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OF THE
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ASSEMBLY.

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1903.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA.

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SESSION 1903.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

SECOND SESSION (13TH MAY, 1903, TO 1ST JUNE, 1903).

Member.	District.	Electors.*				Votes Polled for Sitting Member.†
		Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voters' Certificates.	Total.	
Andrews, Charles Leonard, Esquire ...	Geelong	5,063	1,198	227	6,488	1,641
Anstey, Frank, Esquire	East Bourke Boroughs	8,187	1,839	598	10,624	3,465
Argyle, Reginald Ivon, Esquire ...	Kyneton	1,531	843	362	2,736	1,104
Ashworth, Thomas Ramsden, Esquire...	Ovens	1,477	751	62	2,290	855
Austin, Austin Albert, Esquire ...	Grenville	3,330	984	249	4,563	1,548
Bailes, Alfred Shrapnell, Esquire ...	Sandhurst	4,695	1,490	475	6,660	1,641
Barr, Robert, Esquire	Fitzroy	4,584	2,236	531	7,351	2,129
Beazley, William David, Esquire ¹	Collingwood	4,168	1,115	186	5,469	2,385
Bennett, George Henry, Esquire ²	Richmond	5,018	1,477	374	6,869	2,272
Bent, The Honorable Thomas ³	Brighton	3,077	689	...	3,766	Unopposed
Billson, John William, Esquire ...	Fitzroy	4,584	2,236	531	7,351	2,251
Bowser, John, Esquire ⁴	Wangaratta and Rutherglen	2,686	1,033	263	3,982	1,339
Boyd, James Arthur, Esquire	Melbourne	3,778	720	67	4,565	1,297
Bromley, Frederick Hadkinson, Esquire ⁵	Carlton	2,994	649	266	3,909	1,270
Brown, Joseph Tilley, Esquire ...	Shepparton and Euroa	1,987	462	...	2,449	Unopposed
Cameron, Ewen, Esquire	Portland	1,659	458	34	2,151	620
Cameron, The Honorable Ewen Hugh ⁶	Evelyn	3,384	660	...	4,044	Unopposed
Cameron, James, Esquire	Gippsland East	2,254	746	...	3,000	Unopposed
<i>Carlisle, John Joseph, Esquire ⁷</i>	Benalla and Yarrawonga	<i>2,160</i>	<i>366</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>2,702</i>	<i>1,099</i>
Chirnside, Captain John Percy ...	Grant	1,835	532	80	2,447	962
Craven, Albert William, Esquire ...	Benambra	1,893	513	...	2,406	Unopposed
Cullen, John, Esquire	Gunbower	1,903	725	...	2,628	Unopposed
Downard, Alfred, Esquire	Mornington	3,817	850	...	4,667	Unopposed
Duffus, James Francis, Esquire ...	Port Fairy	1,591	439	123	2,153	766
Duffy, The Honorable John Gavan ...	Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield	1,665	500	209	2,374	806
Duggan, The Honorable Daniel Joseph	Dunolly	1,474	463	146	2,083	778
Elmslie, George Alexander, Esquire ...	Albert Park	2,195	657	277	3,129	1,073
Field, Frederick James, Esquire ...	Maryborough	1,907	378	325	2,610	1,103
Fink, The Honorable Theodore ...	Jolimont and West Richmond	1,651	749	203	2,603	913

NOTES.

* Including holders of "Voters' Certificates."

† Except where the Member's name is printed in *italic*, the particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1902; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 24 September, 1902, the "day of nomination," and in other cases, 1 October, 1902, the "day of polling." Where the Member's name is printed in *italic* the particulars relate to elections subsequent to the General Election, and the dates of these elections will be found in the following notes:—

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

² Mr. G. H. Bennett, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

³ The Hon. T. Bent, Minister of Railways and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 10 June, 1902; Commissioner of Public Works (without salary) and Minister of Public Health (without salary), from 6 February, 1903.

⁴ Mr. J. Bowser, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

⁵ Mr. F. H. Bromley, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

⁶ The Hon. E. H. Cameron, Minister of Mines and Water Supply, from 10 June, 1902.

⁷ Mr. J. J. Carlisle, elected 22 May, 1903, *vice* Mr. W. Hall, deceased. The Session 1903 terminated before Mr. Carlisle had an opportunity to take his seat.

Member.	District.	Electors.*				Votes Polled for Sitting Member.†
		Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voter's Certificates.	Total.	
Fletcher, John, Esquire	Bogong	1,516	727	195	2,438	857
Forrest, Charles Lamond, Esquire	Polwarth	2,516	942	...	3,458	Unopposed
Gair, Mackay John Scobie, Esquire	Bourke East	2,288	535	...	2,823	Unopposed
Gillies, The Honorable Duncan ⁸	Toorak	3,712	1,041	...	4,753	Unopposed
Gillott, The Honorable Sir Samuel	Melbourne East	3,572	1,503	320	5,395	1,934
Graham, The Honorable George	Numurkah and Nathalia	1,906	317	11	2,234	986
Graves, The Honorable James Howlin ⁹	Delatite	2,168	410	92	2,670	984
Grose, Walter Bolitho, Esquire	Creswick	1,339	372	146	1,857	916
Hall, William, Esquire ¹⁰	Benalla and Yarrawonga	2,133	1,254	...	3,387	Unopposed
Hamilton, Charles, Esquire	Windermere	1,198	388	110	1,696	754
Hamilton, Walter Alfred, Esquire	Sandhurst	4,695	1,490	475	6,660	1,755
Harris, Albert, Esquire	Gippsland Central	2,444	750	...	3,194	Unopposed
Harris, Joseph, Esquire	South Yarra	2,096	624	269	2,989	1,173
Hennessy, David Valentine, Esquire	Carlton South	1,767	686	218	2,671	859
Hickford, Frederick Thomas, Esquire	East Bourke Boroughs	8,187	1,839	598	10,624	3,114
Hirsch, Maximilian, Esquire	Mandurang	1,505	568	117	2,190	767
Holden, George Frederick, Esquire	Warrenheip	1,498	584	100	2,182	864
Hunt, Thomas, Esquire ¹¹	Anglesey	2,620	467	147	3,234	911
Hutchinson, William, Esquire	Borong	2,054	656	333	3,043	1,168
Irvine, The Honorable William Hill ¹²	Lowan	1,914	443	...	2,357	Unopposed
Keast, William Stephen, Esquire	Dandenong and Berwick	3,549	642	284	4,475	1,368
Keogh, Hubert Patrick, Esquire	Gippsland North	1,987	294	...	2,281	Unopposed
Kerr, David, Esquire	Grenville	3,330	984	249	4,563	1,742
Kirkwood, Hay, Esquire	Eaglehawk	1,742	283	391	2,416	1,058
Kirton, The Honorable Joseph William	Ballarat West	4,781	1,257	392	6,430	2,315
Lancaster, Samuel, Esquire	Rodney	4,207	1,357	656	6,220	2,321
Langdon, Thomas, Esquire	Korong	1,683	539	...	2,222	Unopposed
Lawson, Harry Sutherland Wightman, Esquire	Castlemaine	2,324	1,234	312	3,870	1,632
Levien, The Honorable Jonas Felix	Barwon	1,814	497	72	2,383	756
Livingston, Thomas, Esquire	Gippsland South	2,642	603	371	3,616	1,298
Mackey, John Emanuel, Esquire	Gippsland West	3,826	963	261	5,050	1,542
Mackinnon, Donald, Esquire	Prahran	2,309	532	322	3,163	1,298
Madden, Frank, Esquire	Eastern Suburbs	4,384	946	121	5,451	1,650
Maloney, William, Esquire	Melbourne West	1,713	728	...	2,441	Unopposed
Martin, George, Esquire	Geelong	5,063	1,198	227	6,488	1,826
McBride, Peter, Esquire	Kara Kara	1,700	415	...	2,115	Unopposed
McCutcheon, Robert George, Esquire	St. Kilda	2,963	998	465	4,426	1,770
McDonald, Alexander, Esquire	Footscray	3,449	896	498	4,843	1,699
McGregor, The Honorable Robert	Ballarat East	2,454	682	281	3,417	1,683
McLeod, The Honorable Donald	Daylesford	1,451	432	...	1,883	Unopposed
Menzies, Hugh, Esquire	Stawell	1,609	534	214	2,357	932
Mitchell, George, Esquire	Talbot and Avoca	1,443	492	...	1,935	Unopposed
Morrissey, The Honorable John	Rodney	4,207	1,357	656	6,220	2,274
Murray, The Honorable John ¹³	Warrnambool	1,585	726	...	2,311	Unopposed
Oman, David Swan, Esquire	Ripon and Hampden	2,195	841	252	3,288	1,164
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G.	Clunes and Allandale	1,315	227	112	1,654	790
Prendergast, George Michael, Esquire	Melbourne North	2,232	914	379	3,525	1,324

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⁸ The Hon. D. Gillies, Speaker, from 14 October, 1902.

⁹ The Hon. J. H. Graves, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

¹⁰ Mr. W. Hall, deceased 25 April, 1903, succeeded by Mr. J. J. Carlisle.

¹¹ Mr. T. Hunt, elected 6 March, 1903, *vice* the Hon. M. K. McKenzie, resigned, 12 February, 1903.

¹² The Hon. W. H. Irvine, Attorney-General from 10 June, 1902, and Solicitor-General (without salary), from 6 February, 1903.

¹³ The Hon. J. Murray, Chief Secretary, also Minister of Labour (without salary), from 10 June, 1902.

Member.	District.	Electors.*				Votes Polled for Sitting Member.†
		Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voters' Certificates.	Total.	
Ramsay, Alexander Gordon Culbert, Esquire	Williamstown ...	2,609	532	270	3,411	1,559
Robertson, Andrew Robert, Esquire ¹⁴ ...	Bourke West ...	1,592	294	220	2,106	736
Sangster, George, Esquire ...	Port Melbourne ...	1,987	419	326	2,732	1,033
Shiels, The Honorable William ¹⁵ ...	Normanby ...	1,644	468	...	2,112	Unopposed
Shoppee, Charles Collett, Esquire ...	Ballarat West ...	4,781	1,257	392	6,430	2,435
Smith, Thomas, Esquire ...	Emerald Hill ...	2,100	534	187	2,821	1,366
Stanley, Robert, Esquire ...	Horsham ...	1,505	439	...	1,944	Unopposed
Staughton, Captain Samuel Thomas, D.S.O. ¹⁶	Bourke West ...	1,659	510	...	2,169	Unopposed
Sterry, David Chaplin, Esquire ...	Sandhurst South ...	2,012	350	109	2,471	736
Swinburne, George, Esquire ...	Hawthorn ...	3,237	712	323	4,272	2,018
Taverner, The Honorable John William ¹⁷	Donald and Swan Hill	5,227	913	...	6,140	Unopposed
Thomson, John, Esquire ¹⁸ ...	Dundas ...	1,859	605	155	2,619	942
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Ararat ...	1,349	706	340	2,395	850
Trenwith, The Honorable William Arthur	Richmond ...	5,018	1,477	374	6,869	2,169
Tucker, John Benjamin, Esquire ...	Melbourne South ...	2,011	548	150	2,709	1,101
Wallace, William, Esquire ...	Maldon ...	1,574	309	123	2,006	832
Warde, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ...	Essendon and Flemington	5,489	983	442	6,914	2,322
Watt, The Honorable William Alexander	Melbourne East ...	3,572	1,503	320	5,395	1,796
Wilkins, Edgar, Esquire ...	Collingwood ...	4,168	1,115	186	5,469	2,518
Williams, Edward David, Esquire ...	Castlemaine ...	2,324	1,234	312	3,870	1,420
Wilson, Dr. John Gratton ...	Villiers and Heytesbury	1,993	655	60	2,708	829

For notes (*) and (†) see page xix.

¹⁴ Mr. A. R. Robertson, elected 12 June, 1903, *vice* Captain S. T. Staughton, D.S.O., deceased. The Session 1903 terminated before the date of Mr. Robertson's return.

¹⁵ The Hon. W. Shiels, Treasurer, from 10 June, 1902.

¹⁶ Captain S. T. Staughton, D.S.O., deceased, 20 May, 1903, succeeded by Mr. A. R. Robertson.

