option of the purchaser, but in all cases where firewood or coal is sold the correct measure or weight (as the case may be) shall be clearly stated on a ticket to be handed to the purchaser at the time of delivery of such firewood or coal."

And the said clause was read a second and third time and added to the Bill.

Mr. Beazley, by leave, offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of section thirty-one of the Principal Act where a Union under the Principal Act has been in existence for a period of not less than ten years and any one of the Councils forming such Union desires to withdraw therefrom the Governor in Council shall upon application in writing under the common seal of such Council by proclamation in the *Government Gazette* dissolve such Union.

And, after debate, the said clause was read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. McLeod, the word "shall," in line 3 of new clause A, was omitted and the words "may if he think fit" were inserted.

Mr. Carlisle moved, as a further amendment, That after the word "*Gazette*," in the last line of new clause A, the words "allow such Council to withdraw from the Union or" be inserted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

And, after debate, the said clause 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until after No. 3.

11. CHAFF SALE 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. Craven 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, No. 2 and Nos. 5 to 19 inclusive, and the Orders 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.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 33.

 WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADULT SUFFRAGE BILL (No. 2).—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Mackinnon, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for Adult Suffrage*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
3. OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY.—Sir Thomas Bent, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, moved, pursuant to notice, That the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Ouyen to Kow Plains be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
Mr. Speaker said—"This is the stage at which a book of reference and estimates should be produced. I would, therefore, suggest to the Honorable the Premier to postpone this question, because a discussion without the book of reference and the other information required by section 13 of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1890* would not be in order."
And the further consideration of the question was thereupon postponed until to-morrow.
4. CHAFF SALE 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. Craven 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. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
6. MOTOR CARS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Alexander 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 and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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 and 3 and Nos. 5 to 17 inclusive, and the Orders 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.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 34.

THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. LAND VALUATION BILL (No. 2).—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That Mr. Mackinnon be added to the Members appointed to bring in the Land Valuation Bill (No. 2).
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS (PREFERENTIAL VOTING) 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.
Sir Alexander Peacock addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered, after debate, that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.
Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 12th November next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive be postponed until Thursday, 29th October instant.
5. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—
Adult Suffrage Bill—Second reading.
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
6. SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Elmslie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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 Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. PLURAL VOTING ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. McGrath, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Abolition of Plural Voting and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 12th November next.
8. EDUCATION LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Law relating to Education and to Officers and Teachers of the Education Department*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
10. CHAFF SALE 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. Craven 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.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 20 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 35.

TUESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. PETITIONS.—The following Petition, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, was presented :—

By Sir Thomas Bent—

From certain residents of the Electoral District of Brighton.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Bent, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Hunt presented a Petition from John William Shattock, of Harding-street, Seymour, in the State of Victoria, and Mary Jane Shattock, his wife, praying that the House will take into consideration the circumstances connected with the treatment they have received in their dealings with the Lands Department, and afford such redress as the House may think fit.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 3. PAPERS.—Mr. Mackey presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Land Act 1901 (Part III).—Report of Proceedings taken under the Provisions of Part III. of the *Land Act 1901*, relating to Village Settlements, during the financial year ended 30th June, 1908.

Observatory.—Forty-first Report of the Board of Visitors to the Observatory ; together with the Report of the Government Astronomer for the period from 1st December, 1906, to 30th April, 1908.

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 :—

Geelong Harbor Trust Act 1905.—Second Report of the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners for the year ending 31st December, 1907.
 4. ADULT SUFFRAGE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McGrath,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Sir Henry Weedon,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mason,	Mr. Bowser,
Mr. McCutcheon,	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, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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 Thomas Bent, 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.

5. 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 declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and nine*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Duties payable under the Administration and Probate Acts*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Beech Forest to Crowe's*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Revocation of the Permanent Reservation of portion of certain Land reserved as a Site for Race-course and other purposes of Public Recreation at Gobur*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in agreeing to the following resolution, viz.:—

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of ice for trade or sale, or of a person carrying on the business of freezing, refrigerating, packing, or grading goods of any kind for the purpose of trade or sale in a frozen or refrigerated condition, other than ice cream.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
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 amend the 'Fences 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, 20th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

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 to amend the Marriage Acts,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

8. MARRIAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—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 Name Style or Title of Companies,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

10. COMPANIES NAMES BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was 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 Law with respect to Medical Evidence in Civil Cases,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

12. MEDICAL EVIDENCE BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive be postponed until after No. 5.

14. LAND VALUATION BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive and Nos. 6 and 7 be postponed until after No. 8.
16. **WATER ACT 1905 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. Craven 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. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 4 inclusive, Nos. 6 and 7, and Nos. 9 to 23 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
18. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Swinburne 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.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 36.

 WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Sir Thomas Bent presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Report of the Council of Judges under Section 33 of the *Supreme Court Act* 1890.
Mr. Mackey presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Land Acts.—Report for the year ended 31st December, 1907.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. WATER ACTS—IRRIGATION CHARGES.—Mr. Swinburne moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of making further provision for the making and levying of irrigation charges for the supply of water under the Water Acts.
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. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Craven reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient to make further provision for the making and levying of irrigation charges for the supply of water under the Water Acts.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
4. WATER ACT 1905 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. Craven 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 this day.
5. CHAFF SALE 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
On the motion of Mr. Swinburne, the House, after debate, agreed to the following amendments in this Bill :—
Clause 10, paragraph (c), omit this paragraph.
Clause 15, line 14, after the word “force” insert the words “who is not below the rank of a sergeant or who is in charge of a police station.”

Clause 23, after sub-section (2) insert the following new sub-section :—

(2A) Such regulations may order that a copy of any regulation or regulations shall be kept constantly affixed in legible characters in or on some conspicuous place where it may be easily read by the persons employed in cutting selling or distributing chaff.

