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THURSDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 1909.

1. The Council met pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the thirty-first day of December, 1908, which Proclamation was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SECOND 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 fix Thursday, the seventh day of January, 1909, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the Parliament of Victoria for the despatch of business, at the hour of Three 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 thirty-first 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!

The Honorable Sir John Madden, G.C.M.G., LL.D., Chief Justice, and His Honour Mr. Justice Hood, Commissioners from His Excellency the Governor appointed to open the Parliament, having been introduced to the Council Chamber by the Usher, the Honorable Sir John Madden desired the Usher to request the presence of the Members of the Legislative Assembly to hear the Commission read for the commencement and holding of this present Session of the Parliament.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly having presented themselves, the Honorable Sir John Madden said—

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

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

Then the said Letters Patent were read as follow, viz.:—

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

WHEREAS by Proclamation made the thirty-first day of December last 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, Thursday, the seventh day of January instant, was fixed as the time for the commencement and holding of the first Session of the twenty-second Parliament of Victoria, at Three of the clock in the afternoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And forasmuch as for certain causes the said Sir THOMAS DAVID GIBSON-CARMICHAEL cannot conveniently be present in person in the said Parliament at that time: NOW KNOW YE THAT WE, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved, His Honour Sir JOHN MADDEN, Chief Justice, and His Honour JOSEPH HENRY HOOD, Justice of Our Supreme Court of Victoria, do give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto you the said JOHN MADDEN and JOSEPH HENRY HOOD, or either of you, full power in Our name to begin and hold the said Session of Our said Parliament, and to do everything which for and by Us, or the said Sir THOMAS DAVID GIBSON-CARMICHAEL, shall be there to be done; commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it may concern to meet Our said Parliament, and to the said JOHN MADDEN and JOSEPH HENRY HOOD, or either of them, that they diligently attend in the premises and form aforesaid. In testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said State to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS Our trusty and well-beloved Sir THOMAS DAVID GIBSON-CARMICHAEL, Baronet, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, (L.S.) Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c., at Melbourne, this sixth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and nine, and in the eighth year of Our reign.

THOS. D. GIBSON-CARMICHAEL.

By His Excellency's Command,

TH. BENT.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 24, page 334, this sixth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and nine.

W. A. CALLAWAY.

Then the Honorable Sir John Madden said—

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

We have it in command from His Excellency to inform you that on a future day, of which due notice will be given, His Excellency will declare to you in person, in this place, the causes of his calling this Parliament together; and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, as it is necessary before you proceed to the despatch of business that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen, His Excellency requests that you, in your Chamber, will proceed to the choice of a proper person to be Speaker.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

The Commissioners withdrew.

2. The President took the Chair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS.—The Honorables the President, J. G. Aikman, W. L. Baillieu, J. Balfour, J. D. Brown, W. Cain, J. C. Campbell, J. M. Davies, G. T. Dickie, W. H. Edgar, W. J. Evans, T. C. Harwood, A. Hicks, W. Little, T. Luxton, J. Y. McDonald, A. McLellan, D. Melville, T. H. Payne, W. Pitt, R. B. Rees, and J. Sternberg severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth:—

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, HENRY JOHN WRIXON, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of the shire of Braybrook, and are known as 'Rockbank,' parish of Derrimut.

"And I further declare that the said lands or tenements in the municipal district of Braybrook are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred pounds.

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

"H. J. WRIXON."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, JOHN GEORGE AIKMAN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as the Melbourne Coffee Palace, 214 to 218 Bourke-street.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds

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

"J. G. AIKMAN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM LAWRENCE BAILLIEU, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and sixty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Melbourne and Boroondara, and are known as—

"Firstly, all that piece of land having a frontage of fifty-one feet and eight inches to Swanston-street, Melbourne, by a depth of one hundred and twelve feet along Latrobe-street, and being Crown allotments 32 and 33, section 44, city of Melbourne, parish of North Melbourne, and more particularly described in certificate of title, volume 2043, folio 408547.

"Secondly, all that piece of land containing two acres three roods and twenty-three perches, being part of Crown portion 129, parish of Boroondara, county of Bourke, and being the land more particularly described in certificate of title, volume 2625, folio 524945.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and seventy pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Boroondara are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Ninety pounds.

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

"W. L. BAILLIEU."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, JAMES BALFOUR, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Seventy-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Queenscliff, and are known as Crown Allotment nine, Section two, Town of Queenscliff, Parish of Paywit, County of Grant, with buildings thereon.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Queenscliff are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Seventy-five pounds.

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

"JAMES BALFOUR."

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

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Coburg are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifty-four pounds.

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

"J. DRYSDALE BROWN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM CAIN, of Anderson-street, South Yarra, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred and seventy-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Melbourne, and are known as part of Crown portions nine and ten, parish of South Melbourne, at South Yarra, at the junction of Anderson-street and Clow-street, on which is erected my dwelling-house, and also of freehold vacant land in Anderson-street, adjoining my said residence.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred and seventy-five pounds.

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

"WILLIAM CAIN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, JAMES CALLENDER CAMPBELL, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Brighton, and are known as 'Myrtle Grove,' situate in New-street and North-road, town of Brighton, containing seven and one-half acres or thereabouts, on which is erected a two-storied brick house, containing sixteen rooms; also an allotment of land situate at Elwood-street, Brighton.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brighton are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and ninety-five pounds.

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

"JAS. C. CAMPBELL."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, JOHN MARK DAVIES, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Lilydale, and are known as Crown allotment fifty-six, and part of Crown allotment fifty-eight, parish of Wandin Yallock, county of Evelyn, containing one hundred and forty-nine acres or thereabouts.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Lilydale are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and thirty-five pounds.

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

"JNO. M. DAVIES."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, GEORGE THOMAS DICKIE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and twenty-two pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Bacchus Marsh, and are known as—

Shop and land, Main-street (Dickie's shop); Patterson's allotment; lucerne paddock; Armstrong's shop; Armstrong's allotment; Allen's shops; Darley paddock; Pilmer-street, house.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Bacchus Marsh are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings.

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

"GEO. THOS. DICKIE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM HASLAM EDGAR, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty-eight pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Malvern, and are known as number one Claremont Avenue, Malvern.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Fifty-eight pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Malvern are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Fifty-eight pounds.

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

"W. H. EDGAR."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM JOHN EVANS, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of South Melbourne, and are known as 32 Withers-street; of Port Melbourne, and known as 143 Cruickshank-street; and of Lilydale, known as Blocks Nos. 25 and 26, Mullum Mullum-road, Ringwood.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of South Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Thirty-three pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the

municipal district of Port Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Twenty-four pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Lilydale are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Twenty-two pounds.

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

"W. J. EVANS."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, THOMAS CHARLES HARWOOD, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Newtown and Chilwell and Geelong, and are respectively known as 'Hawthorn,' Skene-street, Newtown, Geelong, and number 87 Yarra-street, Geelong.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Newtown and Chilwell are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Geelong are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Fifty pounds.

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

"THOS. C. HARWOOD."

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

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Eaglehawk are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and thirty pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Eaglehawk are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and thirty pounds.

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

"ALFRED HICKS."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIS LITTLE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Benalla, and are known as allotments 1 to 4, section H, Benalla, one hundred and ninety-three acres, Fifty-seven pounds; allotments 1 and 2, section I, Benalla, three hundred and twenty-seven acres, Eighty-one pounds; allotment 3, section I, Benalla, sixty-five acres, Sixteen pounds; allotment 24AB, Benalla, three hundred and twenty acres, Fifty pounds; allotments 1A, 1B, 46B, 47A, Kilfeera, seven hundred and sixty-six acres, One hundred and fifty-three pounds; allotments 33, 46A, Kilfeera, two hundred and ninety-nine acres, Sixty-one pounds.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Benalla are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Four hundred and eighteen pounds.

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

"WILLIS LITTLE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, THOMAS LUXTON, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and seventy-six pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Prahran, and are known as 'Grandview,' 5 Wynnstay-road, Armadale; 'Craigmill,' 15 Mathoura-road, Toorak.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Prahran are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and seventy-six pounds.