¹⁷ The Hon. J. W. Taverner, Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 10 June, 1902, to 6 February, 1903; Minister of Agriculture (without salary), from 10 June, 1902; President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, from 6 February, 1903.

¹⁸ Mr. J. Thomson, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i> ...	The Honorable DUNCAN GILLIES.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i> ...	WILLIAM DAVID BEAZLEY, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk</i> ...	THOMAS GREENLEES WATSON, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i> ...	HIBBERT HENRY NEWTON, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk of Committees and Serjeant-at-Arms</i> ...	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1903.

1. The Legislative Assembly met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the sixth day of May, 1903.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. PROCLAMATION CONVENING PARLIAMENT.—His Excellency the Governor's Proclamation convening Parliament was read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir George Sydenham Clarke, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George ; Fellow of the Royal Society ; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS by *The Constitution Act* it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor to fix such places within Victoria, and, subject to the limitation therein contained, such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Council and Assembly, and to vary and alter the same respectively in such manner as he might think fit; and also from time to time to prorogue the said Council and Assembly, and to dissolve the said Assembly, by Proclamation or otherwise, whenever he should deem it expedient : And whereas the said Council and Assembly, called "The Parliament of Victoria," stand prorogued until Tuesday, the 19th day of May, 1903, and it is expedient to fix the time for holding the next Session thereof : Now therefore I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do hereby revoke the aforesaid Prorogation as from the date hereof, and, in exercise of the power conferred by the said Act, and by *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890*, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Wednesday, the 13th day of May, 1903, and I do also hereby fix Wednesday, the 13th day of May, 1903, aforesaid, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Council and Assembly, called the Parliament of

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Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Four 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 sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and three, and in the third year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. H. IRVINE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

The Honorable James Howlin Graves,
George Henry Bennett, Esquire,
John Bowser, Esquire,
Frederick Hadkinson Bromley, Esquire, and
John Thomson, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this thirteenth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and three.

D. GILLIES,
Speaker.

6. VISITORS.—Mr. Maloney moved, by leave, That chairs be provided on the floor of the House for John Norton, Esq., and Robert Hollis, Esq., Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

7. RAILWAYS EMPLOYÉS STRIKE SUPPRESSION BILL.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to suppress the Railways Employés Strike.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That Mr. Irvine and Mr. Shiels do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Irvine then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to Suppress the Railways Employés Strike*," and moved, That it be now read a first time.

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

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

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

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Sir Alexander Peacock moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "this House expresses its deep regret that a section of the employés of the State should, on the eve of the assembling of Parliament, have chosen to institute a strike. That this House greatly regrets their conduct, and being anxious to preserve the interests committed to the charge of Parliament, and to do justice to all, resolves that if the employés return forthwith to the service of the State this House will take into its earnest consideration any grievances under which they suffer which may be brought before Parliament."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 58.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hennessy,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Hirsch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. T'oucher,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Maloney,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate resumed on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day, at two o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Deputy-Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

THURSDAY, 14TH MAY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced that, on the 8th May instant, Mr. Speaker had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Benalla and Yarrawonga, in the place of William Hall, Esq., deceased.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Water Acts—
 - Cohuna Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
 - Regulation No. 27.—General Rate for 1903.
 - Regulation No. 28.—Sale of Water.
 - Minimum Rates for 1903.—Order in Council.
 - Gunbower West Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Increasing Trust District.—Order in Council.
 - Rodney Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation No. 22.
 - Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
 - Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 19 for year 1902.
 - Graduated Rate for year 1903.—Regulation No. 20 (Draft Form).
 - Yatchaw Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
 - Appointment of a Commissioner.—Order in Council.
 - Alteration of Date for Election for 1903.—Order in Council.
5. RAILWAYS EMPLOYEES STRIKE SUPPRESSION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.

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

FRIDAY, 15TH MAY, 1903.

- Debate continued.
- Mr. Shiels moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
- And, after debate—
- Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
- Ordered—That the debate take precedence of all other business.
6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the Session be granted to Captain John Percy Chirnside, the Honorable Member for Grant, and to Captain Samuel Thomas Staughton, D.S.O., the Honorable Member for Bourke West.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at four o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Deputy-Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

TUESDAY, 19TH MAY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.—Eleventh General Report.
4. SUPPLY.—Mr. Shiels moved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Shiels moved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Shiels, and the same was read :—

1903.

VICTORIA.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1903-4.

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for the months of July and August in the Year 1903-4, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 19th May, 1903.

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

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Orders of the Day relating to Supply and Ways and Means, viz.:—

Railways Employés Strike Suppression Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

8. **SUPPLY.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

9. **SUPPLY.**—Mr. Graves reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution:—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £903,711 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1903-4, viz.:—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council	200
2. Legislative Assembly	1,400
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	140
4. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	520
5. The Library	290
6. State Reading Room	150
7. Refreshment Rooms	165
9. Administrative and Scientific	6,100
10. Government Statist	2,850
11. Police	45,100
12. Penal Establishments and Gaols	8,900
13. Hospitals for the Insane	23,300
14. Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	12,100
15. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery	3,100
16. Government Shorthand Writer	340
17. Auditor-General	1,850
17A. Public Service Commissioner	310
18. Aborigines	850
19. Exhibitions	50
20. Grants	1,050
21. Miscellaneous	7,850
22. Education	5,150
23. Do.	97,000
24. Melbourne University	1,000
25. Technical Schools	3,000
26. Miscellaneous	420
27. Supreme Court	570
28. Law Officers of the Crown	2,400
29. Crown Solicitor	950
30. Prothonotary	350
31. Master in Equity and Lunacy	800
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	5,000
33. Patents	656
34. Sheriff	2,300
35. Miscellaneous	200
36. County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions	3,400
37. Police Magistrates and Wardens	2,600
38. Clerks of Courts	3,200
39. Coroners	1,150
40. Miscellaneous	250
41. Treasury	4,500
42. Income Tax	2,300
43. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	300
44. Government Printer	12,000
45. Advertising	1,000
46. Grant to Charitable Institutions	3,000
47. Transport, &c.	500
48. Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	1,000
51. Miscellaneous	800

Division No.	£
52. Advance to Treasurer	200,000
53. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands	11,000
54. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	200
55. Botanical and Domain Gardens	1,400
56. Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Act	200
57. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	2,700
58. Acquisition of Land for closer settlement	100
59. State Forests and Nurseries	3,000
60. Village Settlements and Labour Colonies	400
61. Miscellaneous	200
62. Public Works	6,000
63. Ports and Harbors	6,000
64. Miscellaneous	300
65. Works and Buildings	20,000
66. Road Works and Bridges	2,000
67. Mines and Water Supply	6,500
68. Maintenance of Testing Plants	500
69. Waterworks in Country Districts	400
70. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works	3,000
71. Miscellaneous	2,200
72. Agriculture and Industries	1,250
73. Diseases in Stock	1,100
74. Vegetation Diseases	750
75. Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	100
76. Grants	100
77. Miscellaneous	7,500
78. Public Health	3,400
79. Victorian Railways	350,000
80. Miscellaneous	1,000
	£903,711

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

10. WAYS AND MEANS.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Mr. Shiels moved, That Mr. Deputy-Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1903-4 the sum of £903,711 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Nine hundred and three thousand seven hundred and eleven pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and three and One thousand nine hundred and four*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

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

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

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

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

13. RAILWAYS EMPLOYÉES STRIKE SUPPRESSION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 66.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fletcher,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hennessy,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Hirsch,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holden,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Huht,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Prendergast,	
Mr. Ramsay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Maloney.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY, 1903.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments, and with an amended title, which title is as follows:—

“ A Bill relating to the Railways Employées Strike.”

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration this day.

14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until this day, at twelve o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Deputy-Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. ADJOURNMENT—DEATH OF MEMBER.—Mr. Irvine announced to the House the death of Captain Samuel Thomas Staughton, D.S.O. (the Honorable Member for Bourke West), and out of respect to his memory moved, That the House do now adjourn until half-past four o'clock this day. And other Honorable Members having addressed the House in support of the motion—
Question—That the House do now adjourn—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at forty minutes past twelve o'clock, adjourned until this day, at four o'clock.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Deputy-Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY, 1903.

(HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK.)

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. RAILWAYS EMPLOYÉS STRIKE SUPPRESSION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Clause A, line 29, omit "disallow" and insert "refuse to allow."

Clause 5, line 41, omit "the notice" and insert "or pursuant to a notification inviting applications for the positions of engine-drivers and firemen signed and."

" line 41, after "Commissioner" insert "W. Fitzpatrick."

" line 42, omit "their" and insert "the Commissioners'."

Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clause A.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bowser reported that the Committee had agreed to clause A without further amendment.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, and that the Clerk had noted the amendments made by the House on the consideration of the Report—

Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th May, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

G. S. CLARKE.
Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 20th May, 1903.

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

6. TREASURY BONDS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 2, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Shiels, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day—

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bonds.

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

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

Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bonds*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

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

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

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

7. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS PAYMENT BILL.—Mr. Shiels obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to certain Moneys payable by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works to the Treasurer of Victoria during the financial Year One thousand nine hundred and three and four*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

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

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

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

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Deputy-Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 21ST MAY, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **PAPER.**—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Mines Act 1890.—Victorian Mining Accident Relief Fund.—Balance-sheet, December, 1902.
4. **TREASURY BONDS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Shiels, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS PAYMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Bennett reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Shiels, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
6. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Railways Employés Strike*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st May, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Issue of Treasury Bonds*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st May, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to certain Moneys payable by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works to the Treasurer of Victoria during the financial Year One thousand nine hundred and three and four*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st May, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Shiels moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 2nd June next, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at fifty-five minutes past nine o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday, 2nd June next.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Deputy-Speaker.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SESSION 1903.

No. 1.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 21ST MAY, 1903.

TUESDAY, 19TH MAY, 1903.

No. 1.—*Railways Employés Strike Suppression Bill.*—Clause 2 as amended.

* Every person employed in the Railway Service, either in a permanent office or as a supernumerary who * * * has ceased in pursuance of the strike to perform his duties, shall * * * be deemed to have joined the strike and to have become a striker * * * *.

—(Mr. Irvine.)

Question—That clause 2, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 68.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Duggan,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fink,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hickford,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Holden,	Tellers.
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Tellers.
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Ramsay.
Mr. Trenwith,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY (MORNING), 20TH MAY, 1903.

No. 2.—Clause 5 as amended.

(1) In order that the positions in the Railway Service rendered vacant by any * * * removals or dismissals of officers and employes for becoming strikers or for any misconduct connected with the strike or by the operation of this Act may be readily and quickly filled up, the Commissioners may * * * * with the consent of the Governor in Council and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Railways Acts, appoint to any such positions any persons who were engaged under the notice issued by the Commissioner on the eighth day of May One thousand nine hundred and three and who in their opinion are competent to fulfil the duties thereof.

(2) Any such appointments may be made to any permanent office or for any specified period not exceeding two years on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Commissioners before appointment.

(3) Persons may be so appointed without public notice or previous examination or probation, on proof only of competency to fill the duties of the position to which they may be appointed.

(4) Persons who are appointed temporarily need not insure their lives, but those appointed to any permanent office must comply with the life assurance provisions of the Railways Acts within such period not exceeding one year from the date of appointment as the Commissioners may direct.

(5) For the purposes of this section persons may be appointed to any class rank position or grade, and employes who are not strikers may be promoted to any positions rendered vacant as aforesaid, irrespective of their previous position or seniority or length of service.—(Mr. Irvine.)

Question—That clause 5, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 67.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Livingston,
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Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Mitchell,
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Mr. Field,	Mr. Oman,
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Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Hickford,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	

Tellers.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Prendergast,	
Mr. Sangster,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Trenwith,	

Tellers.

Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Toucher.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MAY, 1903.

No. 3.—*Railways Employes Strike Suppression Bill.*—New clause A (on recommitment).