Mr. Swinburne, by leave, offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

A. No person selling as an agent on commission shall be prosecuted for an offence against this Act in respect of such sale unless such prosecution is expressly authorized by the Minister in writing. And, after debate, the said clause was read a second time and added to the Bill.

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. Swinburne 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.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until after No. 4.

7. **FENCES 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 4, line 36, after “shall” insert “unless such certificate is negatived as hereinafter provided.”

2. „ at end of sub-clause (1) add the following paragraph :—“Provided that any person who shall feel himself aggrieved by any such certificate of the Chief Inspector may within fourteen days appeal against such certificate to the Minister of Lands who upon consideration of such appeal may negative or affirm such certificate.”

3. Clause 9, line 40, before “actual” insert “then.”

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

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

8. **WATER ACT 1905 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. Swinburne, read a third time.

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

Clause 2, page 2, at the end of the clause add the following new sub-section :—

(4) Where a portion of any land has been described in the register or revised register of lands prepared by the Commission as land in the opinion of the Commission unfit for irrigated culture the occupier or owner of such land dissatisfied with such description may within thirty days from the publication of such register or revised register appeal to a police magistrate, who may, if he thinks proper, amend the register or revised register by increasing or decreasing the area of land described as unfit for irrigated culture, and the decision of the police magistrate shall be final.

Clause 7, lines 20–21, omit the words “the storage of water on any land by dams or tanks or” and insert the words “the storage of water by dams or tanks on any lands supplied with water from works controlled by the Commission or.”

Clause 11, sub-section (2), line 12, omit the words “through poverty.”

Clause 12, at the end of the clause add the words “Such works shall be carried out and constructed in accordance with the description aforesaid and in such a manner as to render them effective for the purposes proposed.”

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

9. **MOTOR CARS—FEES.**—Mr. Mackey moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the registration and licence fees to be charged under the Motor Cars Bill.

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. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

Mr. Craven reported from a Committee of the whole House the following resolution :—

Resolved—That the following registration and licence fees be charged under the Motor Cars Bill, viz.:—

1. For the registration or renewal of registration of every Motor Car, per annum, Ten shillings.
2. For the registration or renewal of registration of every Motor Cycle, per annum, Two shillings and sixpence.
3. For every licence to drive a Motor Car, per annum, Two shillings and sixpence.

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

10. MOTOR CARS 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. Craven 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 to-morrow.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 5 to 25 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Mackey 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 to-morrow.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 37.

THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1908.

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 :—
Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1890.—Report of the Melbourne Harbor Trust Commissioners for the year 1907.

3. APPRENTICESHIP COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION.—Mr. Lemmon moved, pursuant to notice, That, in view of the very unsatisfactory conditions of the employment and industrial education of child labour throughout the State, and the urgent necessity of a proper system of apprenticeship in the various industries, this House is of opinion that the giving effect to the unanimous recommendation of the Apprenticeship Commission demands immediate action on the part of the Government. Debate ensued.

Mr. McLeod moved, as an amendment, That the words "the giving effect to the unanimous recommendation of the Apprenticeship Commission demands immediate action on the part of the Government" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "the unanimous recommendation of the Apprenticeship Commission should receive immediate consideration by the Government."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Glass,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackey,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mason,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Langdon,	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 and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That, in view of the very unsatisfactory conditions of the employment and industrial education of child labour throughout the State, and the urgent necessity of a proper system of apprenticeship in the various industries, this House is of opinion that the unanimous recommendation of the Apprenticeship Commission should receive immediate consideration by the Government—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. SCAFFOLDING INSPECTION 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. Craven 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 Thursday, 5th November 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, No. 1 be postponed until Tuesday next, and Nos. 2 and 3 until after No. 4.
6. **MOE AND WALHALLA RAILWAY COMPLETION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.
7. **MOE AND WALHALLA RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION TRUST—EXTRA RATE.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of giving power to the Moe and Walhalla Railway Construction Trust to make and levy a Railway Construction Extra Rate.
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. Thomson having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Thomson reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—
Resolved—That it is expedient to give power to the Moe and Walhalla Railway Construction Trust to make and levy a Railway Construction Extra Rate as defined in the Moe and Walhalla Railway Completion Bill.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
8. **MOE AND WALHALLA RAILWAY COMPLETION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the 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. Thomson 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 Thomas Bent, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after Nos. 5 and 6.
10. **COMPANIES NAMES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven 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. Mackey, 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.
11. **MARRIAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Ordered—That the Bill be considered in Committee this day.
12. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Mackey, and the same was read :—
T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 16.*
In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made of part of certain fees for the purposes of the Bill to amend the Marriage Acts.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd October, 1908.

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

13. MARRIAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 16, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Mackey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made of part of certain fees for the purposes of the Bill to amend the Marriage Acts.

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

14. MARRIAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—FEES.—Mr. Mackey moved, by leave, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the advisability of charging a fee for the celebration of marriage by the Government Statist or any registrar of marriages.

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. Craven having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

Resolved—That before the Government Statist or any registrar of marriages celebrates a marriage he shall demand and receive from either of the parties to be married a fee of Twenty shillings.

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

15. MARRIAGE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the 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. Craven 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. Mackey, read a third time.

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

Clause 2, lines 14 and 15, omit the words "duly appointed a guardian of minors authorized to give consent to the marriage of minors."

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.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 and Nos. 7 to 22 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 38.

TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had that day received the return to the Writ issued on the 9th October instant for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Carlton, in the place of Frederick Hadkinson Bromley, Esquire, deceased, by which it appeared that Robert Henry Solly, 9 Bowen-street West, Richmond, secretary, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—Robert Henry Solly, Esquire, was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the 18th November next.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Prendergast moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "until" be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Thursday next."
And, after debate—
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Kirton,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mason,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gurr,	Sir Henry Weedon,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Lenmon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. McGrath,	
Mr. Murray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Elmslie.
Mr. Sangster,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on the main question continued.