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

"THOS. LUXTON."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, JOHN YOUNG McDONALD, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and sixty-nine pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Ballarat West, and are known as the 'Edinburgh Buildings.'

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat West are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and sixty-nine pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballarat West are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Two hundred and sixty-nine pounds.

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

"J. Y. McDONALD."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, ADAM McLELLAN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Richmond, and are known as land and buildings, corner of Lord-street and Boyd-street, Richmond.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Richmond are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifty-eight pounds.

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

"ADAM McLELLAN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, DONALD MELVILLE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Ninety-eight (£98) pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Brunswick, Pyalong, and McIvor, and are known as—

"My residence, situated in Albion-street, West Brunswick, with three acres land; two hundred and six acres land within the shire of Pyalong; and one hundred and forty acres land within the shire of McIvor.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brunswick are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Fifty-three (£53) pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Pyalong are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Thirty pounds, and that within the municipal district of McIvor at Fifteen pounds.

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

"D. MELVILLE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, THOMAS HENRY PAYNE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Nine hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of city of Prahran, and are known as 'Leura,' Toorak, being Crown portion 20, parish of Prahran, county of Bourke.

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

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

"T. H. PAYNE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM PITT, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Collingwood, and are known as land, Trenery-crescent, Collingwood.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Collingwood are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifty pounds.

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

"WILLIAM PITT.

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

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Swan Hill are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of above One hundred pounds per annum.

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

"R. BLOOMFIELD REES."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, JOSEPH STERNBERG, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of the shires of Deakin and Echuca, and are known as—firstly, Crown allotments 91, 92, 93, and 133, parish of Kyabram, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin; secondly, Crown allotments 39A, 39B, 40A, 40B, and 41B, parish of Carag Carag, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin; thirdly, Crown allotments 4 and 5, section 1A, township and parish of Rochester, county of Bendigo, in the municipal district of the shire of Echuca, particularly described in the certificate of title entered in the Register Book, vol. 1190, fol. 237802; fourthly, part of Crown allotment 3, section 3A, township of Rochester, parish of Rochester West, county of Bendigo, particularly described in the certificate of title entered in the Register Book, vol. 1828, fol. 365402, and which land is situated in the municipal district of the shire of Echuca.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin, and are firstly above described, are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Sixty-eight pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin, and are secondly above described, are rated in the rate-book of such district upon the yearly value of Thirty-six pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Echuca, and are thirdly above described, are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Thirty pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Echuca, and are fourthly above described, are rated in the rate-book of such district upon the yearly value of Twenty pounds.

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

"J. STERNBERG."

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of One million three hundred and fifty-five thousand two hundred and forty-eight pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and eight and One thousand nine hundred and nine,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 7th January, 1909.

5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—On the motion of the Honorable T. H. Payne the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

The Honorable T. H. Payne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The President said—In putting the question of the second reading, I wish to make a remark or two. No doubt the House will pass the Bill, as it has been passed by the Legislative Assembly, which has special charge of finance. In the peculiar circumstances in which we find ourselves, it being the first duty of every State to pay its creditors, the House will be right in passing the Bill, but it is my duty, as charged with the superintendence of the proceedings of the House, to remind the House that this must not be made into a precedent, because the proceeding is irregular if either one House or the other transacts business before the Governor has declared the reasons for calling Parliament together. It is always considered a necessary preliminary to Parliament dealing with business that the Governor should state on behalf of Ministers what their intentions are. That is the general rule, and it has been observed for good reasons almost without any infringement. On this occasion there is an infringement, but there are special reasons, and the House, I have no doubt, will, under the circumstances, pass the Bill.

Debate 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 in Committee.

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

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

6. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable J. M. Davies moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 9th February, at half-past four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the Council, at ten minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 9th February, at half-past four o'clock.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

By Authority: J. KEMP, Government Printer, Melbourne.

VICTORIA.

No. 2.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

1. The President took the Chair.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

I have called you together for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance at the earliest period permitted by the arrangements consequent upon the retirement of the late Administration.

The requisite provision for the Public Service of this year remains still to be made. It is not necessary to call your attention to the variety of causes which have brought about this delay; but, in view of this pressing circumstance, I have felt it my duty to summon Parliament together for the despatch of public business as soon as possible after the elections had taken place.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

The Estimates of Expenditure for the year will be laid before you at once, and it will be imperative at the earliest possible period to make adequate provision for the Public Service. These Estimates will, I have no doubt, receive your immediate and careful consideration.

My Advisers, while noting with some concern the falling revenue from Customs receipts by the Commonwealth, are hopeful that other sources of revenue, which are showing a welcome buoyancy, will enable them to close the financial year with a small surplus.

As the Government has decided to pursue an active policy of reproductive works and railway construction, it will be necessary for My Advisers to ask Parliament for additional borrowing powers, so that a loan may be floated at the first favorable opportunity.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

It is deemed by My Advisers desirable that this Session of Parliament should be principally occupied in making due provision for the services of the year, thus enabling Ministers, after a brief recess, to meet Parliament in accordance with constitutional practice, at the proper time for the introduction of the Estimates for the ensuing financial year, when important measures of the Government policy will be introduced.

Several other matters of urgency will also be submitted for your consideration. Among these will be the Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill, the Wire Netting Bill, the Chaff Sale Regulation Bill, the Voting by Post Acts Further Continuance Bill, the Artificial Manures Acts Further Amendment Bill, the Moe and Walhalla Railway Completion Bill, the Prahran and Malvern Tramway Act Amendment Bill, the Old-age Pensions Increase Bill, the Bill to improve the Salaries of State School Teachers, and a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Veterinary School in connexion with the Melbourne University.

The various general questions which were before the Railways Standing Committee, and were partly completed at the end of last Session, will be again referred to the Committee, in order that its reports on the questions may be completed as early as possible. The final resolutions required under the existing law for the construction of the Beeac to Newtown Railway, Ouyen to Kow Plains Railway, and Noradjuha to Toolondo Railway will be submitted for consideration.

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Resolutions appointing Special Boards under the Factories and Shops Acts will be duly submitted to you.

A short measure will also be laid before you to amend the Gold Buyers Act, which has been found to operate harshly in regard to some individuals about whose *bona fides* there can be no doubt.

A Water Supply Loan Application Bill and a Railway Loan Application Bill, authorizing the expenditure of certain loan funds, will also be submitted for your consideration.

You will further be asked to consider Bills to increase the borrowing powers of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works, and to amend the Closer Settlement Acts.

Steps will be taken to institute an inquiry into the River Murray Waters question with a view to an amicable and equitable settlement of that involved subject at an early date with South Australia and New South Wales.

During the recess a Conference of Federal and State Ministers is to be held at Hobart, at which Victoria is to be represented. Many subjects of importance are to be discussed, notably, the question of the financial relationship of the Commonwealth and the States. It is confidently hoped that, as the result of the Conference, a definite settlement of this difficult and intricate problem will be made.

I rejoice that the favorable season with which we have been favoured has resulted in a most bountiful harvest, and has also been an inestimable boon to our pastoral interests.

I commend to your careful consideration these and other measures that may be brought before you, and I pray that your labours may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, materially conduce to the welfare of the people of Victoria.

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

The Legislative Assembly then withdrew.

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

4. Declarations of Members.—The Honorables R. H. S. Abbott, E. H. Austin, F. Brawn, E. J. Crooke, Dr. W. H. Embling, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, E. Miller, W. Pearson, A. O. Sachse, and E. J. White severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth :—

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, Richard Hartley Smith Abbott, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Bendigo and Strathfieldsaye, and are known as—

'Mandalay,' Rowan-street; 'Tacsonia,' Rowan-street; house property, Wattle-street, city of Bendigo.

'Edinburgh Tannery,' parish of Mandurang; 'Hooligan,' land, parish of Eppalock, shire of Strathfieldsaye.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Bendigo are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and thirty-five pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Strathfieldsaye are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and twenty-six pounds.