(1) Every officer or employe in the Railway Service who has become a striker shall without any order of removal or dismissal by the Commissioners be deemed to have ceased immediately on becoming a striker to be an officer or employe in the Railway Service, and to have forfeited all rights (if any) to any future pension gratuity compensation superannuation or retiring allowance, "and also all legal rights or privileges whatsoever arising out of or pertaining to his previous employment as an officer or employe," save and except as to any salary or "pay" due to him at the time of his becoming a striker.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained herein or in the Railways Acts—

- (a) The Commissioners may, with the consent of the Governor in Council, reinstate in the Railway Service any officer or employé who may have been a striker; and such officer or employé may be so reinstated in any class rank position or grade not superior to that previously occupied by him; and such reinstatement shall be subject to such just and equitable terms and conditions as the Commissioners with consent as aforesaid may determine with regard to any officer or employé so reinstated; and
- (b) The Commissioners may, subject to such consent as regards officers or employés who had previous to striking a right to future pension gratuity compensation or superannuation or retiring allowance, allow or *refuse to allow* any such right in whole or in part to such extent as seems to them to be just and reasonable having regard to the particular circumstances of each case and the merits of the person concerned.

—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words “and also all legal rights or privileges whatsoever arising out of or pertaining to his previous employment as an officer or employé,” in sub-section (1), lines 4 to 6 inclusive, be omitted.—(*Mr. Trenwith.*)

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

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
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Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
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Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hirsch,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. McBride.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Prendergast.

No. 4.—

Further amendment proposed—That after the word “pay,” in sub-section (1), line 6, the words “or compensation due or accruing” be inserted.—(*Mr. Billson.*)

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

Ayes, 18.

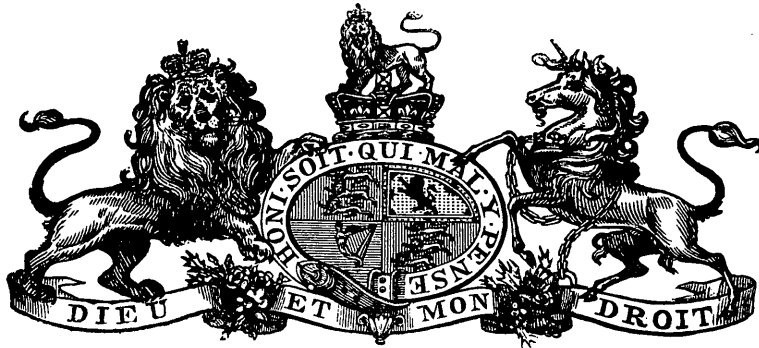
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Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Prendergast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Ramsay,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Maloney.

And so it passed in the negative.

Noes, 49.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
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PROROGUING THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir George Sydenham Clarke, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Fellow of the Royal Society; 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 twenty-first day of July, 1903.

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

G. S. CLARKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. H. IRVINE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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VICTORIA.

THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE
ON RAILWAYS.

ELEVENTH GENERAL REPORT.

PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE RAILWAYS STANDING
COMMITTEE ACT 1890 (54 VICT., No. 1177), SECTION 18.

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MEMBERS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

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 The Honorable DONALD MELVILLE
 The Honorable EDWARD MOREY.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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 DAVID KERR, Esquire
 THOMAS SMITH, Esquire
 JOHN SAMUEL WHITE, Esquire
 The Honorable HENRY ROBERTS WILLIAMS.

CHAIRMAN—EWEN HUGH CAMERON, Esquire, M.L.A.

VICE-CHAIRMAN—THE HONORABLE EDWARD MOREY, M.L.C.

NOTES.

The Honorable Henry Foster died on the 25th May, 1902.

The Honorable Ewen Hugh Cameron vacated the office of Chairman of the Committee on the 10th June, 1902, on taking office as Minister of Mines and Water Supply.

Mr. David Kerr and the Honorable Henry Roberts Williams were appointed members of the Committee on the 29th July, 1902, to fill the above vacancies.

Mr. A. W. Craven was appointed Chairman of the fifth Committee on the 11th June, 1902.

MEMBERS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE.

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ELEVENTH GENERAL REPORT.

To His Excellency SIR GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE, *Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Fellow of the Royal Society; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

In accordance with the requirements of section 18 of the *Railways Standing Committee Act 1890*, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways has the honour to submit the following Report of its proceedings since the 22nd May, 1902, the date of the Tenth General Report :—

I.—WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

1. Since the Tenth General Report was presented a new Committee has been appointed; the previous body, which was the fifth Committee appointed under the *Railways Standing Committee Acts*, having terminated on the dissolution of the eighteenth Parliament. Work of fifth Committee.

The fifth Committee had been in existence from the 13th December, 1900, to the 15th September, 1902, a period of nearly two years. During that time six proposals for new railways were remitted to it by the Legislative Assembly for investigation, and, in addition, the Committee was asked by the Honorable the Premier and also by the Honorable the Minister of Water Supply to inquire into and report upon several other matters, relating to projected works connected with the accommodation of shipping at the Port of Melbourne, and with the supply of water to country districts. These works were to be paid for out of loan funds.

In dealing with the various matters remitted to it, the Committee compiled and presented 12 Reports, and held 287 meetings. Meetings held; Reports.

The questions remitted by Parliament to the Committee pursuant to the provisions of the *Railways Standing Committee Acts* are divided into two classes :—
 (1) Specific proposals for the construction of new railways which have to be submitted in the Assembly by a responsible Minister of the Crown, and referred to the Committee upon the motion of the Minister; and (2) general questions which can be referred to the Committee by a resolution of either House of Parliament. Questions remitted to Committee.
Section 8, Act No. 1350.
Section 11, Act No. 1350.

There is no restriction on the number of general questions which may be remitted, but the Committee is precluded from considering more than one definite proposal for the construction of a new railway at a time. The Committee can only deal with questions referred to it. Section 9, Act No. 1350.

Section 171 of the *Water Act 1900*, prohibits any water work, the estimated cost of completing which exceeds £10,000, being commenced by the Board of Land and Works, or any Waterworks or Irrigation Trust, “unless and until the expenditure in relation thereto shall have been approved by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.”

New railways
referred to fifth
Committee.

2. Six proposed new railways were referred to the fifth Committee during the two years it was in existence. The following statement shows the names of the lines, their length, estimated cost, and how each one was dealt with by the Committee :—

PROPOSED RAILWAYS REFERRED TO THE FIFTH COMMITTEE AND REPORTED ON
FROM DECEMBER, 1900, TO SEPTEMBER, 1902.

Name of Railway.	Length.	Estimated Cost by Engineer-in-Chief.	How dealt with by Committee.
	Miles.	£	
North-Eastern, Goulburn Valley, and Northern Main Trunk con- necting line	50½	162,941	Rejected
Whitfield to Tolmie * ...	22	82,959†	Recommended as far as Mahaikah
Woolamai, San Remo, and Cape Patterson line	23	66,314	Rejected
Whitfield to Mahaikah * ...	19	72,343†	Recommended at a cost not to exceed £68,803
Spring Vale to Spring Vale General Cemetery	1½	9,367‡	Recommended at a cost not to exceed £7,000
Tocumwal line ...	7¾	22,785	Evidence taken, but owing to the delay in holding the conference between the Engineers-in-Chief of New South Wales and Victoria as to the line crossing the River Murray, the Committee was unable to fur- nish the Legislative Assembly with a Re- port on this proposed railway prior to the dissolution of the eighteenth Parliament

* Narrow-gauge line.
† Inclusive of rolling-stock.
‡ Exclusive of the cost of land and rolling-stock.

The recommendation regarding the construction of the Whitfield to Mahaikah line was approved by the Legislative Assembly, but the second reading of the Bill authorizing the building of the railway was carried in the Legislative Council on the casting vote of the President, and the measure was not further proceeded with in that House. In a few days the short line from Spring Vale, on the main Gippsland railway, to the Spring Vale General Cemetery will be opened for traffic. Although the Committee had practically concluded the taking of evidence on the question of railway communication to Tocumwal, on the River Murray, it was unable to furnish the Legislative Assembly with a Report on the proposal before the sudden dissolution of Parliament last September. At its final meeting, however, the fifth Committee deemed it advisable to place on record its opinion concerning this suggested railway. The resolution, which was unanimously agreed to, was as follows:—“While the Committee has not been able to conclude its deliberations on the question of constructing a railway to Tocumwal owing to the delay which has taken place in holding the conference between the Engineers-in-Chief of the Victorian and New South Wales railways, it is of opinion that the line should be constructed from Strathmerton towards the Tocumwal-bridge. But, should the Parliament and Government of New South Wales agree, prior to the building of the terminal station on the Victorian side of the Murray, to the line being carried across the river into Tocumwal, the money to be expended in building the terminal station should be used to strengthen the road bridge over the Murray at Tocumwal, so that it may carry a train with safety.”

Section 17 of the *Railways Standing Committee Act* 1890 (No. 1177) provides that when any evidence has been taken before the Committee and the question to which it relates has not been reported on owing to the Committee ceasing to have legal existence because of the dissolution of Parliament, such evidence “is to be considered by any subsequent Committee to whom the same work may be referred for report as if such evidence had been given before and for the guidance of such subsequent Committee.” Should the question of the construction of a railway to Tocumwal be again referred to the Committee, it will, therefore, be unnecessary to have the evidence already taken repeated.

WATER SCHEMES.

An important subject also dealt with by the fifth Committee was the question of a supply of water for the Mallee. After inquiring fully into the matter, the Committee recommended the construction of reservoirs at Lake Lonsdale, Glynwylln, and Waranga, to supply the settled portion of the Mallee with water for household and stock purposes, and also to give a better supply of water for domestic use and irrigation to the farmers on the northern plains between the Goulburn and Avoca rivers. The Reports of the Committee on this subject were adopted by Parliament, and the storage works at Lake Lonsdale have since been completed, while the construction of the Waranga Reservoir is now in progress. Bores put down at Glynwylln proved, however, that it was not a suitable site for a storage basin, because of the difficulty in getting a foundation for the weir, and a site at Eversley, which the Committee had previously reported on, has since been substituted by the Government. The cost of these reservoirs, together with the channels running from them into the Mallee, will be about £1,000,000.

A small scheme for supplying the township of Sunbury and the local lunatic asylum, as well as the local railway station, with water drawn from Barengo Creek was also inquired into and approved by the Committee.

SHIPPING ACCOMMODATION.

The fifth Committee had remitted to it for consideration the question of additional pier accommodation at Port Melbourne, and it suggested certain improvements in the water-way at Port Phillip Heads, and also in the channel leading from the lightship at the entrance to Hobson's Bay to the Port Melbourne railway pier, so as to permit the largest ocean-going steamers visiting Melbourne to leave that port fully laden. After hearing the evidence, the Committee was unable to indorse the proposal of the Railway Department to expend £78,000 on the erection of an additional pier at Port Melbourne. It, however, recommended that the Public Works Department should prepare plans and an estimate of the cost of making the proposed "straight cut," with suitable berthing accommodation for shipping, from Port Melbourne towards the city, and it is presumed that the Department is giving effect to that recommendation.

A proposal to construct a dry dock at Williamstown, at an estimated outlay of £250,000, so that the largest steamers trading between European ports and Victoria could be docked, was referred to the Committee. After taking some evidence on the matter, the dissolution of the eighteenth Parliament brought the inquiry to a standstill.

Shortly after its appointment, the sixth Committee wrote to the Honorable the Premier drawing his attention to the position of this matter, which, it was pointed out, was regarded in shipping circles as a subject of much importance. So far, however, the Committee has not been authorized to conclude its investigation as to the need of better dock accommodation at the Port of Melbourne.

II.—SIXTH COMMITTEE.—PROGRESS OF INQUIRIES.

The sixth Committee now in existence was appointed on the 23th October, 1902. During the period which has elapsed since its appointment, 72 meetings have been held. The Members of the Legislative Council on this body are the same as those who held seats on the fifth Committee, but a change has been made in the personnel of the representatives of the Legislative Assembly. Mr. A. W. Craven was appointed Chairman of the sixth Committee—a position which he held in connexion with the previous Committee on the retirement of the Honorable Ewen Hugh Cameron, who vacated the Chairmanship on taking the office of Minister of Mines and Water Supply. The fifth Committee recorded on the Minutes of its Proceedings its high appreciation of the able and impartial manner in which Mr. Cameron had presided over its deliberations.

One question relating to land settlement has been reported on, and three subjects dealing with railway and tramway construction are now engaging the attention of the Committee.