Question—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, the 18th November next—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Smith,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackey,	Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mason,	Mr. Glass,	Mr. Ward,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,	Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Lemmon,	
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Murray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,	Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Memorey,	Mr. Sangster,	Mr. McGrath.
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Oman,		
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Robertson,		
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,		
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,		
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Thomson,		
Mr. Gurr,	Sir Henry Weedon,		
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins.		
Mr. Holden,			
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Argyle,		
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Keast.		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 Law relating to Married Women's Property*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 27th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
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 further amend the Artificial Manures Acts*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendments with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 27th October, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Ordered—That the said amendments be printed and taken into consideration on Wednesday, 18th November next.

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 17.

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 further amend the Law relating to Education and to Officers and Teachers of the Education Department.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 27th October, 1908.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House on Wednesday, 18th November next.

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 18.

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 increase for One Year the Total Sum appropriated for Old-age Pensions.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 27th October, 1908.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House on Wednesday, 18th November next.

9. PAPERS.—Mr. Speaker presented—

Finance, 1907-8.—Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1908; accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General 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. McLeod presented—

Saw-mills in Operation.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 22nd September, 1908, for a return showing—

1. The number of saw-mills operating in the Warburton districts and getting timber on Crown lands or State forests.
2. The total number of saw-mills in the State operating under licences from the Forest Department.

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:—

Fire Brigades Act 1890.—Country Fire Brigades Board.—Regulations.—Order in Council.

Forests Act 1907.—Report of the Department of State Forests for the period 1st January to 30th June, 1908.

Marine Acts.—Regulations relating to Sailing and Motor Boats.

Public Service Act 1890—

Regulations.—Appointment of Police Magistrates.

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Chief Secretary.

Regulations.—Classification of Professional Division.—Department of Mines and Water Supply.

Regulations.—Travelling Allowances.—Department of Lands and Survey.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 18th November next.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-nine minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday, 18th November next.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 39.

 WEDNESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **ISSUE OF WRITS.**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, on Wednesday, the 4th November instant, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve for the following Electoral Districts, viz.:—
 - Mornington, in the place of Alfred Downward, Esquire,
 - Upper Goulburn, in the place of Thomas Hunt, Esquire,
 - Wangaratta, in the place of John Bowser, Esquire,
 who had severally accepted offices of profit under the Crown.
 Mr. Speaker also informed the House that he had not yet received the returns to the foregoing Writs, but that he had received telegrams from the Returning Officers for the said districts, intimating that—
 - Alfred Downward had been duly elected for the Electoral District of Mornington.
 - Thomas Hunt, for the Electoral District of Upper Goulburn.
 - John Bowser, for the Electoral District of Wangaratta.
3. **MEMBERS SWORN.**—The Honorable Alfred Downward, the Honorable Thomas Hunt, and the Honorable John Bowser were then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. **PETITIONS.**—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Craven (for Mr. Speaker)—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Boroondara.
 - By Mr. Hunt—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Upper Goulburn.
 - By Mr. McKenzie—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Rodney.
 - By Mr. Prendergast—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of North Melbourne (two Petitions).
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Speaker presented—
 - Finance, 1907-8.—Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1908.—Special Report of the Auditor-General, amending paragraph 50 of Annual Report.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 Sir Thomas Bent presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 - Department of Public Health.—Report of the Board of Public Health for the years 1905-6-7 to the Minister of Health.

Sir Thomas Bent presented—

Fines under Dairy, Pure Food, and Factories Acts.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 30th July, 1908, for a return showing separately all fines imposed under (a) The Milk and Dairy Supervision Act; (b) The Pure Food Act; (c) The Factories and Shops Acts, specifying—

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

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

Small Improved Holdings Act 1906.—Report for the financial year ended 30th June, 1908.

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

Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—List of Material and Apparatus obtained outside the Commonwealth for the service of the Mines Department (Laboratory) from October, 1905, to October, 1908.

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:—

Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1908.

Land Acts.—Amendment of Regulations.—Part II.—Crown Lands other than Mallee Lands.—Chapter V.—Agricultural and Grazing Allotments.—Non-residence Licences (Grazing Allotments).—Order in Council.

Public Service Act 1901—

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Henry Charles Hotham Agg from the Second to the First Class in the Department of Treasurer.

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Aubrey John Clifton Bult from the Fifth to the Fourth Class in the Department of Public Works.

6. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Bayles 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 illegality of some of the actions of the Geelong Harbor Trust Commissioners."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

7. **ORDER OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the order of Private Business and Government Business on Thursdays be suspended during the present week, and that Government Business take precedence during the whole of the sitting to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 19.

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 Establishment of a Veterinary School in the University of Melbourne.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 17th November, 1908.

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

9. **MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (VETERINARY SCHOOL) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 19, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Mackey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to provide for the Establishment of a Veterinary School in the University of Melbourne.

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

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

Mr. Mackey then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Establishment of a Veterinary School in the University of Melbourne*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

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 relating to the Office of Chief Engineer of the Department of Water Supply.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 18th November, 1908.

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

11. WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT (CHIEF ENGINEER) BILL.—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. Downward, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Office of Chief Engineer of the Department of Water Supply.

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

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

Mr. Downward then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Office of Chief Engineer of the Department of Water Supply*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 21.

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 Common Boundary between Victoria and South Australia.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 18th November, 1908.

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

13. SOUTH AUSTRALIA BOUNDARY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 21, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Mackey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Common Boundary between Victoria and South Australia.