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

"RICHARD HARTLEY SMITH ABBOTT."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, Edwin Henry Austin, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estateof freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Seventy-five pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Ararat, and are known as 'Colvinsby,' Dobie.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ararat are rated in the rate-book of such district upon the yearly value of Three hundred and fifty-seven pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ararat are rated in the rate-book of such districts upon a yearly value of Three hundred and fifty-seven pounds.

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

"EDWIN H. AUSTIN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, Frederick Brawn do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and sixty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Ballaarat, and are known as three brick cottages in Mill-street, Ballaarat.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Ballaarat are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and twenty-seven pounds.

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

"F. BRAWN."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, EDWARD JOLLEY CROOKE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Five hundred and fifty-six pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and, further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Rosedale, and are known as portion of 'The Holey Plain Estate.'

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Five hundred and fifty-six pounds.

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

"E. J. CROOKE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM HENRY EMBLING, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred pounds above all charges and encumbrances affecting the same other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of St. Kilda, and are known as 'Elmwood,' Chapel-street, St. Kilda.

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

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

"W. H. EMBLING."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WALTER SYNNOT MANIFOLD, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Sixty-eight pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of the shire of Warrnambool, and are known as part of portion 24, parish of Mepunga, county of Heytesbury, containing two hundred and fifty acres.

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

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

"WALTER MANIFOLD."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, DUNCAN ELPHINSTONE MCBRYDE, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Three hundred and eighty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Brighton, and are known as 'Kamesburgh,' containing ten acres or thereabouts, being part of Dendy's special survey at Brighton, and situate at the angle of North-road and Cochrane-street, and purchased by me for the sum of Twelve thousand two hundred pounds.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Brighton are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three hundred and eighty pounds.

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

"D. E. McBRYDE."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, EDWARD MILLER, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Kew, and are known as land, four acres, Findon-street and Barker's-road.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Kew are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifty pounds.

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

"EDWARD MILLER."

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM PEARSON, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Five hundred pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Rosedale, and are known as 'Kilmany Park,' Sale.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Rosedale are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Three thousand three hundred and eighty-eight pounds.

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

"WM. PEARSON."

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

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

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

"A. O. SACHSE."

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

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Dundas are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifty pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Borough of Hamilton are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Forty-four pounds.

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

"E. J. WHITE."

5. ISSUE OF AND RETURNS TO WRITS.—The President announced that, since the adjournment of the Council, he had issued Writs for the election of a member to serve for the Nelson Province and for the Northern Province respectively, in the place of the Honorable James Drysdale Brown and the Honorable William Lawrence Baillieu, who had severally accepted offices of profit under the Crown; that there had been returned to him such Writs, and by the indorsements thereon it appeared that James Drysdale Brown, of No. 414 Collins-street, Melbourne, barrister and solicitor, and William Lawrence Baillieu, of Collins-street, Melbourne, investor, had been elected in pursuance thereof.

5. SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS.—William Lawrence Baillieu and James Drysdale Brown being severally introduced took and subscribed the oath required by law, and severally delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth:—

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, WILLIAM LAWRENCE BAILLIEU, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of Two hundred and sixty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting

the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of Melbourne and Boroondara, and are known as—

"Firstly, all that piece of land having a frontage of fifty-one feet and eight inches to Swanston-street, Melbourne, by a depth of one hundred and twelve feet along Latrobe street, and being Crown allotments 32 and 33, section 44, city of Melbourne, parish of North Melbourne, and more particularly described in certificate of title, volume 2043, folio 408547.

"Secondly, all that piece of land containing two acres three roods and twenty-three perches, being part of Crown portion 129, parish of Boroondara, county of Bourke, and being the land more particularly described in certificate of title, volume 2625, folio 524945.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Melbourne are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and seventy pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Boroondara are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Ninety pounds.

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

"W. L. BAILLIEU."

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

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Coburg are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and fifty-four pounds.

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

"J. DRYSDALE BROWN."

7. VOTING BY POST BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, a Bill to revive and continue the Voting by Post Acts was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, a Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Acts was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, a Bill to regulate the Sale of Chaff and other Foods for Stock was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Honorable William Pitt be Chairman of Committees.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the Honorable William Pitt was congratulated by the Honorable the President on his securing the confidence of honorable members, and then the Honorable William Pitt returned his thanks for his election to the office of Chairman of Committees.

11. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1907:—

Part IX.—Interchange.

Part X.—Production.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.—Tolmie Railway Act 1907.—Report on the proposed railway to Toombullup and Tolmie.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

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

Education Acts.—Section 12 of Regulation No. X. rescinded, Regulation made in lieu thereof.

Fire Brigades Acts—Regulations.—

Country Fire Brigades Board.

Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board.

Fisheries Act 1890.—Notices of intention to issue Proclamations—

Regulation of Netting, Western Port.

Prohibition of Fishing for two years in portion of Tambo River, Marass Creek, Big River, and in Bundara River.

Revoking Proclamations *re* Fishing and Netting in Anderson's Inlet, and prohibiting the use of trammels, trawls, or other nets or engines.

Defining the mouth of the Tarwin River.

Definition of Salt Creek, Portland, and prohibiting netting within area adjacent thereto

Health Acts.— Pure Food Act 1905.—Further regulations as to beverages and exemptions.
Land Act 1901.—Regulations substituted.
Marine Act 1890.—Additional regulations.
Medical Act 1890, Part III.—Additional regulations.
Public Service Acts.—

Promotion of officer, John Scott.
Promotion of officer, F. W. Mabbott.
Copies of Papers in connexion with the promotion of Robert McIntyre Weldon from the Third to the Second Class in the Public Service of Victoria.

Public Service and Lunacy Acts.—Amended Regulations.
Report of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne from 31st July, 1907, to 31st July, 1908, together with five Appendices.
State Forests Act.—Copies of proposed Orders in Council (Nos. F.55053, F.60421, and F.61633, &c.), to excise certain areas from the State Forests.

12. Message from His Excellency the Governor.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, and the same was read by the Honorable the President :—

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No.* 1.

The Governor informs the Legislative Council 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 three hundred and fifty-five thousand two hundred and forty-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 January, 1909.

13. Speech of His Excellency the Governor.—The President reported the Speech of His Excellency the Governor.

The Honorable G. T. Dickie moved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable G. T. Dickie moved, That the Committee consist of the Honorables G. T. Dickie, R. H. S. Abbott, J. G. Aikman, E. H. Austin, A. Hicks, W. Little, and R. B. Rees.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.
The Honorable G. T. Dickie presented the Address, which had been agreed to by the Committee, and the same was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency 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.*

May it please Your Excellency—

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

The Honorable G. T. Dickie moved, That the Council agree with the Committee in the said Address. Debate ensued.

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

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

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

14. Adjournment.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

Question.

1. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Health—
   1. How many Wages Boards are at present in existence, and to what trades or occupations do they apply.
   2. How much have their deliberations cost the State up to the present.
   3. How many times have the rates of wages been raised by these Boards ; stating the percentage upon former ruling rates approximately.
   4. How many times have the rates of wages been reduced by these Boards ; stating the percentage upon former ruling rates approximately.
   5. On how many occasions have decisions been arrived at upon the casting vote of the Chairman.
   6. The names and occupations of gentlemen appointed as independent Chairmen of the various Boards.
   7. What is the present annual cost to the State of the administration of the Shops and Factories Acts now in operation.
   8. What effect has the determination of the Boards had, either to increase, or decrease, the price of commodities manufactured or dealt in by the trades and occupations governed by the Boards.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU : To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business ; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business.

2. The Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU : To move, That the Honorables the President, J. Balfour, J. D. Brown, J. M. Davies, T. C. Harwood, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, E. Miller, T. H. Payne, and W. Pitt be Members of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House ; three to be the quorum.

3. The Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU : To move, That the Honorables the President, E. J. Crooke, W. Pearson, W. Pitt, and the Mover be Members of the Joint Committee to manage and superintend the Parliament Buildings.

4. The Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU ; To move, That the Honorables the President, J. D. Brown, Dr. W. H. Embling, D. Melville, and T. H. Payne be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Library.