FUMINA LAND.—On the 13th November, 1902, the Committee was asked by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey to inquire into the area and quality of the Crown lands available for settlement in the parishes of Noojee, Noojee East, Toorong, and Fumina, and to consider the question of connecting those lands by means of a road, tramway, or railway with one of the existing lines of railways so as to encourage settlement. It was ascertained that the area proposed to be settled comprised about 35,000 acres between the Loch, Latrobe, and Tanjil rivers and the range separating the watersheds of those streams from the catchment area of the Upper Yarra. The Committee inspected the country and took evidence, from settlers in the neighbourhood, regarding the quality of the soil and the need of better means of communication with the markets of the State.

It was disappointing to the Committee to find that there were but 5,000 acres of first class land within the area referred to, and of the remaining 30,000 acres, one-third was set down as second class, the balance being third class land. The Committee came to the conclusion that a railway to serve this district would not pay working expenses, and it therefore did not recommend the construction of a line. It, however, proposed that the area in question should be opened up by the construction of suitable roads at a total cost of £11,870 and that the land should be "loaded" to the extent of from 2s. 6d. to 30s. per acre according to the quality of the soil and the configuration of the allotment. In that way it was hoped that sufficient money would be obtained from the incoming settlers to pay for the formation of the roads. The proposal was adopted by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, and the roads have since been constructed. Applications for the land at the increased prices are now being received by the Lands Department.

In reporting on this matter, the Committee drew attention to the meagre improvements which had been made by some of the selectors of land adjoining the area proposed to be made available for settlement. It was suggested, as those selectors appeared to be retaining possession of their holdings more for speculative than productive purposes, that the Lands Department should make inquiries to ascertain if they were complying with the conditions of their licences or leases. The Committee trusts that that recommendation has been given effect to.

ST. KILDA TO BRIGHTON ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.—A proposal to construct an electric tramway from St. Kilda railway station to Brighton Beach *via* Elwood, at a cost of £84,247, including machinery and rolling-stock, is under the consideration of the Committee, having been referred to it by the Legislative Assembly. The Committee has almost concluded the taking of evidence on this subject, and its Report will be placed before the House as soon as possible.

It may be mentioned that in view of the advancement made in recent years in electric traction, especially in America, the Committee suggested to the Honorable the Minister of Railways that Mr. Thomas Tait, who has been appointed Chairman of the Victorian Railways Commissioners, should, before leaving America, make inquiries in the United States regarding this subject. That suggestion was adopted by the Minister, and it is confidently hoped that Mr. Tait will, in the course of a few weeks, be able to give the Committee much valuable information concerning electric traction and the equipment of power houses.

HOPETOUN TO GORYA RAILWAY.—The question of constructing a railway 21 miles in length, at an estimated cost of £48,000, from Hopetoun to Gorya, so as to give direct railway communication between the western districts of Victoria and Mildura and also the Darling River is now before the Committee. Evidence on the subject has been taken at Stawell, Ararat, and Ballarat, and the Committee will shortly complete its inquiry and present its Report to the Legislative Assembly.

GIPPSLAND AND GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS CONNECTING LINE.—Prior to the close of the last Session of Parliament the Legislative Assembly remitted to the Committee the question of connecting the main Gippsland and Great Southern railways by a line starting at a point near Traralgon. On inquiring into the matter it was ascertained that there was a project to run a line from Traralgon to Meeniyan *via* Gormandale, Carrajung, and Bulga. The length of that connexion would be about 64 miles, and the estimated cost was £256,000 for a narrow-gauge railway. The Committee has inspected portion of the proposed route, and will, at the first opportunity, travel over the remaining part. Surveys have, however, been made from Traralgon to other places on the Great Southern railway than Meeniyan, and it is probable that evidence will have to be taken concerning those rival routes before the Committee can arrive at any determination.

III.—IMPORT DUTY ON RAILS.

When giving evidence before the Committee a few weeks ago, Mr. F. Rennick, who then held the office of Engineer-in-Chief of the Victorian Railways, stated that one of the causes of the increased cost of the railway from Woomelang to Mildura was the duty levied by the Commonwealth Government on all steel rails imported by the State Government. That duty, he said, was equal to a charge of £90 per mile.

Inquiries made by the Committee showed that the duty was paid out of the Railway Construction Account, which is comprised of loan funds, and although the State Government receives back from the Federal Treasurer three-fourths of the sum levied as duty on imported rails the loan funds are not credited with those repayments, the refund being treated as ordinary revenue. The amount of duty paid on rails imported by the Railway Department has not so far reached a large sum, but the Committee nevertheless considers that the practice of using those repayments for revenue purposes should be stopped at once, and the money so received credited to the Railway Construction Account.

IV.—MILDURA RAILWAY.

As nearly the whole of the land abutting on the railway from Woomelang to Mildura is still in the possession of the Crown, the Committee some months ago suggested to the Engineer-in-Chief at that time (Mr. Rennick) that steps should be taken by the Railway Department to have a strip of land 4 or 5 chains wide on each side of the line reserved from occupation so that the mallee scrub might be preserved and thereby stop sand encroaching on the railway. If the strip of land alluded to has not yet been reserved, the Committee recommends that action in that direction be at once taken, and also that a similar strip of land be reserved on each side of the proposed main water channels through the Mallee.

V.—ABSENCE OF REPORTS.

When inquiring into the proposed electric tramway from St. Kilda to Brighton, the Committee asked the Railway Department to furnish it with a copy of the report of Mr. J. Mathieson, ex-Commissioner of Railways, on the projected line from St. Kilda to Elwood, *via* the St. Kilda Esplanade. It was considered that such a report would be of much service to the Committee, and it therefore came as a surprise to learn that while Mr. Mathieson and his traffic officers had inspected the route of that proposed railway they had not made any written reports on the matter. The Committee is of opinion that in future the views of the Commissioners of Railways concerning all projected lines inspected or recommended by them should be placed in writing and kept as a record in the Department.

A. W. CRAVEN,
Chairman.

Railways Standing Committee Room,
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* Not printed.

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- ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE:** Bill relating to duties payable under the Administration and Probate Acts—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Resolution from the Committee of Ways and Means extending the period for the operation of the Administration and Probate Acts reported and agreed to and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 11 Nov., 1903, p. 80; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 12 Nov., p. 81; Council's agreement notified, 24 Nov., p. 97. (*Assented to 23 November. Act No. 1862.*)
- ADULTERATION OF CHAFF:** Bill to prevent the adulteration of chaff and for other purposes—(*Mr. Graham*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 23 Sept., p. 22.—Bill lapsed.
- ADULTERATION OF JAMS:** Bill to prevent the adulteration of jams and other foods—(*Mr. Mackey* for *Mr. Keast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 10. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.
- ALEXANDRA PARK:** Bill to provide for vesting certain land on the south of the Yarra Yarra River in the Board of Land and Works and the City of Melbourne jointly for the purposes of a public park—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 3 Dec., 1903, p. 113. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 148.
- APPROPRIATION:** Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and four, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Dec., 1903, p. 155; Council's agreement notified, 24 Dec., p. 159. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1892.*)
- ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES:** Bill for determining the boundaries and divisions of the Legislative Assembly Electoral Districts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Nov., 1903, p. 101; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 1 Dec., p. 107; 8 Dec., p. 118; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 9 Dec., p. 121; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill further amended, 10 Dec., pp. 126-8; order for third reading discharged and Bill recommitted for the reconsideration of certain divisions in the First Schedule; considered in Committee, 10 Dec., p. 128; further considered in Committee and re-reported with further amendments; Standing Orders suspended, report received, and the further amendments agreed to; Bill re-committed for the reconsideration of certain other divisions in the First Schedule and for the consideration of a new clause; considered in Committee and re-reported with further amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; further amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 15 Dec., pp. 130-32; report from the Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 16 Dec., p. 133. Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 18 Dec., p. 146. Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 25) recommending certain amendments in the Bill; amendments agreed to; Message transmitted to the Council and their concurrence requested, 22 Dec., pp. 149-50; Council's agreement to the amendments notified, 23 Dec., p. 156. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1895.*)
- BARMAIDS:** Bill to restrict the employment of women in public bars—(*Mr. Williams*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9.—Bill lapsed.
- BENALLA FIRE BRIGADE STATION LAND ACT 1903 AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the *Benalla Fire Brigade Station Land Act 1903*—(*Mr. Graves*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 10; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Sept., p. 23; Council's agreement notified, 21 Oct., p. 55. (*Assented to 26 October. Act No. 1854.*)
- BUILDING SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the *Building Societies Act 1890*—(*Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1903, p. 100. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.
- BURRUMBEET PARK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION:** Bill to construct a line of railway from Burrumbeet Station to Burrumbeet Park Reserve and for other purposes—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1903, p. 121; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 135; Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 151. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1879.*)

- COMPANIES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Companies Act 1896*—(Mr. Gavan Duffy).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 12 Nov., p. 81.
- COMPANIES ACTS AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Companies Acts and for other purposes*"—(Mr. Gavan Duffy).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 8 Dec., 1903, p. 118; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendment desired, 18 Dec., p. 143; Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 157. (Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1886.)
- CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION: Bill to settle industrial disputes by means of conciliation and arbitration—(Mr. Trenwith).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 1): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and eighty-three thousand two hundred and twelve pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and three and One thousand nine hundred and four—(Mr. Irvine).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Sept., 1903, p. 30; Council's agreement notified, 6 Oct., p. 37. (Assented to 30 September. Act No. 1850.)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 2): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Forty-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three—(Mr. Shiels).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 6 Oct., 1903, p. 37; Council's agreement notified, 20 Oct., p. 53. (Assented to 26 October. Act No. 1852.)
- CONSOLIDATED REVENUE (BILL No. 3): Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Seven hundred and eleven thousand three hundred and forty-nine pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and three and One thousand nine hundred and four—(Mr. Irvine).—Initiated on resolution from Committee of Ways and Means and passed without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 27 Oct., 1903, p. 61; Council's agreement notified, 28 Oct., p. 64. (Assented to 28 October. Act No. 1856.)
- COUNCIL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES: Bill intituled "*An Act for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Council Electoral Provinces and for other purposes*"—(Mr. Murray).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1903, p. 122; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 16 Dec., p. 134; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill further amended; read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendments desired, 17 Dec., pp. 137-9; Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 151. Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor recommending certain amendments in the Bill received from the Council with a Message notifying their agreement thereto and requesting concurrence; amendments agreed to, 22 Dec., pp. 151-2. (Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1896.)
- COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND CASTLE DONNINGTON SHIRE: Bill to confer certain powers on the Council of Agricultural Education, the Trustees appointed under the *Agricultural Colleges Act 1890*, and the municipality of Castle Donnington—(Mr. Taverner).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 Sept., 1903, p. 21; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 8 Oct., p. 43; Council's agreement notified, 20 Oct., p. 53. (Assented to 26 October. Act No. 1853.)
- COUNTY COURT JUDGES (COUNTRY SITTINGS): Bill to empower a Judge of the County Court sitting in Court or in Chambers in the country to deal with special cases stated by a warden and orders to review mentioned in the Justices Acts—(Mr. Shoppee).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 14 Oct., p. 48. Order for further consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.
- CREMATION: Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate Cremation and for other purposes*"—(Mr. Madden).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 10 Nov., 1903, p. 78; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 18 Dec., p. 144. (Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1876.)
- DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT: Bill to further amend the *Dairying Companies Act 1900*—(Dr. Gratton Wilson).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Sept., p. 16; Council's agreement notified, 13 Oct., p. 45. (Assented to 13 October. Act No. 1851.)
- ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION: Bill relating to the limitation of election expenses—(Mr. Mackey).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 Sept., 1903, p. 22. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.

- ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION (BILL No. 2):** Bill to limit Parliamentary election expenses—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 18 Nov., 1903, p. 87; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 17 Dec., p. 140; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and a new clause added to the Bill; Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 22 Dec., p. 150; Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments considered—some agreed to and one disagreed with, 23 Dec., p. 158; the Council insist on their amendment to insert new clause A but with an amendment; disagreement with the Council's amendment to insert new clause A, as amended, not insisted on, 24 Dec., p. 160. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1891.*)
- ELECTORAL ROLLS:** Bill relating to the preparation of electoral rolls for the Legislative Council and for the Legislative Assembly—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 11 Nov., 1903, p. 79; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 19 Nov., p. 93; report from the Clerk of a correction made by him in the Bill, 24 Nov., p. 95; Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 2 Dec., p. 111. Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 21) recommending an amendment in the Bill; amendment agreed to; Message transmitted to the Council and their concurrence requested, 8 Dec., p. 117; Council's agreement to the amendment notified, 8 Dec., p. 118. (*Assented to 22 December. Act No. 1872.*)
- FACTORIES:** Bill to continue and amend the *Factories and Shops Act* 1896 and the Acts amending the same—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 8; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 10 Sept., p. 12; debate continued, 16 Sept., p. 16; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed, 17 Sept., p. 18; considered in Committee, 22 Sept., p. 20; 23 Sept., p. 21; 24 Sept., p. 25; 29 Sept., p. 28 and p. 30; 30 Sept., p. 31. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 4) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to; Bill further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 1 Oct., p. 33; order for consideration of report read and discharged and Bill recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 4, 14, 15, 16, and 17, and for the consideration of new clauses; further considered in Committee, 7 Oct., p. 40; further considered in Committee and re-reported with further amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 8 Oct., p. 42; report from the Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 13 Oct., p. 45; Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments considered—some agreed to, others disagreed with, and others agreed to with amendments, 28 Oct., pp. 64-5; the Council do not insist on one of their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, do insist on others, and agree to the amendments on the amendments of the Council; the Assembly desire a Free Conference on the subject-matter of the amendments made and insisted on by the Council and appoint seven Members to be Managers; the Council appoint seven Members to confer, and name the place and fix the time of meeting of the Conference, whereupon the Managers for the Assembly proceeded to the Conference and Mr. Speaker left the Chair; Mr. Speaker having resumed the Chair, the recommendations of the Conference were reported, and were considered and agreed to by the House; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 29 Oct., pp. 68-9; Council's concurrence notified, 10 Nov., p. 77. (*Assented to 30 October. Act No. 1857.*)
- FARRIERS REGISTRATION:** Bill to provide for the registration of farriers and for other purposes—(*Mr. Hennessy*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1903, p. 100. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.
- FISHERIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the *Fisheries Act* 1890—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1903, p. 130. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 148.
- FITZROY LOAN:** Bill to enable the Fitzroy City Council to carry out certain works with the surplus moneys in hand from the No. 6 Loan—(*Mr. Barr*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1903, p. 123; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., pp. 144-5; Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 156. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1889.*)
- GAME ACTS AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the Game Acts—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 15 Dec., 1903, p. 130. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 148.
- GOLD BUYERS ACT 1901 REPEAL:** Bill to repeal the *Gold Buyers Act* 1901—(*Mr. Menzies*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1903, p. 133; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 18 Dec., p. 143. Order for resumption of debate on second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 23 Dec., p. 157.
- HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the law relating to hackney carriages in the metropolitan district—(*Mr. Bromley*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9.—Bill lapsed.
- HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT:** Bill to further amend the *Health Act* 1890 and for other purposes—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Sept., 1903, p. 12; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 8 Oct., p. 42; further considered in Committee and reported with an amendment, 15 Oct., p. 49; report considered—amendment agreed to and Bill further amended; read the third time: concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Nov., pp. 90-91; Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 2 Dec., p. 112; amendments agreed to, 3 Dec., p. 115. (*Assented to 22 December. Act No. 1866.*)

- HEPBURN MINERAL SPRINGS** : Bill to provide for the leasing of certain lands for the purpose of working mineral springs at Hepburn—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 28 Oct., 1903, p. 64 ; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Nov., p. 90 ; Council's agreement to the Bill with an amendment notified ; amendment agreed to, 9 Dec., p. 122. (*Assented to 22 December. Act No. 1874.*)
- INCOME TAX** : Bill to declare the rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and four, and to continue and amend the Income Tax Acts —(*Mr. Irvine*).—Resolution declaring the rates of duties of Income Tax for the year 1904 reported from the Committee of Ways and Means and agreed to and Bill ordered thereupon ; Bill initiated and read a first time, 5 Nov., 1903, p. 74 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 10 Nov., p. 78 ; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 11 Nov., p. 80 ; Council's agreement notified, 24 Nov., p. 97. (*Assented to 23 November. Act No. 1863.*)
- JOINT LIBRARY COMMITTEE** : Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Parliamentary Joint Library Committee*" —(*Mr. Shiels*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 6 Oct., 1903, p. 37 ; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 20 Oct., p. 52. (*Assented to 26 October. Act No. 1855.*)
- JURIES ACTS AMENDMENT** : Bill to amend the Juries Acts—(*Mr. Shiels* for *Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 2 Dec., 1903, p. 110. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 148.
- JUSTICES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT** : Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Justices Act 1890'*" —(*Mr. Shiels*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 6 Oct., 1903, p. 37. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 148.
- JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT** : Bill to amend the Justices Acts—(*Mr. McGregor*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Sept., 1903, p. 12. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.
- LAKE HINDMARSH ABORIGINAL SETTLEMENT LAND** : Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of the Lake Hindmarsh Aboriginal Settlement land—(*Mr. Taverner*).—Initiated and read a first time, 23 Sept., 1903, p. 21. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 8) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 13 Oct., p. 46 ; Bill read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee, 20 Oct., p. 53. Order for further consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 148.
- LEARMONTH LAND RESUMPTION** : Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of certain land in the County of Ripon, Town of Learmonth, and for other purposes—(*Mr. Shiels* for *Mr. Taverner*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Nov., 1903, p. 84. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 13) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 24 Nov., p. 95 ; considered in Committee ; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 24 Nov., p. 96 ; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Nov., p. 102 ; Council's agreement notified, 8 Dec., p. 119. (*Assented to 22 December. Act No. 1868.*)
- LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY** : Bill to provide for the admission of legal practitioners from other States of the Commonwealth to practise in Victoria on terms of reciprocity and for other purposes relating to the admission of legal practitioners—(*Mr. Fink*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment ; Standing Orders suspended and report received ; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., p. 144 ; Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 156. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1887.*)
- LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN** : Bill to legitimize children—(*Mr. Maloney*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.
- LIBRARIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT** : Bill to further amend the *Libraries Act 1890*—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 8 Sept., 1903, p. 4 ; read a second time and committed ; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment, 9 Sept., p. 10 ; report considered—amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time ; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Sept., p. 12 ; Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 18 Nov., p. 88 ; amendments considered—one agreed to and the others disagreed with, 26 Nov., p. 102 ; the Council insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, 8 Dec., p. 118 ; the Assembly insist on disagreeing with the Council's amendments, 16 Dec., p. 134 ; the Council do not insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly, 23 Dec., p. 157. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1883.*)
- LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT** : Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Licensing Act 1890'*" —(*Mr. Shiels*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 6 Oct., 1903, p. 37. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.

- LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Local Government—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 8 Oct., 1903, p. 42. Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 20) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue and of penalties for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 2 Dec., pp. 109–10; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to, 3 Dec., p. 115; Bill read the third time with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 10 Dec., pp. 124–6; report from the Clerk of a correction made by him in the Bill, 15 Dec., p. 129; Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified; amendments agreed to, 18 Dec., pp. 147–8; report from the Clerk of the Parliaments of certain clerical errors in the Bill; errors corrected and the Council's concurrence with corrections desired, 22 Dec., p. 152; Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 156. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1893.*)
- LUNACY:** Bill to amend the law relating to lunacy—(*Mr. Murray*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 8. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 2) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 29 Sept., p. 28; Bill read a second time, on division, and committed: considered in Committee, 20 Oct., p. 52; 12 Nov., p. 81; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 17 Nov., p. 84; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill further amended; read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Nov., pp. 88–90; report from the Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 24 Nov., p. 95; Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 1 Dec., p. 107; amendments considered—some agreed to and one disagreed with, 2 Dec., pp. 110–11; report from the Clerk of the Parliaments of a clerical error in the Bill; error corrected and the Council's concurrence with correction desired, 8 Dec., p. 117; the Council do not insist on their amendment disagreed with by the Assembly, 8 Dec., p. 118; Council's agreement in correction of clerical error notified, 8 Dec., p. 118. Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 23) recommending certain amendments in the Bill; amendments agreed to; Message transmitted to the Council and their concurrence requested, 15 Dec., p. 129; Council's agreement to the amendments notified, 15 Dec., p. 132. (*Assented to 22 December. Act No. 1873.*)
- MEAT SUPERVISION ACT 1900 AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend section six of the *Meat Supervision Act 1900*—(*Mr. Gair*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 10. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.
- MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT:** Bill to amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890* so as to enable the ratepayers of the various municipalities to elect their representatives on the Board instead of the said representatives being elected by the municipal councils—(*Mr. McDonald*).—Initiated and read a first time, 14 Oct., 1903, p. 48; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—question, on division, negatived, 18 Dec., p. 144.
- MERAN RACE-COURSE SITE SALE:** Bill to provide for the sale of certain land granted as a site for a race-course in the Parish of Meran near Kerang—(*Mr. Shiels* for *Mr. Taverner*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Nov., 1903, p. 84. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 14) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 24 Nov., p. 95; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 24 Nov., p. 96; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Nov., p. 103; Council's agreement notified, 8 Dec., p. 119. (*Assented to 22 December. Act No. 1867.*)
- MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT:** Bill to further amend the Mines Acts—(*Mr. E. H. Cameron*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Sept., 1903, p. 12; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 8 Oct., p. 42; debate continued, 21 Oct., p. 55; 22 Oct., p. 57; 27 Oct., p. 61; 28 Oct., p. 64; 29 Oct., p. 67; debate resumed—Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 4 Nov., p. 72; 5 Nov., p. 75; 11 Nov., p. 80; 18 Nov., p. 90; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to; Bill recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 5, 6, 28, 39, and 40, and for the consideration of new clauses; further considered in Committee and re-reported with further amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; further amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 17 Dec., p. 139. Bill not returned from the Council.
- MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT REDUCTION:** Bill to reduce for one year the municipal endowment—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 18 Nov., 1903, p. 87; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Nov., p. 102; Council's agreement notified, 8 Dec., p. 119. (*Assented to 22 December. Act No. 1870.*)
- MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY:** Bill intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Councillors of various Municipalities for Borrowing Moneys by Overdrafts on Bankers for the purposes of their Municipalities contrary to the provisions of the 'Local Government Act 1890' and for other purposes*"—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 13 Oct., 1903, p. 46; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council with the Assembly's amendment desired, 20 Oct., p. 52; Council's agreement notified, 10 Nov., p. 77. (*Assented to 12 November. Act No. 1858.*)

- MURRAY WATERS INTER-STATE AGREEMENT**: Bill to ratify an agreement between the States of Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia with regard to the waters of the River Murray—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 4 Nov., 1903, p. 71. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 148.
- OLD-AGE PENSIONS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT**: Bill to amend the *Old-age Pensions Act 1901*—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 21 Oct., 1903, p. 55; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—debate adjourned, 19 Nov., p. 93; debate resumed—Bill read a second time, on division, and committed, 24 Nov., pp. 96-7; considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 25 Nov., p. 100; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time, on division, with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 1 Dec., p. 106; Council's agreement notified, 8 Dec., p. 118. (*Assented to 9 December. Act No. 1865.*)
- OLD COLONISTS' ASSOCIATION (BALLARAT)**: Bill relating to the Old Colonists' Association of Ballarat—(*Mr. Shoppee*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Dec., 1903, p. 137; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 18 Dec., p. 143; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Dec., p. 157; Council's agreement notified, 24 Dec., p. 159. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1890.*)
- POLICE OFFENCES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT**: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Police Offences Act 1890'*" —(*Mr. Ramsay*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 17 Nov., 1903, p. 85; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 18 Dec., p. 145.—Bill lapsed.
- PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**: Bill relating to the Committee of Public Accounts—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Nov., 1903, p. 101; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 134; Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 151. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1877.*)
- PUBLIC OFFICERS RETIREMENT**: Bill relating to the retirement of certain public officers—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 12) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 18 Nov., 1903, p. 87; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended, resolution reported and agreed to, and Bill ordered thereupon; Bill initiated and read a first time, 18 Nov., p. 88; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 17 Dec., p. 140. Order for further consideration in Committee discharged and Bill withdrawn, 22 Dec., p. 152.
- PUBLIC SERVICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT**: Bill to amend section fifty-four of the *Public Service Act 1890*—(*Mr. Gair*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1903, p. 123; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., p. 145. Bill not returned from the Council.
- PUBLIC SERVICE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT**: Bill to amend Parts II. and III. of the *Public Service Act 1890* as to the provisions therein relating to life assurance of appointees—(*Mr. Bennett*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., p. 144; Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 156. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1888.*)
- PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION**: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for public works and other purposes.—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1903, p. 133; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., p. 145; Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 156. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1882.*)
- RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION**: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loan Acts for railways—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1903, p. 133; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., p. 145; Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 156. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1884.*)
- RAILWAY PASSENGERS' ACTIONS**: Bill relating to actions against the Commissioners of Railways as carriers of passengers—(*Mr. Gair*).—Bill initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9; order for second reading on a future date rescinded and Bill read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with amendments; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time with a further amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Sept., p. 22; Council's agreement notified, 24 Nov., p. 97. (*Assented to 23 November. Act No. 1861.*)
- ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW HOLIDAY**: Bill relating to the Royal Agricultural Show Day—(*Mr. Shoppee*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment; Standing Orders suspended and report received; amendment agreed to and Bill read the third time; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 23 Sept., p. 22; Council's agreement notified, 17 Nov., p. 85. (*Assented to 12 November. Act No. 1859.*)
- SAVINGS BANKS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT**: Bill to further amend the Savings Banks Acts—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 26 Nov., 1903, p. 101; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee and reported without amendment; read the third time with an amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 134; Council's agreement notified, 22 Dec., p. 151. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1878.*)