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

Ordered—That Mr. Mackey and Sir Thomas Bent do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Mackey then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Common Boundary between Victoria and South Australia*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

14. BEEAC TO NEWTOWN RAILWAY.—Sir Thomas Bent, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, moved, pursuant to notice, That the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Beeac to Newtown be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

15. CHILLINGOLLAH AND MURRAY RIVER RAILWAY BILL.—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Laws relating to Railway Construction so far only as relates to the Construction of a Railway from Chillingollah to the River Murray*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

16. EDUCATION LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message, No. 17, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Bowser, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to further amend the Law relating to Education and to Officers and Teachers of the Education Department.

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

17. OLD-AGE PENSIONS INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor’s Message, No. 18, having been read—On the motion of Sir Thomas Bent, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to increase for One Year the Total Sum appropriated for Old-age Pensions.

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

Ordered—That Sir Thomas Bent and Mr. Mackey do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Thomas Bent then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to increase for One Year the Total Sum appropriated for Old-age Pensions*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

18. ARTIFICIAL MANURES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill and insisted on by the Council having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

After clause 3 insert new clause—

A. In section five and in sub-section (1) of section seven and in the First Schedule of the Principal Act there shall be inserted at the end of the said section and sub-section and Schedule respectively the words “and the proportion per centum in which the manure contains silica.”

Clause 5, line 21, after “manure” insert “or more silica than the proportion stated in the invoice certificate or on the label attached to each parcel containing such manure.”

„ line 21, after “and” insert “in the case of any deficiency.”

„ line 25, after “vendor” insert “in every such case.”

Clause 11, line 16, after “December” insert “in the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and on or before the first day of October.”

„ line 16, after “each” insert “subsequent.”

Clause 17, line 17, after “December” insert “in the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and after the twentieth day of October.”

„ line 17, after “every” insert “subsequent.”

Mr. Downward moved, That this House insist on disagreeing with the said amendments.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Harris,	Sir Henry Weedon,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Gurr.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. McBride,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Elmslie.

And so it was 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 amendments in such Bill insisted on by the Legislative Council.

19. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 and 5 be postponed until to-morrow.
20. **MURRAY RIVER WATERS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Downward moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
 Mr. Downward moved, That the resolution which, upon the 14th July, 1908, was reported from the Committee of the whole House on His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 3, recommending an Appropriation for the purposes of the Murray River Waters Bill be read.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 The resolution was read by the Clerk as follows:—
Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to ratify and provide for carrying out an Agreement entered into between the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and for other purposes.
 Ordered—That Mr. Downward and Sir Thomas Bent do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
 Mr. Downward then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to ratify and provide for carrying out an Agreement entered into between the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
21. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 7 to 23 inclusive, and the Orders 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.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 40.

 THURSDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

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 Thomas Bent, and the same was read :—

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VICTORIA.

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1908-9.

T. CARMICHAEL,

*Governor of Victoria.**Message No. 22.*

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 1908-9, in lieu of the Estimate of Expenditure for the first five months of the Year 1908-9, transmitted on the 8th July, 1908, and the 29th September, 1908, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 19th November, 1908.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, to be 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. Craven 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 next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—SPECIAL BOARDS TO FIX LOWEST RATES OF WAGES.—Mr. Mackey moved, pursuant to notice given by Sir Alexander Peacock, That it is expedient for the Special Board heretofore appointed with regard to articles of furniture (known as the Furniture Board) to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to female workers employed as upholstresses, whether as carpet hands, table hands, or drapery hands; also to male persons employed in planning and laying carpets, or linoleums, or floorecloths, or fixing draperies.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.
- Mr. Mackey moved, pursuant to notice given by Sir Alexander Peacock, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of all kinds of rubber goods, including rubber tyres of every description.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.

Mr. Mackey moved, pursuant to notice given by Sir Alexander Peacock, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a grocer, including a seller of tea.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.

Mr. Mackey moved, pursuant to notice given by Sir Alexander Peacock, That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers, including mantles, costumes, millinery, stockings, and underclothing.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council acquainting them with the foregoing resolution, and desiring their concurrence therein.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. OLD-AGE PENSIONS INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 22 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented:—
 - By Mr. E. H. Cameron—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Evelyn (two Petitions).
 - By Mr. Campbell—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Glenelg.
 - By Mr. Holden—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Warrenhoip (two Petitions).
 - By Mr. Keogh—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Gippsland North.
 - By Mr. Mackey—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Gippsland West.
 - By Mr. McKenzie—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Rodney.

Mr. McKenzie presented a Petition from the Bendigo and Country Districts Trustees and Executors Company Limited, praying that the House will dispense with Nos. 10 and 26 of the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills so far as such Orders refer to a Bill to confer powers upon the said company; and will give leave to the Petitioners to introduce the said Bill in the present Session of Parliament.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. APPLICATION OF ELECTRIC TRACTION TO THE MELBOURNE SUBURBAN RAILWAY SYSTEM.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report including Review and Comments of the Victorian Railways Commissioners in connexion with the Report of Mr. Charles H. Merz on the Application of Electric Traction to the Melbourne Suburban Railway System.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. APPLICATION OF ELECTRIC TRACTION TO THE MELBOURNE SUBURBAN RAILWAY SYSTEM.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report upon the Application of Electric Traction to the Melbourne Suburban Railway System, by Charles H. Merz.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. ELECTRIFICATION OF THE MELBOURNE SUBURBAN LINES.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report of the Chairman of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, dated the 10th September, 1907, with reference to his inquiries in Europe and America in connexion with the question of the Electrification of the Melbourne Suburban Lines, and the engagement of a Consulting Electrical Engineer to investigate and report in regard thereto.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. RETURNS TO WRITS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the returns to the Writs issued on the 4th November instant for the election of Members to serve for the Electoral Districts of Mornington, Upper Goulburn, and Wangaratta, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writs :—

Alfred Downward, of Mornington, grazier, for the Electoral District of Mornington ;
The Hon. Thos. Hunt, of Kilmore, journalist, for the Electoral District of Upper Goulburn ;
and
John Bowser, Wangaratta, journalist, for the Electoral District of Wangaratta.