5. The Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU : To move, That the Honorables J. C. Campbell, T. Luxton, J. Y. McDonald, R. B. Rees, and E. J. White be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Refreshment Rooms.

6. The Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU : To move, That the Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. H. Austin, F. Brawn, W. H. Edgar, W. J. Evans, F. Hagelthorn, W. Little, A. McLellan, and J. Sternberg be Members of the Printing Committee ; three to be the quorum.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE.—*Resumption of Debate*—(*Hon. D. Melville*).
2. VOTING BY POST ACTS FURTHER CONTINUANCE BILL—(*Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
4. CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD BILL—(*Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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Chaff and Stock Food Bill—[10.]
Factories and Shops Bill—[11].
Voting by Post Revival and Continuance Bill—[14].

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 2.

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VICTORIA.

No. 3.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

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

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable F. Hagelthorn delivered to the Clerk the Declaration required by the thirty-seventh section of the Act No. 1075, as hereunder set forth :—

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, FREDERICK HAGELTHORN, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of One hundred and forty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal district of Horsham, and are known as—land and office, Wilson-street; land and dwelling, Pynsent-street; land and dwelling and stables, McPherson-street; land and dwelling, Stawell-road, all of Horsham.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Horsham, are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and forty pounds, and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of Horsham are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of One hundred and forty pounds.

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

"FREDERICK HAGELTHORN."

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the following Members of this House be appointed Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, viz. :—The Honorables Dr. W. H. Embling and D. Melville.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented—

Lilydale to Warburton Railway.—Return to an Order of the Legislative Council, dated 14th October, 1908, for a Return showing—

1. The total receipts from all sources of the Lilydale to Warburton Railway for the twelve months ending the 30th June, 1908.
2. The working expenses for the same period.

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 :—

Fisheries Act 1890.—Fishing in Hunt's Dam, Castlemaine—Proclamation revoked.
Marine Act 1890, Section 61.—Additional Regulations.
Public Service Act, No. 1133, Section 14.—Additional Regulations.
The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890, Part IX.—Statement of Appointment and Alteration in Classification in the Department of the Legislative Council.

5. Address-in-Reply to Speech of His Excellency the Governor.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Council agree with the Committee in the Address-in-Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, having been read—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the President and such Members of the Council as may wish to accompany him.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. Days of Business.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that half-past Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day; that on Tuesday and Thursday in each week the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business; and that on Wednesday in each week Private Members' business shall take precedence of Government business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. Standing Orders Committee.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables the President, J. Balfour, J. D. Brown, J. M. Davies, T. C. Harwood, Walter S. Manifold, D. E. McBryde, E. Miller, T. H. Payne, and W. Pitt be Members of the Select Committee on the Standing Orders of the House; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. Parliament Buildings Committee.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables the President, E. J. Crooke, W. Pearson, W. Pitt, and the Mover be Members of the Joint Committee to manage and superintend the Parliament Buildings.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. Library Committee.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables the President, J. D. Brown, Dr. W. H. Embling, D. Melville, and T. H. Payne be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Library.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. Refreshment Rooms Committee.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables J. C. Campbell, T. Luxton, J. Y. McDonald, R. B. Rees, and E. J. White be Members of the Joint Committee to manage the Refreshment Rooms.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. Printing Committee.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Honorables the President, R. H. S. Abbott, E. H. Austin, F. Brawn, W. H. Edgar, W. J. Evans, F. Hagelthorn, W. Little, A. McLellan, and J. Sternberg be Members of the Printing Committee; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next:—

Voting by Post Bill—Second reading.
Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.
Chaff and Stock Food Bill—Second reading.

13. Adjournment.—Ordered, that the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

Questions.

1. The Hon. Dr. W. H. EMBLING : To call the attention of the Honorable the Minister of Public Health to the complaint of the workmen of Victoria that there is a want of work, and to ask the Government to appoint a Royal Commission as soon as possible to investigate and report upon the best method of dealing with the questions of the unemployed and the unemployable.

2. The Hon. Dr. W. H. EMBLING : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Health if he will prepare a regulation under the Act to provide for all fish intended for sale being cleaned and gutted as soon as possible after being caught, and before they are shipped to market.

3. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Health—
   1. How many Wages Boards are at present in existence, and to what trades or occupations do they apply.
   2. How much have their deliberations cost the State up to the present.
   3. How many times have the rates of wages been raised by these Boards ; stating the percentage upon former ruling rates approximately.
   4. How many times have the rates of wages been reduced by these Boards ; stating the percentage upon former ruling rates approximately.
   5. On how many occasions have decisions been arrived at upon the casting vote of the Chairman.
   6. The names and occupations of gentlemen appointed as independent Chairmen of the various Boards.
   7. What is the present annual cost to the State of the administration of the Shops and Factories Acts now in operation.
   8. What effect has the determination of the Boards had, either to increase, or decrease, the price of commodities manufactured or dealt in by the trades and occupations governed by the Boards.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VOTING BY POST BILL—(*Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.
2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
3. CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD BILL—(*Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 1.
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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3.
First Mildura Irrigation Trust Bill—[3].
Old-age Pensions Bill—[9].
Wire Netting Bill—[12.]
Moe and Walhalla Railway Construction Bill—[13].
Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Bill—[16].
Closer Settlement Bill—[21].

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No. 4.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

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

2. SUBSTITUTED DECLARATION OF MEMBER.—The Honorable J. Sternberg delivered to the Clerk the following declaration, viz. :—

"In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution Act Amendment Acts, I, JOSEPH STERNBERG, do declare and testify that I am legally or equitably seised of or entitled to an estate of freehold for my own use and benefit in lands or tenements in the State of Victoria of the yearly value of over Fifty pounds above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, other than any public or parliamentary tax or municipal or other rate or assessment; and further, that such lands or tenements are situated in the municipal districts of the shires of Deakin and Echuca, and are known as—firstly, Crown allotments 91, 92, 93, and 133, parish of Kyabram, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin; secondly, Crown allotments 39A, 39B, 40A, 40B, and 41B, parish of Carag Carag, county of Rodney, in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin; thirdly, part of Crown allotment 3, section 3A, township of Rochester, parish of Rochester West, county of Bendigo, particularly described in the certificate of title entered in the Register Book, vol. 1828, fol. 365402, and which land is situated in the municipal district of the shire of Echuca.

"And I further declare that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin, and are firstly above described, are rated in the rate-book of such district upon a yearly value of Sixty-eight pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Deakin, and are secondly above described, are rated in the rate-book of such district upon the yearly value of Thirty-six pounds; and that such of the said lands or tenements as are situate in the municipal district of the shire of Echuca, and are thirdly above described, are rated in the rate-book of such district upon the yearly value of Twenty pounds.

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

"J. STERNBERG."

3. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The President reported that he had that day waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Council, agreed to on the 10th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King I thank you for the expression of loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign contained in this Address, and I earnestly hope that your deliberations upon the measures which may be brought under your consideration will tend to promote the best interests and permanent welfare of this community.

THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 16th February, 1909.

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4. Committee of Elections and Qualifications.—The President laid upon the Table the following Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—

Victoria.

Pursuant to the provisions of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act* 1890, I do hereby appoint—

The Honorable James Drysdale Brown,
The Honorable William Cain,
The Honorable John Mark Davies,
The Honorable Willis Little,
The Honorable Walter Synnot Manifold,
The Honorable Adam McLellan, and
The Honorable Richard Bloomfield Rees,

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

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

H. J. WRIXON,
President of the Legislative Council.

5. Weights and Measures Act 1890 further Amendment Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, a Bill to further amend the *Weights and Measures Act* 1890, and for other purposes was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. Paper.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Forty-fourth Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. Voting by Post Bill.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

8. Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable R. H. S. Abbott moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate 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 in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt 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.

Ordered—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and Irrigation Works and Water Supply,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 16th February, 1909.

10. Railways Irrigation and Water Supply Loan Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, 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 Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 16th February, 1909.

12. Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts further Amendment Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

13. Drainage Areas Acts Amendment Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, a Bill to amend the Drainage Areas Acts was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

14. Postponement of Order of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

Chaff and Stock Food Bill—Second reading.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD BILL—(*Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.
3. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
4. RAILWAYS IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY LOAN BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
5. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
6. DRAINAGE AREAS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY.

Question.

1. The Hon. R. H. S. ABBOTT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Health—
   1. How many Wages Boards are at present in existence, and to what trades or occupations do they apply.
   2. How much have their deliberations cost the State up to the present.
   3. How many times have the rates of wages been raised by these Boards; stating the percentage upon former ruling rates approximately.
   4. How many times have the rates of wages been reduced by these Boards; stating the percentage upon former ruling rates approximately.
   5. On how many occasions have decisions been arrived at upon the casting vote of the Chairman.
   6. The names and occupations of gentlemen appointed as independent Chairmen of the various Boards.
   7. What is the present annual cost to the State of the administration of the Shops and Factories Acts now in operation.
   8. What effect has the determination of the Boards had, either to increase, or decrease, the price of commodities manufactured or dealt in by the trades and occupations governed by the Boards.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 2, 3, and 4.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 5.
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1907. Part X.—Production. No. 2.
Gold Buyers Bill—[7].
Teachers Bill—[20].

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No. 5.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Closer Settlement Act* 1904,'" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.

3. CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT 1904 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed in the business of a grocer, including a seller of tea," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.

Ordered that the foregoing Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the following resolution, viz :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any 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," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—"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 floorcloths, or fixing draperies," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

8. PAPERS.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Education Department, Victoria.—Preliminary Report of the Director of Education upon Observations made during an Official Visit to Europe and America ; with Recommendations referring to State Education in Victoria.

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 :—

Vegetation Diseases Act 1906.—Regulation authorizing Inspectors to charge fees and expenses for inspecting any tree, plant, or vegetable.

9. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.

11. APPROPRIATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. Pitt 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.

Ordered—That the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to increase for One Year the Total Sum appropriated for Old-age Pensions,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.

14. OLD-AGE PENSIONS INCREASE BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for certain purposes by increasing the Amount of Victorian Three per cent. Stock,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.

16. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

17. ADJOURNMENT.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at two o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to revive and continue the Voting by Post Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 4.

THURSDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
2. CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD BILL—(*Hon. J. D. Brown*)—To be further considered in Committee.
3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a grocer, including a seller of tea."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any 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."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).
6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"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 floorcloths, or fixing draperies."—To be taken into consideration —(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).
7. OLD-AGE PENSIONS INCREASE BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
8. VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THREE PER CENT. STOCK BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*) —Second reading.
9. CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT 1904 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*from Assembly—Hon. J. D. Brown*) —Second reading.
10. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
11. RAILWAYS IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY LOAN BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*) —Second reading.
12. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*) —To be further considered in Committee.
13. DRAINAGE AREAS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 4.
Consolidated Revenue Bill (No. 2)—[6]. (To Members of Council only.)
Old-age Pensions Bill—[9]. (To Members of Council only.)
Closer Settlement Bill—[21]. (To Members of Council only.)
Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock Bill—[25]. (To Members of Council only.)
Weights and Measures Bill—[26].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 6.
Ballaarat East Land Bill—[5].
Wire Netting Bill—[12]. (To Members only.)
Voting by Post Revival and Continuance Bill—[14]. (To Members only.)
Marine Bill—[18].
Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust Bill—[19].
Eumerella Drainage Bill—[27].

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VICTORIA.

No. 6.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

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

2. MEAT SUPERVISION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, a Bill to amend the Meat Supervision Acts was, by leave, read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment.
The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Report be now adopted.
Question—That the Report be now adopted—put.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 17.	Noes, 5.
The Hon. R. H. S. Abbott,	The Hon. A. McLellan,
W. L. Baillieu,	D. Melville,
J. D. Brown,	R. B. Rees.
W. Cain,	*Tellers.*
J. C. Campbell,	W. H. Edgar,
J. M. Davies,	W. J. Evans.
G. T. Dickie,	
Dr. W. H. Embling,	
T. C. Harwood,	
A. Hicks,	
W. Little,	
Walter S. Manifold,	
W. Pearson,	
W. Pitt,	
A. O. Sachse.	
Tellers.	
T. Luxton,	
T. H. Payne.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Report adopted.
The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways Public Works and other Purposes*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 17th February, 1909.

5. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read—the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

7. RAILWAYS IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY LOAN BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

8. CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole having been read—

Ordered—That the said Order be discharged.

On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clauses 2 and 20.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. Pitt reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with further amendments.

On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clause 22.

House in Committee.

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

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any 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, tyres, rims, hubs, or spokes.

(*b*) Motor car bodies, or any part or parts thereof, such as the hoods or cushions"—

with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th February, 1909.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

10. RAILWAYS IRRIGATION AND WATER SUPPLY LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole having been read—

Ordered—That the said Order be discharged.

On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clause 3.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had agreed to the following resolution :—

That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendment in the Bill:—

In clause 3, lines 13–14, omit—"and the aforesaid estimate shall be submitted for the sanction of the Legislative Assembly."

On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Report was adopted.

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

11. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the vesting of certain Lands for the purposes of the South-street Society and for reducing the width of certain streets in the Town of Ballaarat East and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th February, 1909.

12. Ballaarat East Lands (South-street Society) Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

13. Victorian Government Three per cent. Stock Bill.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

14. Old-age Pensions Increase Bill.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

15. Factories and Shops Amendment Bill.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read—the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt 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 the Council will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

16. Additional Day of Business.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at two o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

17. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next :—

Factories and Shops Acts.—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—" That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a grocer, including a seller of tea."—To be taken into consideration.

Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—" That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing "—To be taken into consideration.

Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—" That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any 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."—To be taken into consideration.

Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—" 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 floorcloths, or fixing draperies." —To be taken into consideration.

Closer Settlement Act 1904 *further Amendment Bill—Second reading.*

Weights and Measures Act 1890 *further Amendment Bill—Second reading.*

Drainage Areas Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 5.

TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1909.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VICTORIAN LOAN BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
2. BALLAARAT EAST LANDS (SOUTH-STREET SOCIETY) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.
3. MEAT SUPERVISION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
4. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any 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, tyres, rims, hubs, or spokes.
   (*b*) Motor car bodies, or any part or parts thereof, such as the hoods or cushions."—To be taken into consideration—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).
5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a grocer, including a seller of tea."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).
6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).
7. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any 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."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).
8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"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 floorcloths, or fixing draperies."—To be taken into consideration—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).
9. CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT 1904 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*from Assembly—Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.
10. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
11. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—To be further considered in Committee.
12. DRAINAGE AREAS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.

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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. J. M. DAVIES : To move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable J. Balfour for the remainder of the Session.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 5.
Ballaarat East Land Bill—[5]. (To Members of Council only.)
Factories and Shops Bill. (Amendment by the Honorable J. G. Aikman.) (To Members of Council only.)
Victorian Loan Bill—[23]. (To Members of Council only.)
Meat Supervision Bill—[28].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 7.
Gold Buyers Bill. (Amendment by Mr. McBride.) (To Members only.)
Gold Buyers Bill. (Explanation of Proposed Amendments) (To Members of Legislative Assembly only).
Water Supply Loan Application Bill. (New Clause to be moved in Committee by Mr. Prendergast.) (To Members only.)
Wire Netting Bill. (Amendments to be proposed after Third Reading by Mr. McKenzie.) (To Members only.)
Metropolitan Saturday Half-holiday Bill—[30].
Forests Excisions Bill—[31].

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VICTORIA.

No. 7.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1909.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for Railways,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 18th February, 1909.

3. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

Amendments of the Regulations under the Land Act 1901.
Regulations for the disposal of lands acquired under the Closer Settlement Acts.
Return furnished in accordance with Section 18 of the Mines Act, No. 1961.

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

House in Committee.

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

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

6. MEAT SUPERVISION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for Water Supply in Country Districts and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 23rd February, 1909.

8. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any 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, tyres, rims, hubs, or spokes.

(*b*) Motor car bodies, or any part or parts thereof, such as the hoods or cushions,"

having been read—

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council agree to the foregoing resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

10. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of all kinds of rubber goods, including rubber tyres of every description," having been read—

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council agree to the foregoing resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Veterinary School in the University of Melbourne,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 23rd February, 1909.

12. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (VETERINARY SCHOOL) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust Act* 1907," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 23rd February, 1909.

14. PRAHRAN AND MALVERN TRAMWAYS TRUST ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

15. Message from the Assembly.—The President announced the receipt of the following Message from the Assembly :—

Mr. President,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and Irrigation Works and Water Supply,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly having considered the Message of the Legislative Council suggesting that this House make a certain amendment in such Bill, have decided not to make the amendment suggested by the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 23rd February, 1909.

Ordered that the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Railways Irrigation and Water Supply Loan Bill.

16. Railways Irrigation and Water Supply Loan Bill.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the President left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day.

The Honorable T. C. Harwood moved, That it be a suggestion to the Legislative Assembly that they make the following amendment in the Bill :—

Clause 3, line 7, after "Act" omit "and before any expenditure is made or contract entered into for the construction of works or for the purchase of land or for irrigation and water supply purposes an estimate of the expenditure proposed to be incurred for the said purposes during the financial year and also a statement showing the works or purposes for or in respect of which the moneys during the preceding financial year have been applied shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, and the aforesaid estimate shall be submitted for the sanction of the Legislative Assembly."

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

17. Adjournment.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at a quarter past two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

18. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

Ballaarat East Lands (South-street Society) Bill—Second reading.

Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a grocer, including a seller of tea."—To be taken into consideration.

Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing."—To be taken into consideration.

Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—"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 floorcloths, or fixing draperies." —To be taken into consideration.

Closer Settlement Act 1904 *further Amendment Bill—Second reading.*

Weights and Measures Act 1890 *further Amendment Bill—Second reading.*

Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

Drainage Areas Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. The Hon. J. M. DAVIES: To move, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable J. Balfour for the remainder of the Session.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a grocer, including a seller of tea."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).

2. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing."—To be taken into consideration.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).

3. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL WAGES BOARD.—Message from the Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—"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 floorcloths, or fixing draperies."—To be taken into consideration —(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).

4. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.

5. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.

6. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (VETERINARY SCHOOL) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.

7. PRAHRAN AND MALVERN TRAMWAYS TRUST ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Ballieu*)—Second reading.

8. BALLAARAT EAST LANDS (SOUTH-STREET SOCIETY) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.

9. CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT 1904 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*from Assembly—Hon. J. D. Brown*) —Second reading.

10. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.

11. FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—To be further considered in Committee.

12. DRAINAGE AREAS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 24th February, 1909.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS—at seven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 18TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 4, 5, and 6.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No 6.
Water Supply Loans Application Bill—[8]. (To Members only.)
Railway Loan Application Bill—[15]. (To Members of Council only.)
Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust Bill—[19]. (To Members of Council only.)
University Bill—[22]. (To Members of Council only.)
Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill. (New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. Dr. W. H. Embling.) To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 5, 6, and 7.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8
Chaff and Stock Food Bill—[10]. (To Members only.)
Beeac and Newtown Railway Construction Bill—[32].
Weekly Divisions. No. 1.

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VICTORIA.

No. 8.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Forests Act* 1907,'" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 23rd February, 1909.

3. FORESTS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

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

House in Committee.

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

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

5. BALLAARAT EAST LANDS (SOUTH-STREET SOCIETY) BILL.—The Honorable J. D. Brown moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to the Bill to provide for the Vesting of Certain Lands for the purposes of the South-street Society, and for reducing the Width of certain Streets in the Town of Ballaarat East, and for other purposes, and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable J. D. Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

House in Committee.

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

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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6. PRAHRAN AND MALVERN TRAMWAYS TRUST ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That all the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills be suspended in relation to the Bill to amend the *Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust Act* 1907, and that the Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

House in Committee.

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

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of Money for Railways and Irrigation Works and Water Supply*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have considered the further Message of the Legislative Council suggesting that this House make a certain amendment in such Bill, and have made the amendment now suggested.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.

On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the report from the Committee of the whole was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill, including the amendment made in the said Bill by the Legislative Assembly, which was suggested by the Legislative Council.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the ninty-sixth and ninety-seventh sections of the 'Marine Act* 1890,'" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.

9. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Drainage Areas Acts so far as regards the Eumerella Drainage Area*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.

11. DRAINAGE AREAS ACTS AMENDMENT (EUMERELLA) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—The Honorable J. M. Davies moved, That leave of absence be granted to the Honorable James Balfour for the remainder of the Session.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. CLOSER SETTLEMENT ACT 1904 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.

House in Committee.

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

Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

14. Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a grocer, including a seller of tea, having been read—

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council agree to the foregoing resolution.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable T. C. Harwood moved, as an amendment, That the word "wheresoever" be omitted from the resolution.

Debate continued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate further continued on the main question.

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

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

15. Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz. :—That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing, having been read—

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council agree to the foregoing resolution.

Debate ensued.

The Honorable J. M. Davies moved, as an amendment, That the words "and articles of male attire" be inserted after the word "kind," in line 6.

Debate continued.

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

Question—That the Council agree to the foregoing resolution, as amended, 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 seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind and articles of male attire), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be sent to the Assembly acquainting them that the Council have concurred with the Assembly in their resolution with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

16. Factories and Shops Acts—Appointment of Special Wages Board.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Message from the Legislative Assembly desiring concurrence in the following resolution, viz.:—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 floorcloths, or fixing draperies, having been read—

The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, That the Council agree to the foregoing resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

17. Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read—the President left the Chair.

House in Committee.

The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.

On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill was recommitted to a Committee of the whole in respect of clauses 2, 7, and 11.

House in Committee.

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

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

18. Postponement of Orders of the Day.—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

Water Supply Loans Application Bill.—Second reading.
Melbourne University (Veterinary School) Bill.—Second reading.
Weights and Measures Act 1890 *further Amendment Bill.—Second reading.*
Drainage Areas Acts Amendment Bill.—Second reading.
Forests Act 1907 *Amendement Bill.—Second reading.*
Marine Act 1890 *further Amendment Bill.—Second reading.*
Drainage Areas Acts Amendment (Eumerella) Bill.—Second reading.

19. Adjournment.—The Honorable W. L. Baillieu moved, by leave, That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 7.

THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The Hon. W. L. BAILLIEU : To move, That the Council shall meet for the despatch of business to-morrow, and that half-past two o'clock be the hour of meeting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
2. FORESTS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.
3. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
4. DRAINAGE AREAS ACTS AMENDMENT (EUMERELLA) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. W. L. Baillieu*) —Second reading.
5. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (VETERINARY SCHOOL) BILL—(*from Assembly—Hon. J. D. Brown*)—Second reading.
6. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.
7. DRAINAGE AREAS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*)—Second reading.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 24TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 7.
Marine Bill—[18]. (To Members of Council only.)
Eumerella Drainage Area Bill—[27]. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9.
Meat Supervision Bill—[28]. (To Members only.)
Ouyen and Kow Plains Railway Construction Bill—[34].
Wire Netting Bill. (Amendment to be proposed after Third Reading by Mr. McKenzie.) (To Members only.)

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No. 9.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

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

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the Law relating to State School Teachers,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.

3. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the First Mildura Irrigation Trust,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

5. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUST BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Meat Supervision Acts,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for a Half-holiday every Saturday in Shops in the Metropolitan District,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 24th February, 1909.

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8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY) BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

9. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

10. FORESTS ACT 1907 AMENDMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

11. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Completion of the Moe and Walhalla Railway*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

13. MOE AND WALHALLA RAILWAY COMPLETION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

14. DRAINAGE AREAS ACTS AMENDMENT (EUMERELLA) BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

15. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (VETERINARY SCHOOL) BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for supplying Owners of Land with Wire Netting for Vermin-proof Fences*," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

17. WIRE NETTING BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, to be read a second time this day.

18. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be sent to the Assembly with a Message desiring their concurrence therein.

19. STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Beeac to Newtown,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

21. BEEAC TO NEWTOWN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed and, by leave, read a second time this day.

22. WIRE NETTING BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments, the House ordered the Report to be taken into consideration this day, whereupon the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to the same with amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

23. MILDURA IRRIGATION TRUST BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

24. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY) BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

And the Council, having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock,

FRIDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly transmit to the Legislative Council a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction by the State of a Line of Railway from Ouyen to Kow Plains,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

26. OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—On the motion of the Honorable J. D. Brown, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and, by leave, read a second time this day.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the Sale of Chaff and other Foods for Stock*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with amendments with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

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

1. Clause 2, after line 14, insert "Foreign ingredients" includes substances which from time to time are prescribed by regulations.
2. Clause 9, page 4, line 3, omit "three" and insert "six"
3. Clause 14, line 14, after "writing" insert "or by any member of the police force who is not below the rank of a sergeant or who is in charge of a police station"
4. Clause 20, line 27, after "officer" insert "or member of the police force"
5. „ line 34, after "officer" insert "or the member of the police force"
6. Clatse 21, omit this clause.
7. Clause 22, at end of clause add "or member of the police force"
8. Clause 24, omit this clause.

Amendments 1, 2, and 3, after debate, agreed to.
Amendments 4 and 5 agreed to.
Amendments 6, 7, and 8, after debate, disagreed with.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Assembly in this Bill, and have disagreed with others of the said amendments.

28. BEEAC TO NEWTOWN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, and, after debate, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. Pitt, having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

29. OUYEN TO KOW PLAINS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, the Honorable J. D. Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
The President said—Before putting the second reading of this Bill I would like to say that I quite concur in what more than one honorable member has said as to important measures being sent up to this House at the last moment, when there is not sufficient time in which to properly consider them. The present Government are not more to blame than any other Government, but I find that this is an invariable concomitant to the winding up of a session. In this short session, perhaps, it was somewhat difficult to avoid. I have more than once said that if honorable members wish to avoid it they must at the beginning of the session convey to the leader of the Government some intimation that they will not try to consider serious Bills which they have no time to properly deal with. They must arrive at some understanding with the Government, and give them full notice that they will not rush such Bills through. The present Government are not particularly to blame. I know the leader of the House and the Attorney-General agree with me on this matter, but they are forced by the conditions imposed to press these Bills on the House.
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 in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

30. MOE AND WALHALLA RAILWAY COMPLETION BILL.—This Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole.
House in Committee.
The President resumed the Chair; and the Honorable W. Pitt having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the Report was adopted, and the Bill read a third time and passed.
Ordered—That the Assembly be informed that the Council have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly acquaint the Legislative Council that they have agreed to the amendment of the Legislative Council to insert the words "and articles of male attire" after the words "(other than boots of any kind" in the following resolution, viz. :—"That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons, or classes of persons, wheresoever employed, in the business of a seller of goods usually sold by drapers or haberdashers (other than boots of any kind), including mantles, costumes, millinery, gloves, stockings, and underclothing."

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 25th February, 1909.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for Supplying Owners of Land with Wire Netting for Vermin-proof Fences,*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendments made in such Bill by the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

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

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

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

1. Clause 2, line 15, before "child" omit "female"
2. " same line, after "child" insert "lawfully"
3. Clause 4, lines 15 and 16, omit "when resolutions declaring it is expedient to appoint the same have been passed by both Houses of Parliament"
4. Clause 11, line 40, after "electrical" insert "or gas"
5. Clause 12, line 5, after "horse" insert "or other animal"
6. Omit clause 14, and insert the following clause in place thereof :—

   A. (1) In order to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons wheresoever employed in the process, trade, or business of either the whole or any part of the ironworking trade (for which a Special Board has not been constituted) the Governor in Council may, at any time within one month after the passing of this Act (notwithstanding anything contained in the Factories and Shops Acts) appoint a Special Board consisting of not less than four or more than ten members and a chairman.

   (2) The members of such Special Board shall not be elected, but shall be appointed by the Governor in Council, who may, at any time, remove any member of such Special Board.

   (3) Except where inconsistent with the provisions of this section, all the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts which relate to Special Boards, and the members thereof shall apply to any Board or Boards appointed under the provisions of this section.

7. After clause 15, insert the following new clause B :—

   B. Every hairdressing and shaving saloon shall be closed on the third Wednesday in March in each year, and every employé in such saloon shall be given a holiday on such day, and every such saloon may be kept open until ten o'clock on the Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in March in each year.

Amendments 1, 2, 3, and 4 agreed to.

Amendment 5, after debate, agreed to.

Amendment 6, after debate, disagreed with.

Amendment 7, after debate, agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Assembly with a Message acquainting them that the Council have agreed to some of the amendments made by the Assembly in this Bill, and have disagreed with one of the said amendments.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled, "*An Act to further amend the 'Weights and Measures Act* 1890' *and for other purposes*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

And the said amendment was read, and is as follows :—

After clause 15 insert the following new clause :—

A. For section 59 of the Principal Act there shall be substituted the following section, namely— Amendment of s. 59 of No. 1158.

59. "All penalties and the proceeds of all forfeitures under the Principal Act the *Bakers and Millers Act* 1890 or any Acts construed therewith may be sued for by any Inspector or other person and shall by him be paid into the Municipal Fund of the Municipality in which such penalty or forfeiture is imposed or if imposed within a Union district shall be paid to the managers of such Union. Penalties and forfeitures.

All fees paid to any Inspector shall be paid to the Council of the Municipality by which he is appointed or if within a Union to the managers of such Union."

On the motion of the Honorable W. L. Baillieu, the Council agreed to the amendment made in this Bill by the Assembly, and ordered a Message to be sent to the Assembly acquainting them therewith.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the Sale of Chaff and other Foods for Stock*," and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on their amendments in this Bill with which the Legislative Council have disagreed.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly return to the Legislative Council the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Factories and Shops Acts*" and acquaint the Legislative Council that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on their amendment to omit clause 14 and insert new clause A in place thereof, with which the Legislative Council have disagreed.

FRANK MADDEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Melbourne, 26th February, 1909.

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

Regulations under the *Children's Court Act* 1906 (No. 2058)—Schedule substituted.
Victorian Railways—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1908.

And then the Council, at thirty-five minutes past four o'clock in the morning, adjourned.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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No. 35.] TUESDAY, MARCH 2. [1909.

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 thirteenth day of April, 1909.

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

(L.S.) THOS. D. GIBSON CARMICHAEL.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. MURRAY.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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No. 35.—MARCH 2, 1909.—2569.

SELECT COMMITTEES.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS (JOINT).

APPOINTED (SEE ACT No. 1899) 10TH FEBRUARY, 1909

The Hon. Dr. W. H. Embling | The Hon. D. Melville.

APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION 1909.

No. 1.—ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE OPENING SPEECH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Appointed 9th February, 1909.

The Hon. G. T. Dickie
R. H. S. Abbott
J. G. Aikman
E. H. Austin
The Hon. A. Hicks
W. Little
R. B. Rees.

No. 2.—STANDING ORDERS.

Appointed 10th February, 1909.

The Hon. the President
J. Balfour
J. D. Brown
J. M. Davies
T. C. Harwood
The Hon. Walter S. Manifold
D. E. McBryde
E. Miller
T. H. Payne
W. Pitt.

No. 3.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

Appointed 10th February, 1909.

The Hon. the President
W. L. Baillieu
E. J. Crooke
The Hon. W. Pearson
W. Pitt.

No. 4.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

Appointed 10th February, 1909.

The Hon. the President
J. D. Brown
Dr. W. H. Embling
The Hon. D. Melville
T. H. Payne.

No. 5.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

Appointed 10th February, 1909.

The Hon. J. C. Campbell
T. Luxton
J. Y. McDonald
The Hon. R. B. Rees
E. J. White.