- SENATE ELECTIONS (TIMES AND PLACES): Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the election of Senators for Victoria to the Senate of the Commonwealth*"—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 10 Nov., 1903, p. 78; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 11 Nov., p. 79. (*Assented to 23 November. Act No. 1860.*)
- SOUTH MELBOURNE LOAN: Bill to authorize the City of South Melbourne to construct and provide certain permanent works and undertakings in lieu of certain other permanent works and undertakings—(*Mr. Smith*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1903, p. 100; order for second reading read, whereupon Mr. Speaker said, "In my opinion, this is a Private Bill"; motion (by leave), That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill—question resolved in the affirmative; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., p. 143; Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 156. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1885.*)
- STOLEN CATTLE (RECENT POSSESSION): Bill to amend the law relating to the recent possession of stolen cattle—(*Mr. J. Cameron*).—Initiated and read a first time, 25 Nov., 1903, p. 100. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.
- SURPLUS REVENUE: Bill relating to the surplus revenue of the financial year ended on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and three—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 19 Nov., 1903, p. 93. Message from His Excellency the Governor (No. 15) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill, 24 Nov., p. 95; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 24 Nov., p. 96; Bill read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Nov., p. 102; Council's agreement notified, 8 Dec., p. 119. (*Assented to 22 December. Act No. 1869.*)
- TIED HOUSES ABOLITION: Bill to abolish tied houses—(*Mr. Bailes*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 30 Sept., p. 32; further considered in Committee and reported with amendments, 18 Dec., p. 143.—Bill lapsed.
- TOTALIZATOR: Bill to legalize the totalizator—(*Mr. Prendergast*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9. Order for second reading discharged and Bill withdrawn, 18 Dec., p. 142.
- TRAMWAYS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Tramways Act 1901*—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated (motion, by leave) and read a first time, 23 Dec., 1903, p. 157.—Bill lapsed.
- TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT: Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Transfer of Land Act 1890'*"—(*Mr. Shiels*).—Brought from the Legislative Council and read a first time, 13 Oct., 1903, p. 46; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment, 16 Dec., p. 134. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1875.*)
- UNUSED ROADS: Bill to derive revenue from unused public roads and water frontages and for reducing the width of roads—(*Mr. Bent*).—Initiated and read a first time, 18 Nov., 1903, p. 87; read a second time and committed; considered in Committee, 26 Nov., p. 103. Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (No. 19) recommending an appropriation from the Consolidated Revenue and of fees for the purposes of the Bill; considered in Committee; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair—Standing Orders suspended and resolution reported and agreed to, 1 Dec., pp. 105-6; Bill further considered in Committee and reported with amendments and with an amended title, viz.:—"*A Bill to derive Revenue from Unused Public Roads and Water Frontages*," 2 Dec., p. 111; report considered—amendments agreed to and Bill read the third time, on division, with further amendments; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 3 Dec., pp. 113-15; Council's agreement to the Bill with amendments notified, 17 Dec., p. 139; amendments considered—some agreed to, others disagreed with, and one agreed to with amendments, 18 Dec., pp. 141-2; the Council insist on their amendments disagreed with by the Assembly and agree to the Assembly's amendments in clause B; the Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with some of the Council's amendments, do insist on disagreeing with one of these amendments, and insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Council in clause 10, line 43, on the ground that it is an amendment in a clause of the Bill which imposes a duty, rate, tax, rent, return, or impost, 22 Dec., pp. 152-4; the Council insist on their amendment to insert new clause A, but do not insist on their amendment in clause 10, line 43, for reasons stated; disagreement with the Council's amendment to insert new clause A not now insisted on, 23 Dec., p. 157. Report from the Clerk of the Parliaments of certain clerical errors in the Bill; errors corrected and the Council's concurrence with corrections desired, 24 Dec., p. 159; Council's agreement notified, 24 Dec., p. 160. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1894.*)
- WAREHOUSEMEN'S CERTIFICATES: Bill to amend the law relating to warehousemen's certificates—(*Mr. Bent* for *Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 10 Dec., 1903, p. 123.—Bill lapsed.
- WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION: Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain sums of money available under Loans Acts for water supply in country districts and for other purposes—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 16 Dec., 1903, p. 133; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 18 Dec., p. 145; Council's agreement notified, 23 Dec., p. 156. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1881.*)
- WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT: Bill to amend the *Wills Act 1890*—(*Mr. W. A. Hamilton*).—Initiated and read a first time, 8 Oct., 1903, p. 43.—Bill lapsed.
- WOMBAT LAND RESERVE REVOCATION: Bill to revoke the permanent reservation of certain land in the Parish of Wombat—(*Mr. McLeod*).—Initiated and read a first time, 17 Nov., 1903, p. 84; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 26 Nov., p. 102; Council's agreement notified, 8 Dec., p. 119. (*Assented to 22 December. Act No. 1871.*)

- WOMEN'S DISABILITIES REMOVAL: Bill to remove some disabilities in the law relating to women—(*Mr. C. Hamilton* for *Mr. Mackey*).—Initiated and read a first time, 8 Oct., 1903, p. 43.—Bill lapsed.
- WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE (BILL No. 1): Bill to enfranchise women—(*Mr. Maloney*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 8; motion, That this Bill be now read a second time—on division, debate adjourned, 16 Sept., p. 16; debate resumed—question, That this Bill be now read a second time, not affirmed by an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, 14 Oct., p. 48.—Bill lapsed.
- WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE (BILL No. 2): Bill to remove the disqualification of women at elections of Members of the Parliament of Victoria—(*Mr. Mackinnon*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Sept., 1903, p. 9; read a second time, on division, with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and committed; considered in Committee and reported with an amendment, 28 Oct., p. 65; report considered and amendment agreed to, 18 Dec., p. 144.—Bill lapsed.
- YARROWEE CHANNEL LOAN: Bill to provide for a further grant and loan by the State for the Yarrowee Channel Works at Ballarat—(*Mr. Irvine*).—Initiated and read a first time, 9 Dec., 1903, p. 121; read a second time and passed remaining stages without amendment; concurrence of the Legislative Council desired, 16 Dec., p. 135; report from the Clerk of corrections made by him in the Bill, 17 Dec., p. 139; Council's agreement to the Bill notified, 22 Dec., p. 151. (*Assented to 24 December. Act No. 1880.*)
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LIST OF MEMBERS.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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

NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT.

THIRD SESSION (8TH SEPTEMBER, 1903, TO 24TH DECEMBER, 1903).

Member.	District.	Electors.*				Votes Polled for Sitting Member.†
		Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voters' Certificates.	Total.	
Andrews, Charles Leonard, Esquire ...	Geelong ...	5,063	1,198	227	6,488	1,641
Anstey, Frank, Esquire ...	East Bourke Boroughs	8,187	1,839	598	10,624	3,465
Argyle, Reginald Ivon, Esquire ...	Kyneton ...	1,531	843	362	2,736	1,104
Ashworth, Thomas Ramsden, Esquire...	Ovens ...	1,477	751	62	2,290	855
Austin, Austin Albert, Esquire ...	Grenville ...	3,330	984	249	4,563	1,548
Bailes, Alfred Shrapnell, Esquire ...	Sandhurst ...	4,695	1,400	475	6,660	1,641
Barr, Robert, Esquire ...	Fitzroy ...	4,584	2,236	531	7,351	2,129
Beazley, The Honorable William David ¹	Collingwood ...	4,168	1,115	186	5,469	2,385
Bennett, George Henry, Esquire ² ...	Richmond ...	5,018	1,477	374	6,869	2,272
Bent, The Honorable Thomas ³ ...	Brighton ...	3,077	689	...	3,766	Unopposed
Billson, John William, Esquire ...	Fitzroy ...	4,584	2,236	531	7,351	2,251
Bowser, John, Esquire ⁴ ...	Wangaratta and Rutherglen	2,686	1,033	263	3,982	1,339
Boyd, James Arthur, Esquire ...	Melbourne ...	3,778	720	67	4,565	1,297
Bromley, Frederick Hadkinson, Esquire ⁵	Carlton ...	2,994	649	266	3,909	1,270
Brown, Joseph Tilley, Esquire ...	Shepparton and Euroa	1,987	462	...	2,449	Unopposed
Cameron, Ewen, Esquire ...	Portland ...	1,659	458	34	2,151	620
Cameron, The Honorable Ewen Hugh ⁶	Evelyn ...	3,384	660	...	4,044	Unopposed
Cameron, James, Esquire ...	Gippsland East ...	2,254	746	...	3,000	Unopposed
<i>Carlisle, John Joseph, Esquire⁷</i> ...	Benalla and Yarrawonga	<i>2,160</i>	<i>366</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>2,702</i>	<i>1,099</i>
Chirnside, Captain John Percy ...	Grant ...	1,835	532	80	2,447	962
Craven, Albert William, Esquire ...	Benambra ...	1,893	513	...	2,406	Unopposed
Cullen, John, Esquire ...	Gunbower ...	1,903	725	...	2,628	Unopposed
Downward, Alfred, Esquire ...	Mornington ...	3,817	850	...	4,667	Unopposed
Duffus, James Francis, Esquire ...	Port Fairy ...	1,591	439	123	2,153	766
Duffy, The Honorable John Gavan ...	Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Lancefield	1,665	500	209	2,374	806
Duggan, The Honorable Daniel Joseph	Dunolly ...	1,474	463	146	2,083	778
Elmslie, George Alexander, Esquire ...	Albert Park ...	2,195	657	277	3,129	1,073

NOTES.

* Including holders of "Voters' Certificates."

† Except where the Member's name is printed in *italic*, the particulars given in the above table relate to the General Election 1902; the date of each Member's election, when noted as "unopposed," being 24 September, 1902, the "day of nomination," and in other cases, 1 October, 1902, the "day of polling." Where the Member's name is printed in *italic* the particulars relate to elections subsequent to the General Election, and the dates of these elections will be found in the following notes:—

1 The Hon. W. D. Beazley, Chairman of Committees, from 24 November, 1897, to 16 September, 1903; also Deputy-Speaker from 3 December, 1902, to 12 September, 1903. Speaker from 16 September, 1903.

2 Mr. G. H. Bennett, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

3 The Hon. T. Bent, Minister of Railways, from 10 June, 1902, to 21 July, 1903. A Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 10 June, 1902; also Commissioner of Public Works (without salary), from 6 February, 1903, to 21 July, 1903; Minister of Health (without salary), from 6 February, 1903; and Commissioner of Public Works, from 21 July, 1903.