7. PAPERS.—Sir Thomas Bent presented—

Fines under Dairy, Pure Food, and Factories Acts.—Additional Return to an Order of the House, dated 20th July, 1908, for a return showing separately all fines imposed under (a) The Milk and Dairy Supervision Act ; (b) The Pure Food Act ; (c) The Factories and Shops Acts, specifying the name of person or firm fined ; nature of offence ; amount of fine ; and locality where offence committed.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Companies Act 1890.—Summary of Statements for the year 1907 made by the Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.

Public Service Act 1901—

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of Robert Normand from the Fourth to the Third Class in the Department of Law.

Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of James Charles Hatton from the Fourth to the Third Class in the Department of Agriculture.

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

T. CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 23.

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, 24th November, 1908.

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

9. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 23, having been read—On the motion of Sir Thomas Bent, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the raising of Money for 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 Thomas Bent and Mr. Downward do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Sir Thomas Bent 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 the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. NORTHCOTE RAILWAY STATION BILL.—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Downward, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for Improving the Access to the Northcote Railway Station*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.

12. OLD-AGE PENSIONS INCREASE 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. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment ; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.

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

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

13. MURRAY RIVER WATERS BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Downward moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

14. 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 Adult Suffrage*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th November, 1908.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

15. MOTOR CARS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Mackey 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. Mackey, read a third time.

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

Clause 7, sub-section (4), line 44, omit the words "a period not exceeding one year" and insert the words "such time as the Court thinks fit."

Clause 11, insert the following new sub-section, to follow sub-section (1):—

(1A) At the request at any time of a member of the police force in uniform or at the request of any person meeting a motor whilst having charge of a horse which shows signs of fear at the approach of the motor or if any such member or person puts up his hand as a signal, the person driving a motor car shall stop and remain stationary so long as may be reasonably necessary whether an accident has or has not occurred.

Clause 12, sub-section (1), insert the following new paragraphs, to follow paragraph (d):—

(d2) for declaring what limit of speed shall not be exceeded in any specified locality or on any specified road or part thereof.

(d3) the power to make regulations hereby conferred limiting the speed at which motor cars may be driven shall supersede any power (so far as it relates to the speed at which motor cars may be driven) conferred by any Act relating to local government or any other Act.

(d4) requiring councils of municipal districts to place sign-posts or discs in conspicuous places denoting dangerous corners, cross roads, and precipitous places, and prescribing the description of such sign-posts or discs.

Mr. Prendergast moved, as a further amendment, That the following new paragraph be inserted after paragraph (e):—

(e2) for the appointment of a Board under the Factories and Shops Acts to regulate the hours and wages of any persons employed in the driving of motor cars or employed in a garage.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Solly.
Mr. Gurr,	
Mr. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Warde.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Cullen,	
Mr. Downward,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Duffus.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Clause 14, line 22, omit the word "preventing" and insert the word "prohibiting."

Mr. Mackey moved, as a further amendment, That the words "but only where horse-drawn vehicles are already prohibited or restricted," in lines 25-6 of clause 14, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the House, after debate, agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill:—

- Clause 15, line 28, omit the words “the *Government Gazette*” and insert the words “some newspaper generally circulating in the district.”
- „ line 30, before the word “shall” insert the words “if so required by the Minister.”
- „ line 31, omit the word “notices” and insert the words “such notices sign-posts or discs as may be prescribed.”
- „ lines 32–3, omit the words “such notices to have letters not less than four inches in length.”

Clause 18, line 10, after the words “police force” insert the words “or the clerk of any municipality or any officer appointed either generally or in any particular case in writing by the mayor or chairman of such municipality.”

Mr. Stanley offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

A. Any accident occurring through a motor shall be *prima facie* evidence that such accident occurred through some negligence on the part of the owner.

Mr. Stanley moved, That this clause be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 24 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 42.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, was presented :—
By Mr. Cullen (for Mr. McKenzie)—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Rodney.
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 :—
Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890.—Part IX.—Statement showing the Names of all Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Council.
4. SCRIPTURE LESSONS REFERENDUM BILL.—Sir Thomas Bent obtained leave, with Mr. McLeod, to bring in a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to authorize the taking of a Referendum on the subject of reading Scripture Lessons in State Schools* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
5. NORADJUHA TO TOOLONDO RAILWAY.—Sir Thomas Bent, in accordance with the requirements of the Railways Standing Committee Acts, moved, pursuant to notice, That the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Noradjuha to Toolondo be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That Mr. Hunt be a member of the Standing Orders Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That Mr. J. Cameron, Mr. Hutchinson, and Mr. Outtrim be members of the Printing Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That Mr. Cullen be a member of the Refreshment Rooms Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That Mr. Swinburne be a member of the Committee of Public Accounts.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS—ENCOURAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCERS COMMITTEE.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, by leave, That Mr. Thomson be a member of the Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McLeod moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. McGregor moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
12. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council transmits to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to Dentistry*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 25th November, 1908.
H. J. WRIXON,
President.
13. DENTISTS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until after No. 4.
15. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 3, and Nos. 5 to 24 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
17. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent 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 to-morrow.

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 43.

THURSDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. BEEAC TO NEWTOWN RAILWAY.—Mr. J. W. Billson, on behalf of Mr. Graham, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Beeac to Newtown; together with Appendix and Plan.
Ordered to lie on the Table and the Report to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Sir Thomas Bent presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—List of Material obtained outside the Commonwealth for the service of the Department of Public Works during the financial year ending 30th June, 1908.
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 :—
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 during the period from 25th November, 1907, to 21st November, 1908.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until Thursday next; and Nos. 3 to 8 inclusive and Nos. 10 and 11 until Thursday, 10th December next.
5. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—
Scaffolding Inspection Bill—To be further considered in Committee.
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
6. DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL.—Mr. Outtrim obtained leave, with Mr. Swinburne, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to promote the earlier Use of Daylight in certain Months yearly and for other purposes relating thereto*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
7. YARRA BEND ASYLUM AND KEW ASYLUM LANDS.—Mr. Beazley moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House any Crown lands attached to the Yarra Bend Asylum and to the Kew Asylum, not required for the purposes of either of those institutions, should be reserved as public park lands.
Debate ensued.
And the debate not being concluded by one o'clock—
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

8. **BALLAARAT EAST LANDS BILL (No. 2)—SUSPENSION OF PRIVATE BILL STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Hunt moved, pursuant to notice, That all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills, including those relating to the payment of fees, be dispensed with, with the view of introducing a Bill to provide for the vesting of certain Lands for the purposes of the Ballaarat South-street Debating Society and Public Library and for reducing the Width of certain Streets in the Town of Ballaarat East and for other purposes.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Hunt, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the vesting of certain Lands for the purposes of the Ballaarat South-street Debating Society and Public Library and for reducing the Width of certain Streets in the Town of Ballaarat East and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. **SUPPLY.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Sir Thomas Bent 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 into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven 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. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. **OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the construction of a 5ft. 3in. railway from Ouyen to Kow Plains be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report—having been read—
 Debate resumed.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 15 to 25 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
 Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
Supply—To be further considered in Committee.
13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 44.

TUESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Prendergast, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the First Report of the Printing Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will pass into law, with as little delay as possible, a Bill giving the electors the opportunity of deciding, through a Referendum, with one clearly defined question, whether or not Bible lessons shall be introduced into the State School curriculum, were presented :—
By Mr. J. Cameron—
From certain residents of the Electoral District of Gippsland East (two Petitions).
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PAPERS.—Sir Thomas Bent presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Charitable Institutions.—Report of Inspector for the year ended 30th June, 1908.
Returns were presented, pursuant to a resolution of the Legislative Assembly agreed to on the 17th October, 1905—
Government Contracts.—Encouragement of Australian Manufacturers and Producers.—List of Goods and Materials obtained outside the Commonwealth for the service of the following Departments :—
By Sir Thomas Bent—From the Department of Treasurer, during the year 1907-8.
By Mr. Mackey—From the Department of Chief Secretary, during the year 1907-8.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1908.
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.—Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet, together with Schedule of Contracts, for year ended 30th June, 1908.
Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 30th September, 1908.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Craven 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.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 26 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 45.

 WEDNESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1908.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
 Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 46.

THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1908.

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

2. PAPERS.—Sir Thomas Bent presented—

Application of Electric Traction to the Melbourne Suburban Railway System.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 24th November, 1908, for a copy of the Report including Review and Comments of the Victorian Railways Commissioners in connexion with the Report of Mr. Charles H. Merz on the application of Electric Traction to the Melbourne Suburban Railway System.

Application of Electric Traction to the Melbourne Suburban Railway System.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 24th November, 1908, for a copy of the Report upon the Application of Electric Traction to the Melbourne Suburban Railway System, by Charles H. Merz.

Electrification of the Melbourne Suburban Lines.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 24th November, 1908, for a copy of the Report of the Chairman of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, dated the 10th September, 1907, with reference to his inquiries in Europe and America in connexion with the question of the Electrification of the Melbourne Suburban Lines, and the engagement of a Consulting Electrical Engineer to investigate and report in regard thereto.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

3. WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Government does not possess the confidence of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McGrath,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Cotter,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Solly,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lemmon,	Mr. Anstey,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Elmslie.

Noes, 25.

Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Henry Weedon,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Duffus.

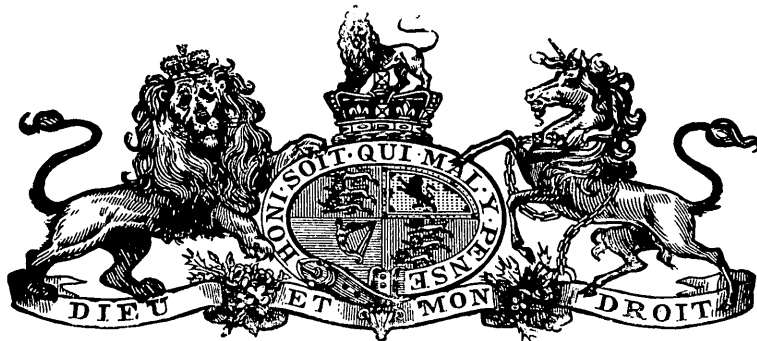
And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Sir Thomas Bent moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.



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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

I, THE Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation prorogue The Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the fifteenth day of December, 1908.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

By His Excellency's Command,

TH. BENT.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

DISCHARGING MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FROM ATTENDANCE AND DISSOLVING THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir Thomas David Gibson Carmichael, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria," stand prorogued until Tuesday, the 15th day of December, 1908: And whereas it is expedient to dissolve the Legislative Assembly: Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in exercise of the power in me vested in this behalf, do by this my Proclamation discharge the Honorable Members of the Legislative Council from their meeting and attendance on Tuesday, the 15th day of December, 1908, aforesaid; and I do dissolve the Legislative Assembly, which is hereby dissolved accordingly: And I do hereby declare that I have this day given Order that Writs be issued in due form, and according to law, for the election of Members to be duly returned to serve in the Legislative Assembly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

By His Excellency's Command,

TH. BENT.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

GENERAL ELECTION, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor will issue Writs for a General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, and that the following arrangements for the Election have been made, viz:—

Date of the Issue of Writs	... ..	Monday, 14th December, 1908.
Day of Nomination (before which nominations are to be made)	... ..	Tuesday, 22nd December, 1908.
Day of Polling	... ..	Tuesday, 29th December, 1908.
Return of Writs	... ..	Monday, 4th January, 1909.