No. 6.—PRINTING.

Appointed 10th February, 1909.

The Hon. the President
R. H. S. Abbott
E. H. Austin
F. Brawn
W. H. Edgar
The Hon. W. J. Evans
F. Hagelthorn
W. Little
A. McLellan
J. Sternberg.

No. 7.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Appointed (by President's Warrant) 16th February, 1909.

The Hon. J. D. Brown
W. Cain
J. M. Davies
W. Little
The Hon. Walter S. Manifold
A. McLellan
R. B. Rees.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1909.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

Extracted from the Minutes.

TUESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

No. 1.—FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Clause 7—

(1) Every shop shall be provided by the occupier thereof with the prescribed means of ingress egress and regress and with the prescribed gangways stairways and passages (which shall not be obstructed) and with the prescribed appliances for the prevention and extinction of fire.

(2) The occupier of a shop shall not permit or suffer the same or any part thereof to be at any time so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the persons of either employés or customers therein.

(3) In this section the word "prescribed" wherever occurring means prescribed by any regulations made by the Board of Public Health and which such Board is hereby authorized to make.

(4) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this section or of any regulation made thereunder shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty-five pounds.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "prescribed," in line 1, be omitted.—(*Hon. R. H. S. Abbott.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.	Noes, 5.
The Hon. W. L. Baillieu	The Hon. J. G. Aikman
F. Brawn	D. Melville
J. D. Brown	R. B. Rees
W. Cain	
J. M. Davies	*Tellers.*
W. J. Evans	R. H. S. Abbott
T. C. Harwood	W. H. Edgar
A. Hicks	
T. Luxton	
Walter S. Manifold	
J. Y. McDonald	
A. McLellan	
T. H. Payne	
A. O. Sachse	
J. Sternberg	
E. J. White.	
Tellers.	
E. J. Crooke	
W. Pearson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY.

No. 2.—CHAFF AND STOCK FOOD BILL.—Clause 2 (*on recommittal*)—

In this Act unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

"By-products" includes husks, bran, pollard, brewers' grains, and materials produced from any kind of grain in any process of treatment or manufacture not being the primary object of such process.

"Chaff" means hay or straw cut into short lengths.

"Hay" means any dried cereal legume or grass from which the grain or seed has not been removed.

"Hay chaff" means chaff consisting only of hay.

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—(*Hon. J. D. Brown.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "artificially" be inserted after the word "been," in line 7.—(*Hon. R. B. Rees.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.	Noes, 14.
The Hon. W. Cain,	The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
E. J. Crooke,	E. H. Austin,
Dr. W. H. Embling,	W. L. Baillieu,
W. Little,	J. D. Brown
D. Melville,	J. M. Davies,
R. B. Rees,	W. H. Edgar,
A. O. Sachse.	W. J. Evans,
	T. C. Harwood,
Tellers.	Walter S. Manifold.
E. Miller,	D. E. McBryde,
W. Pearson.	T. H. Payne
	J. Sternberg.
	Tellers.
	T. Luxton,
	A. McLellan

And so it passed in the negative.

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VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SESSION 1909.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

No. 2.

Extracted from the Minutes.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1909.

No. 1.—FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Clause 10—

In paragraph (*b*) of sub-section (1) of section seven of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1907—

(*a*) for the words "in any business of carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving either generally or in any specified process trade or business or" there shall be substituted the words "in carting or driving or assisting in carting or driving either generally with such exceptions as are specified by the Governor in Council or in connexion with any one or more specified trades businesses or occupations or," and

(*b*) for the words "erection of buildings" there shall be substituted the words "painting renovating repairing or erecting of buildings or any paperhanging or plumbing work (including electrical fittings) therefor."—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "gasfitting," be inserted after the word "paperhanging" in line 9.—(*Hon. W. J. Evans.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.	Noes, 20.
Tellers.	The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
The Hon. W. J. Evans,	E. H. Austin,
A. McLellan.	W. L. Baillieu,
	F. Brawn,
	J. D. Brown,
	W. Cain,
	E. J. Crooke,
	J. M. Davies,
	Dr. W. H. Embling,
	F. Hagelthorn,
	T. C. Harwood,
	Walter S. Manifold,
	J. Y. McDonald,
	D. Melville,
	E. Miller,
	T. H. Payne,
	W. Pearson,
	A. O. Sachse.
	Tellers.
	W. H. Edgar,
	T. Luxton.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill.—Clause 2 (*amended*)—

In section five of the Principal Act in the interpretation of the word "child" from and after the passing of this Act for the word "thirteen" the word "fourteen" is hereby substituted.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause, viz. :—"For all male children and for all female children for the word 'thirteen' the word 'fifteen' is hereby substituted, but this section shall not affect any female child employed in a factory at the time of the passing of this Act."—(*Hon. T. C. Harwood.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.	Noes, 10.
The Hon. J. M. Davies,	The Hon. W. L. Baillieu,
Dr. W. H. Embling,	J. D. Brown,
T. C. Harwood,	W. Cain,
Walter S. Manifold,	W. H. Edgar,
J. Y. McDonald,	W. J. Evans,
A. McLellan,	F. Hagelthorn,
T. H. Payne,	T. Luxton,
A. O. Sachse.	D. Melville.
Tellers.	*Tellers.*
E. J. Crooke,	J. G. Aikman,
W. Pearson,	F. Brawn.

The Tellers having declared the numbers for the "Ayes" and for the "Noes" to be respectively ten, or equal—The Chairman gave his voice with the "Noes," in order to allow of further consideration of the subject, and declared the question to have passed in the negative.

No. 3.—Factories and Shops Acts Amendment Bill.—Clause 2 (*amended, recommitted*) :—

In section five of the Principal Act in the interpretation of the word "child" from and after the passing of this Act for the word "thirteen" the word "fourteen" is hereby substituted.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause, viz.:—"For all male children and for all female children for the word 'thirteen' the word 'fifteen' is hereby substituted, but this section shall not affect any female child employed in a factory at the time of the passing of this Act."—(*Hon. J. M. Davies.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.	Noes, 9.
The Hon. E. H. Austin,	The Hon. J. G. Aikman,
W. Cain,	W. L. Baillieu,
E. J. Crooke,	F. Brawn,
J. M. Davies,	J. D. Brown,
Dr. W. H. Embling,	W. H. Edgar,
T. C. Harwood,	T. Luxton,
Walter S. Manifold,	D. Melville.
T. H. Payne,	
W. Pearson,	*Tellers.*
A. O. Sachse.	W. J. Evans,
	F. Hagelthorn.
Tellers.	
J. Y. McDonald,	
A. McLellan.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

No. 4.—Factories and Shops (Saturday Half-Holiday) Bill.—Clause 4—

If after the expiration of one year from the commencement of this Act a majority consisting of at least fifty more than one-half the number of all the shopkeepers in the Metropolitan District (other than shopkeepers keeping shops of a class mentioned in the Fourth Schedule to the Principal Act or in the First Schedule to this Act and other than hawkers and pedlars) sign petitions in the form set out in the Second Schedule to this Act or to the like effect addressed to the Governor in Council and forwarded to the Minister of Labour praying that sub-section (1) of section three of this Act shall cease to have any force or effect the Governor in Council may by order published in the *Government Gazette* suspend the operation of the said sub-section for such a period as he may see fit being not less than six months nor more than two years.—(*Hon. W. L. Baillieu*).

Amendment proposed—That the words "after the expiration of one year from the commencement of this Act," in line 1, be omitted.—(*Hon. R. H. S. Abbott*).

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.	Noes, 6.
The Hon. J. G. Aikman, W. L. Baillieu, J. D. Brown, J. M. Davies, W. H. Edgar, W. J. Evans, F. Hagelthorn, T. Luxton, A. McLellan, W. Pearson. *Tellers.* E. H. Austin, F. Brawn.	The Hon. W. Cain, G. T. Dickie, T. C. Harwood, D. Melville, *Tellers.* R. H. S. Abbott, E. Miller.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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