4 Mr. J. Bowser, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

5 Mr. F. H. Bromley, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.

6 The Hon. E. H. Cameron, Minister of Mines and Water Supply, from 10 June, 1902.

7 Mr. J. J. Carlisle, elected 22 May, 1903, *vice* Mr. W. Hall, deceased, 25 April, 1903.

Member.	District.	Electors.*				Votes Polled for Sitting Member.†
		Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voter's Certificates.	Total.	
<i>Fairbairn, George, Esquire</i> ⁸ ...	Toorak ...	3,737	619	216	4,572	1,264
Field, Frederick James, Esquire ...	Maryborough ...	1,907	378	325	2,610	1,103
Fink, The Honorable Theodore ...	Jolimont and West Richmond	1,651	749	203	2,603	913
Fletcher, John, Esquire ...	Bogong ...	1,516	727	195	2,438	857
Forrest, Charles Lamond, Esquire ...	Polwarth ...	2,516	942	...	3,458	Unopposed
Gair, Mackay John Scobie, Esquire ...	Bourke East ...	2,288	535	...	2,823	Unopposed
Gillies, The Honorable Duncan ⁹ ...	Toorak ...	3,712	1,041	...	4,753	Unopposed
Gillott, The Honorable Sir Samuel ...	Melbourne East ...	3,572	1,503	320	5,395	1,934
<i>Glasgow, John, Esquire</i> ¹⁰ ...	Villiers and Heytesbury	2,004	447	2	2,453	588
Graham, The Honorable George ...	Numurkah and Nathalia	1,906	317	11	2,234	986
Graves, The Honorable James Howlin ¹¹	Delatite ...	2,168	410	92	2,670	984
Grose, Walter Bolitho, Esquire ...	Creswick ...	1,339	372	146	1,857	916
Hamilton, Charles, Esquire ...	Windermere ...	1,198	388	110	1,696	754
Hamilton, Walter Alfred, Esquire ...	Sandhurst ...	4,695	1,490	475	6,660	1,755
Harris, Albert, Esquire ...	Gippsland Central ...	2,444	750	...	3,194	Unopposed
Harris, Joseph, Esquire ...	South Yarra ...	2,096	624	269	2,989	1,173
Hennessy, David Valentine, Esquire ...	Carlton South ...	1,767	686	218	2,671	859
Hickford, Frederick Thomas, Esquire ¹²	East Bourke Boroughs	8,187	1,839	598	10,624	3,114
Hirsch, Maximilian, Esquire ¹³ ...	Mandurang ...	1,505	568	117	2,190	767
Holden, George Frederick, Esquire ...	Warrenheip ...	1,498	584	100	2,182	864
<i>Hunt, Thomas, Esquire</i> ¹⁴ ...	Anglesey ...	2,620	467	147	3,234	911
Hutchinson, William, Esquire ...	Borong ...	2,054	656	333	3,043	1,168
Irvine, The Honorable William Hill ¹⁵	Lowan ...	1,914	443	...	2,357	Unopposed
Keast, William Stephen, Esquire ...	Dandenong and Berwick	3,549	642	284	4,475	1,368
Keogh, Hubert Patrick, Esquire ...	Gippsland North ...	1,987	294	...	2,281	Unopposed
Kerr, David, Esquire ...	Grenville ...	3,330	984	249	4,563	1,742
Kirkwood, Hay, Esquire ...	Eaglehawk ...	1,742	283	391	2,416	1,058
Kirton, The Honorable Joseph William	Ballarat West ...	4,781	1,257	392	6,430	2,315
Lancaster, Samuel, Esquire ...	Rodney ...	4,207	1,357	656	6,220	2,321
Langdon, Thomas, Esquire ...	Korong ...	1,683	539	...	2,222	Unopposed
Lawson, Harry Sutherland Wightman, Esquire	Castlemaine ...	2,324	1,234	312	3,870	1,632
Levien, The Honorable Jonas Felix ...	Barwon ...	1,814	497	72	2,383	756
Livingston, Thomas, Esquire ...	Gippsland South ...	2,642	603	371	3,616	1,298
Mackey, John Emanuel, Esquire ...	Gippsland West ...	3,826	963	261	5,050	1,542
Mackinnon, Donald, Esquire ...	Prabran ...	2,309	532	322	3,163	1,298
Madden, Frank, Esquire ...	Eastern Suburbs ...	4,384	946	121	5,451	1,650
Maloney, William, Esquire ¹⁶ ...	Melbourne West ...	1,713	728	...	2,441	Unopposed
Martin, George, Esquire ...	Geelong ...	5,063	1,198	227	6,488	1,826
McBride, Peter, Esquire ...	Kara Kara ...	1,700	415	...	2,115	Unopposed
McCutcheon, Robert George, Esquire	St. Kilda ...	2,963	998	465	4,426	1,770
McDonald, Alexander, Esquire ...	Footscray ...	3,449	896	498	4,843	1,699
McGregor, The Honorable Robert ...	Ballarat East ...	2,454	682	281	3,417	1,683
McLeod, The Honorable Donald ...	Daylesford ...	1,451	432	...	1,883	Unopposed
Menzies, Hugh, Esquire ...	Stawell ...	1,609	534	214	2,357	932

For notes (*) and (†) see page xlv.

8 Mr. G. Fairbairn, elected 9 October, 1903, *vice* the Hon. D. Gillies, deceased.
9 The Hon. D. Gillies, Speaker, from 14 October, 1902; deceased, 12 September, 1903; succeeded by the Hon. W. D. Beazley as Speaker, and by Mr. G. Fairbairn as Member for Toorak.
10 Mr. J. Glasgow, elected 21 December, 1903, *vice* Dr. J. G. Wilson, resigned.
11 The Hon. J. H. Graves, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902; Chairman of Committees from 22 September, 1903.
12 Mr. F. T. Hickford, resigned 16 November, 1903; succeeded by Mr. D. Methven.
13 Mr. M. Hirsch, resigned 16 November, 1903; succeeded by the Hon. W. T. Webb.
14 Mr. T. Hunt, elected 6 March, 1903, *vice* the Hon. M. K. McKenzie, resigned 12 February, 1903.
15 The Hon. W. H. Irvine, Attorney-General from 10 June, 1902, to 7 September, 1903; also Solicitor-General (without salary), from 6 February to 7 September, 1903; and Treasurer (without salary), from 21 July to 7 September, 1903. Treasurer from 7 September, 1903.
16 Mr. W. Maloney, resigned 16 November, 1903; succeeded by Mr. T. Tunnecliffe.

Member.	District.	Electors.*				Votes Polled for Sitting Member.†
		Rate-payers.	Non-Rate-payers.	Voters' Certificates.	Total.	
<i>Methven, David, Esquire</i> ¹⁷ ...	East Bourke Boroughs	8,295	1,415	...	9,710	2,274
Mitchell, George, Esquire ...	Talbot and Avoca ...	1,443	492	...	1,935	Unopposed
Morrissey, The Honorable John ...	Rodney ...	4,207	1,357	656	6,220	2,274
Murray, The Honorable John ¹⁸ ...	Warrnambool ...	1,585	726	...	2,311	Unopposed
Oman, David Swan, Esquire ...	Ripon and Hampden ...	2,195	841	252	3,288	1,164
Peacock, The Honorable Sir Alexander James, K.C.M.G.	Clunes and Allandale ...	1,315	227	112	1,654	790
Prendergast, George Michael, Esquire	Melbourne North ...	2,232	914	379	3,525	1,324
Ramsay, Alexander Gordon Culbert, Esquire	Williamstown ...	2,609	532	270	3,411	1,559
<i>Roberts, George Ernest, Esquire</i> ¹⁹ ...	Richmond ...	4,920	1,197	7	6,124	1,279
<i>Robertson, Andrew Robert, Esquire</i> ²⁰ ...	Bourke West ...	1,592	294	220	2,106	736
Sangster, George, Esquire ...	Port Melbourne ...	1,987	419	326	2,732	1,033
Shiels, The Honorable William ²¹ ...	Normanby ...	1,644	468	...	2,112	Unopposed
Shoppee, Charles Collett, Esquire ...	Ballarat West ...	4,781	1,257	392	6,430	2,435
Smith, Thomas, Esquire ...	Emerald Hill ...	2,100	534	187	2,821	1,366
Stanley, Robert, Esquire ...	Horsham ...	1,505	439	...	1,944	Unopposed
Sterry, David Chaplin, Esquire ...	Sandhurst South ...	2,012	350	109	2,471	736
Swinburne, George, Esquire ...	Hawthorn ...	3,237	712	323	4,272	2,018
Taverner, The Honorable John William ²²	Donald and Swan Hill	5,227	913	...	6,140	Unopposed
Thomson, John, Esquire ²³ ...	Dundas ...	1,859	605	155	2,619	942
Toutcher, Richard Frederick, Esquire	Ararat ...	1,349	706	340	2,395	850
Trenwith, The Honorable William Arthur ²⁴	Richmond ...	5,018	1,477	374	6,869	2,169
Tucker, John Benjamin, Esquire ...	Melbourne South ...	2,011	548	150	2,709	1,101
<i>Tunnecliffe, Thomas, Esquire</i> ²⁵ ...	Melbourne West ...	1,787	566	...	2,353	898
Wallace, William, Esquire ...	Maldon ...	1,574	309	123	2,006	832
Ward, Edward Coughlan, Esquire ...	Essendon and Flemington	5,489	983	442	6,914	2,322
Watt, The Honorable William Alexander	Melbourne East ...	3,572	1,503	320	5,395	1,796
<i>Webb, The Honorable William Telford</i> ²⁶	Mandurang ...	1,491	464	...	1,955	Unopposed
Wilkins, Edgar, Esquire ...	Collingwood ...	4,168	1,115	186	5,469	2,518
Williams, Edward David, Esquire ...	Castlemaine ...	2,324	1,234	312	3,870	1,420
Wilson, Dr. John Gratton ²⁷ ...	Villiers and Heytesbury	1,993	655	60	2,708	829

For notes (*) and (†) see page xlv.

- 17 Mr. D. Methven, elected 21 December, 1903, *vice* Mr. F. T. Hickford resigned.
 18 The Hon. J. Murray, Chief Secretary, also Minister of Labour (without salary), from 10 June, 1902.
 19 Mr. G. E. Roberts, elected 21 December, 1903, *vice* the Hon. W. A. Trenwith resigned.
 20 Mr. A. R. Robertson, elected 12 June, 1903, *vice* Captain S. T. Staughton, D.S.O., deceased.
 21 The Hon. W. Shiels, Treasurer, from 10 June, 1902, to 21 July, 1903; Minister of Railways, from 21 July, 1903.
 22 The Hon. J. W. Taverner, Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works, from 10 June, 1902, to 6 February, 1903; Minister of Agriculture (without salary), from 10 June, 1902; President of the Board of Land and Works and Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, from 6 February, 1903.
 23 Mr. J. Thomson, one of the Temporary Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 4A, from 29 October, 1902.
 24 The Hon. W. A. Trenwith, resigned 18 November, 1903; succeeded by Mr. G. E. Roberts.
 25 Mr. T. Tunnecliffe, elected 21 December, 1903, *vice* Mr. W. Maloney resigned.
 26 The Hon. W. T. Webb, elected 15 December, 1903, *vice* Mr. M. Hirsch resigned.
 27 Dr. J. G. Wilson, resigned 18 November, 1903; succeeded by Mr. J. Glasgow.

OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

<i>The Speaker</i> ...	The Honorable WILLIAM DAVID BEAZLEY.
<i>The Chairman of Committees</i> ...	The Honorable JAMES HOWLIN GRAVES.
<i>The Clerk</i> ...	THOMAS GREENLEES WATSON, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk-Assistant</i> ...	HIBBERT HENRY NEWTON, Esquire.
<i>The Clerk of Committees and Serjeant-at-Arms</i> ...	WILLIAM ROBERT ALEXANDER, Esquire.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, ETC.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The Legislative Assembly met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twelfth day of August, 1903—which Proclamation was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

FIXING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir George Sydenham Clarke, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Fellow of the Royal Society; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS the Parliament of Victoria stands prorogued until Tuesday, the 18th day of August, 1903: Now I, the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, do by this my Proclamation further prorogue the said Parliament of Victoria until Tuesday, the 8th day of September, 1903, and I do hereby fix Tuesday, the 8th day of September, 1903, aforesaid, as the time for the commencement and holding of the next Session of the said Parliament of Victoria, for the despatch of business, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, in the State Parliament Houses, situate in the Carlton Gardens, in the City of Melbourne: And the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

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

(L.S.)

GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. IRVINE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

3. ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that, on the 29th day of May last, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Bourke West, in the place of Captain Samuel Thomas Staughton, D.S.O., deceased.