By Command,

VICTOR NELSON HOOD,
Private Secretary.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th December, 1908.

By Authority: J. KEMP, Government Printer, Melbourne.

SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SESSION 1908.

1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed by Speaker's Warrant, 2nd July, 1908.)

Mr. Beazley,
*Mr. Bromley,
Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Elmslie,

†Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Watt.

* Died 29th September, 1908.

† Ceased to be a Member on accepting an office of profit under the Crown, 31st October, 1908.

2.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 9th July, 1908.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Hutchinson,

Mr. Lawson,
Mr. McBride.

3.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 9th July, 1908.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Beazley,
Sir Thomas Bent,
Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. J. Cameron,
*Mr. Hunt,

Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Toutcher.

Ceased to be a Member on accepting an office of profit under the Crown, 31st October, 1908. Re-appointed 25th November, 1908.

4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 9th July, 1908.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,
Mr. Elmslie,

Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. McGregor.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 9th July, 1908.)

Mr. Speaker,
*Mr. Bowser,
†Mr. Bromley,
‡Mr. J. Cameron,
*Mr. Downward,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Holden.

‡Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Keast,
Mr. Langdon,
Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. McGregor,
†Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Prendergast.

* Ceased to be a Member on accepting an office of profit under the Crown, 31st October, 1908.

† Died 29th September, 1908.

‡ Appointed 25th November, 1908.

6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 9th July, 1908.)

*Mr. Bennett,
†Mr. Cullen
Mr. Forrest,

Mr. McBride,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Wilkins.

* Died 8th September, 1908.

† Appointed 25th November, 1908.

7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 9th July, 1908.)

Mr. Anstey,
 Mr. Beazley,
 Mr. A. A. Billson,
 *Mr. Bowser,

Mr. Duffus,
 Mr. McCutcheon,
 †Mr. Swinburne,
 Mr. Watt.

* Ceased to be a Member on accepting an office of profit under the Crown, 31st October, 1908.
 † Appointed 25th November, 1908.

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

(Appointed 30th July, 1907.)

Mr. J. W. Billson,
 Mr. Graham,

Mr. McBride,
 Mr. Warde.

9.—GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS—ENCOURAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCERS.

(Appointed 1st October, 1908.)

Mr. Beazley,
 Mr. Gurr,
 *Mr. Hunt,
 Mr. McCutcheon,

Mr. McGrath,
 Mr. McGregor,
 Mr. Oman,
 †Mr. Thomson.

* Ceased to be a Member on accepting an office of profit under the Crown, 31st October, 1908.
 † Appointed 25th November, 1908.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1908.

No. 1.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1908.

No. 1.—*Workers' Accidents Compensation Bill*.—Clause 2.

In this Act unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter—

* * * * *

“Employer” includes any body of persons corporate or unincorporate and the legal personal representative of a deceased employer, and where the services of a worker are temporarily “lent or” let on hire to another person by the person with whom the worker has entered into a contract of service or apprenticeship the latter shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed to continue to be the employer of the worker whilst he is working for that other person.

* * * * *

“Outworker” means a person to whom articles or materials are given out to be made up cleaned washed altered ornamented finished or repaired or “adapted” for sale, in his own home or in other premises not under the control or management of the person who gave out the materials or articles.

* * * * *

“Worker” does not include a person employed otherwise than by way of manual labour whose remuneration exceeds Two hundred and fifty pounds a year, a person whose employment is of a casual nature and who is employed otherwise than for the purposes of the employer's trade or business, a member of the Police Force appointed before the twenty-fifth day of November One thousand nine hundred and two, an out-worker, “a seaman,” “a domestic servant,” or a member of the employer's family dwelling in his house; but save as aforesaid means any person who has entered into or works under a contract of service or apprenticeship with an employer whether by way of manual labour clerical work or otherwise and whether the contract is expressed or implied is oral or in writing.

* * * * *

—(Mr. Mackinnon.)

Amendment proposed—That the words “lent or,” in line 3, be omitted.—(Mr. Livingston.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Elmslie,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McBride,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Mason,	Mr. Duffus.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—

Further amendment proposed—That after the word “adapted,” in line 8, the words “other than” be inserted.—(*Mr. J. W. Billson.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Glass,	
Mr. Lemmon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. McGrath.
Mr. Smith,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mason,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Keast,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Mackinnon,	

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—

Further amendment proposed—That the words “a seaman,” in line 15, be omitted.—(*Mr. Sangster.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Keogh,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Holden,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Robertson.
Mr. McBride,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Mason,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. Elmslie.
Mr. Prendergast,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—

Further amendment proposed—That the words “a domestic servant,” in line 15, be omitted.—(*Mr. Tunnecliffe.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Mason,
Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hunt,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Duffus.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Membrey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Elmslie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—Clause 3.

(1) If in any employment personal injury by accident arising out of and in the course of the employment is caused to a worker his employer shall subject as hereinafter mentioned be liable to pay compensation in accordance with the First Schedule.

(2) Provided that—

(a) The employer shall not be liable under this Act in respect of any injury which does not disable the worker for a period of at least “two weeks” from earning full wages at the work at which he was employed ;

* * * * *

(c) If it is proved that the injury to a worker is attributable to the serious and wilful misconduct of that worker any compensation claimed in respect of that injury “shall” be disallowed.

* * * * *

—(*Mr. Mackinnon.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “two weeks,” in line 6, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words “one week.”—(*Mr. Smith.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Mason,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holden,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Duffus.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Membrey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Outtrim,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Elmslie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6.—

Further amendment proposed—That after the word “shall,” in line 10, the words “unless the injury results in death or serious and permanent disablement” be inserted.—(Mr. Prendergast.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Glass,
Mr. Gurr,
Mr. Holden,
Mr. McGrath,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Sangster,

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Warde,
Mr. Wilkins.

Tellers.

Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Elmslie.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Bayles,
Sir Thomas Bent,
Mr. A. A. Billson,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,
Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Farrer,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Mason,

Mr. McBride,
Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. McGregor,
Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Oman,
Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Watt,
Sir Henry Weedon.

Tellers.

Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Duffus.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1908.

No. 7.—*Workers' Accidents Compensation Bill.*—Clause 4 as amended.

(1) Proceedings for the recovery under this Act of compensation for an injury shall not be maintainable—

(a) unless notice *in writing* of the accident has been given as soon as practicable after the happening thereof and before the worker has voluntarily left the employment in which he was injured, *but he shall not be deemed to have voluntarily left the employment in any case where by reason of the accident he was unable to continue in the employment,* and

(b) unless the claim for compensation with respect to such accident has been made within “four” months from the occurrence of the accident causing the injury, or in case of death within four months from the time of death.

* * * * *

—(Mr. Mackinnon.)

Further amendment proposed—That the word “four,” in line 9, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word “six.”—(Mr. Smith.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Bayles,
Sir Thomas Bent,
Mr. Bowser,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,
Mr. J. Cameron,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Carlisle,
Mr. Cullen,
Mr. Downward,
Mr. Duffus,
Mr. Farrer,
Mr. Forrest,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Holden,
Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Hutchison,

Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Mason,
Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. McGregor,
Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Oman,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Henry Weedon.

Tellers.

Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Watt.

Noes, 12.

Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Gurr,
Mr. Lemmon,
Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. Prendergast,

Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wilkins.

Tellers.

Mr. McGrath,
Mr. Warde.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 8.—Clause 5 as amended.

(1) If a Judge of County Courts, appointed by the Governor in Council to act under this section, after taking steps to ascertain the views of the employer and workers and the Actuary for Friendly Societies certifies—

- (a) that any scheme of compensation benefit or insurance for the workers of an employer in any employment (whether or not such scheme includes other employers and their workers) is on the whole not less favorable to the workers and their dependants than the corresponding scales contained in this Act, and
- (b) that where the scheme provides for contributions by the workers the scheme confers benefits at least equivalent to the contributions in addition to the benefits to which the workers would have been entitled under this Act, and that a majority (to be ascertained by ballot) of the workers to whom the scheme is applicable are in favour of such scheme,

the employer may whilst the certificate is in force contract with any of his workers that the provisions of the scheme shall be substituted for the provisions of this Act, and thereupon the employer shall be liable only in accordance with the scheme; but save as aforesaid this Act shall apply notwithstanding any contract to the contrary made after the commencement of this Act.

(2) A Judge of County Courts may give a certificate to expire at the end of a limited period of not less than five years and may renew with or without modifications such a certificate to expire at the end of the period for which it is renewed.

(3) No scheme shall be so certified which—

- (a) contains an obligation upon the workers to join the scheme as a condition of their hiring; or
- (b) does not contain provisions enabling a worker to withdraw from the scheme.

(4) If complaint is made to a Judge of County Courts by or on behalf of the workers of any employer—

- (a) that the benefits conferred by any scheme no longer conform to the conditions stated in sub-section (1) of this section;
- (b) that the provisions of the scheme are being violated;
- (c) that the scheme is not being fairly administered; or
- (d) that satisfactory reasons exist for revoking the certificate,

the Judge shall examine into the complaint, and if satisfied that good cause exists for such complaint shall, unless the cause of complaint is removed, revoke the certificate.

(5) When a certificate is revoked or expires any moneys or securities held for the purpose of the scheme shall after due provision has been made to discharge the liabilities already accrued be distributed as may be arranged between the employer and workers, or as may be determined by a Judge of County Courts in the event of a difference of opinion.

(6) Whenever a scheme has been certified as aforesaid it shall be the duty of the employer to answer all such inquiries and to furnish all such accounts in regard to the scheme as may be made or required by the Judge of County Courts.

(7) Rules of Court may be made for carrying into effect the purposes of this section.

Question—That clause 5, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.

—(Mr. Mackinnon.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. A. A. Billson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Harris,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Holden,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bayles,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Lemmon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. J. W. Billson,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Outtrim,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

No. 9.—Workers' Accidents Compensation Bill.—Clause 9.

(1) Where—

- (i.) the certifying medical practitioner for the district in which a worker was employed certifies that the worker is suffering from a disease mentioned in the "Third Schedule" and is thereby disabled from earning full wages at the work at which he was employed; or

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(6) (a) Where a resolution has been passed by "both Houses" of Parliament declaring that it is expedient to extend the provisions of this section to other diseases and other manufacturing processes and to injuries due to the nature of any employment specified in the resolution not being injuries by accident either without modification or subject to such modifications as may be contained in the resolution, the Governor in Council may by Order published in the *Government Gazette* extend the provisions of this section in accordance with such resolution ;

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—(Mr. Mackinnon.)

Amendment proposed—That after the words "Third Schedule," in lines 3 and 4, the words "or any other disease which is or may become incidental to his employment" be inserted.—(Mr. J. W. Billson.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Lemmon,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Membrey,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. Outtrim,	Mr. McGrath.

Noes, 25.

Sir Thomas Bent,	Mr. Mason,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McKenzie,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gurr,	Mr. Swinburne.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 10.--

Further amendment proposed—That the words "both Houses," in line 6, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "either House."—(Mr. McGrath.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Henry Weedon.
Mr. Livingston,	
Mr. Mason,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McCutcheon,	
Mr. McKenzie,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Beazley,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. J. W. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Membrey,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Outtrim,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Farrer,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Glass,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Elmslie,
Mr. McGrath,	Mr. Lemmon.

And so it passed in the negative.