4. RETURNS TO WRITS.—Mr. Speaker also announced that he had received a return to the foregoing Writ, and also to the Writ issued by him on the 8th day of May last for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Benalla and Yarrawonga, in the place of William Hall, Esquire, deceased, by which returns it appeared that John Joseph Carlisle had been duly elected for the Electoral District of Benalla and Yarrawonga, and Andrew Robert Robertson, of Bacchus Marsh, farmer, for the Electoral District of Bourke West.

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—John Joseph Carlisle, Esq., and Andrew Robert Robertson, Esq., were then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

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

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 1.

The Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has caused the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Reduction until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three of the Salaries or Pay of Responsible Ministers of the Crown and certain Officers, under The Constitution Act or Part IX. of 'The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890,' or whose Salaries or Pay are provided for by Special Appropriations,*" which was reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and which received His Majesty's Assent on the 25th day of June last, to be proclaimed in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, a copy of which Proclamation is hereto annexed.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th September, 1903.

THE ROYAL ASSENT TO AN ACT SHORTLY ENTITLED "THE MINISTERS AND SPECIAL AND OTHER APPROPRIATIONS RETRENCHMENT ACT 1902."

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency Sir George Sydenham Clarke, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George ; Fellow of the Royal Society ; 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, in pursuance of provisions contained in "*An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land*" (5 and 6 Vict.), also in "*An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies*" (13 and 14 Vict.), and in "*The Constitution Statute*" (19 Vict.), do by this my Proclamation signify that the Bill, the title whereof is herein set forth, that is to say :—

"An Act to provide for the Reduction until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three of the Salaries or Pay of Responsible Ministers of the Crown and certain Officers, under The Constitution Act or Part IX. of 'The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890,' or whose Salaries or Pay are provided for by Special Appropriations,"

which was reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that by an Order in Council made at the Court at Buckingham Palace, and bearing date the twenty-fifth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and three, a copy whereof is hereto appended, His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria, at Melbourne, this twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and three, and in the third year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

G. S. CLARKE.
By His Excellency's Command,
WM. SHIELS,
For the Attorney-General.

GOD SAVE THE KING !

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the twenty-fifth day of June, 1903.

PRESENT :

The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President
Marquess of Londonderry

Earl of Kintore.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the 5th and 6th years of Her late Majesty's reign, entitled "*An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land,*" it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New South Wales until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify, either by speech or message to the Legislative Council of the said Colony, or by Proclamation as therein aforesaid, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same :

And whereas by another Act passed in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her late Majesty's reign, entitled "*An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies,*" it was provided among other things that the provisions of the said former Act, concerning the reservation of Bills for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, should apply to and be in force in the Colony of Victoria :

And whereas the said provisions were maintained in force as regards Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the said Colony by a subsequent Act passed in the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the reign of Her said Majesty, entitled "*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of Victoria to establish a Constitution in and for the Colony of Victoria*":

And whereas the Colony of Victoria is now one of the States constituting the Commonwealth of Australia, under the provisions of the Act 63 and 64 Vict., chap. 12, entitled "*An Act to constitute the Commonwealth of Australia*":

And whereas on or about the 25th day of November, 1902, the Governor of the said State of Victoria reserved a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, entitled "*An Act to provide for the Reduction until the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three of the Salaries or Pay of Responsible Ministers of the Crown and certain Officers, under The Constitution Act or Part IX. of 'The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890, or whose Salaries or Pay are provided for by Special Appropriations,' for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon:*"

And whereas the said Bill so reserved as aforesaid has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and it is expedient that the said Bill should be assented to by His Majesty:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of the said Acts, and in exercise of the powers thereby reserved to His Majesty as aforesaid, doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, declare His assent to the said Bill.

A. W. FITZROY.

At this stage Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to continue in the Chair, and his place was taken by the Deputy-Speaker.

7. **OGIER v. NORTON.**—Mr. Deputy-Speaker announced that during the recess a subpoena had been served on the Clerk requiring him to produce at the Supreme Court, Melbourne, on Friday, 11th September, 1903, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, the original Report, Proceedings, and Minutes of Evidence of the Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly on the 4th May, 1881, to inquire into the case of J. C. H. Ogier, Esq., late Warden of Gold-fields and Police Magistrate; also all other Reports, Minutes, and Documents in his custody or power relating to the case of J. C. H. Ogier.

Mr. Irvine moved, That leave be given to the Clerk, or such other officer of the Legislative Assembly as he may direct, to attend the Supreme Court and produce such of the documents required by the said subpoena as are now available.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

The Honorable James Howlin Graves,
George Henry Bennett, Esquire,
John Bowser, Esquire,
Frederick Hadkinson Bromley, Esquire, and
John Thomson, Esquire,

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

Given under my hand this eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and three.

D. GILLIES,
Speaker.

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

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1902.—Part I.—Blue Book.

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

Bank Liabilities and Assets.—General Abstracts and Statements for the quarters ended the 31st March and the 30th June, 1903.

Census of Victoria, 1901—

Part VI.—Education of the People.

Part VII.—Sickness and Infirmity.

Part VIII.—Land and Live Stock.

Explosives Act 1890.—Additions to List of Explosives authorized for Importation into and Manufacture in Victoria. Class 3—Nitro-compound, Empire Powder. Class 6—Ammunition, Fracturite and Cheddite 60 bis.—Orders in Council.

Friendly Societies.—Report of the Registrar of, for the year 1902.

Libraries Act 1890.—Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria.—Regulations.

Marine Act 1890.—Marine Board of Victoria—

Amended Regulation relating to Pilots and Pilotage.

Statements of Receipts and Disbursements on Pilotage Account from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1902.

Mines and Water Supply.—Annual Report of the Secretary for, to the Hon. E. H. Cameron, M.P., Minister of Mines and Water Supply, for the year 1902.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways.—Twelfth General Report.

Public Service Acts.—Regulations.

Royal Commissions.—Copies of Orders in Council increasing Expenditure.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the quarter ending 31st March, 1903.

10. LIBRARIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the 'Libraries Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Deputy-Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I have found it necessary to call you together, after a brief recess, in order that you may consider certain matters of importance which My Advisers will submit to you.

I congratulate you upon the improved financial position of the State. By the measures which you recently passed, and by administration, not only has an impending deficiency in the Public Accounts of close upon one million sterling been averted, but a substantial surplus has been realized. The copious rains which have fallen justify the brightest hopes of a bountiful harvest which will conduce to the general prosperity of the State.

The serious difficulties which arose in connexion with the Railway Department having been brought to a termination, it is hoped that the future relations between the State and its employes will be of a more harmonious character. Effect has been given to the Act providing for the appointment of three Railways Commissioners instead of one. The Commissioners, will, I trust, be able to maintain the Railways in such a condition as to provide the greatest possible convenience to the public, consistent with economical, and, so far as possible, profitable management, and to aid in the achievement of this result a measure will be introduced for the more effectual control of the Railway Service.

In order to give effect to the provisions of the Reform Bill, after that measure shall have received His Majesty's assent, My Advisers will lay before you a Bill for a Redistribution of Seats in Parliament.

That portion of the existing Factories Acts which relates to Wages Boards will lapse on the 31st of October next, and a Bill will be forthwith submitted to you dealing with this important matter. In that measure My Advisers propose to embody the principle that the fixing of wages should not have the effect of prejudicing the progress of any industry, or of curtailing the total amount of employment in it, or of throwing slow or aged workers out of work. Recognising that the determinations of certain of the Wages Boards call for review, My Advisers have decided to provide for a Court of Industrial Appeal, consisting of a Judge of the Supreme Court or County Court, with power to appoint assessors in connexion with each particular case. The duty of the Court will be to review existing determinations on appeal being made by either side, and any future determinations which may be referred to it. All Agricultural and Pastoral industries will, as heretofore, be excluded from the operation of the Factories Acts.

Irrigation Works are being proceeded with in a comprehensive manner. The construction of the great storage basin at Waranga is being carried out as rapidly as possible, and a measure will be laid before you providing for the construction of the main channels east and west of the Goulburn River to render the water conserved by that reservoir, and by the Goulburn Weir, available for the irrigation of large areas in the arid portions of the State. Provision will also be made in the Bill for determining the mode in which the lands to be benefited shall be charged with the necessary expenditure.

A measure will be laid before you for the compulsory purchase by the Government, in certain cases, and subject to the payment of proper compensation, of estates suitable for Farming homesteads. The Bill will contain adequate provisions against abuse in the exercise of this power. It is proposed that the freehold of the land so purchased shall be sold to farmers, the purchase money being paid in instalments extending over a number of years. By thus providing for the development of the agricultural industries, for which the fertile land in many parts of Victoria is so eminently suited, My Advisers hope to remedy the evil of too great a concentration of population in the metropolis, and to supply openings for the employment of the younger members of the community, and thus check the tendency on their part to seek their fortunes in other countries.

My Advisers are of opinion that the existing law relating to Mining does not hold out to *bonâ fide* investors sufficient security for the investment of large amounts of capital in opening up fresh fields of mining venture, and, notwithstanding the strict labour covenants, does not sufficiently discountenance mere speculative holding. A measure will therefore be presented to you introducing a system whereby, instead of labour covenants, mining leases will contain covenants for the expenditure of fixed sums year by year during the currency of the lease.

Systematic Prospecting for gold and other minerals, under the supervision of the Geological Survey Branch, will be vigorously prosecuted. A measure will be brought forward to give effect to an agreement, on the difficult subject of tributing, arrived at by a recent conference of mining representatives; and also to provide more effective means for improving the conditions under which miners work, both as regards the proper ventilation of mines, and in other respects.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The Estimates for the current financial year have been framed with the greatest possible regard both to economy and to the exigencies of the Public Service. They will be laid before you in due course.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

Bills for the amendment of the Education Act and the Teachers Acts and for the better management and control of the Asylums for the Insane will be submitted for your careful consideration.

I now leave you to your deliberations, which will, I trust, under the blessing of Divine Providence, conduce to the advancement and lasting prosperity of the State.

GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE.

12. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Carlisle moved, That the following Address, in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, be agreed to by this House :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

13. SUPPLY.—Mr. Irvine moved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. WAYS AND MEANS.—Mr. Irvine moved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Deputy-Speaker

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
- 2. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
- 3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The following Warrant appointing "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications" was laid upon the Table by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

VICTORIA.

Legislative Assembly.

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

- James Arthur Boyd, Esquire,
- Frederick Hadkinson Bromley, Esquire,
- David Kerr, Esquire,
- The Honorable Jonas Felix Levien,
- Donald Mackinnon, Esquire,
- Frank Madden, Esquire, and
- The Honorable William Alexander Watt

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

Given under my hand this eighth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and three.

D. GILLIES,
Speaker.

- 4. PETITION.—Mr. Field presented a Petition from certain persons praying that the House will appoint a Select Committee to inquire into the action of the Department of Crown Lands and Survey in making available for occupation valuable areas of State forests, timber reserves, and other forest country.
On the motion of Mr. Field, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
- 5. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day ; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after half-past Ten o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- 6. ORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That on Tuesday and Thursday in each week during the present Session Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

On one Wednesday—

Private Bill Business :

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

General Business .

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

On the alternate Wednesday—

General Business :

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

Private Bill Business :

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

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Irvine, moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Fink, Mr. Madden, and Mr. Shiels ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bent, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Gair, Sir Samuel Gillott, Mr. Graves, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Mackinnon, Sir Alexander Peacock, and Mr. Trenwith ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; five to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bent, Mr. Craven, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Trenwith ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Downward, Mr. Grose, Mr. A. Harris, Mr. Langdon, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Sterry ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Bennett, Captain Chirnside, Mr. Gair, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. McBride ; and that the Committee have leave to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Beazley, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Fink, Mr. Max Hirsch, Mr. Smith, Mr. Swinburne, and Mr. Williams ; three to be the quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. FACTORIES BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to continue and amend the ‘Factories and Shops Act 1896’ and the Acts amending the same*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

15. LUNACY BILL.—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Lunacy*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

16. WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL (No. 1).—Mr. Maloney obtained leave, with Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Sangster, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to Enfranchise Women*” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

17. **TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL.**—Mr. Bailes obtained leave, with Mr. Ramsay, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to abolish Tied Houses*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 30th September instant.
18. **TOTALIZATOR BILL.**—Mr. Prendergast obtained leave, with Mr. Maloney, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to Legalize the Totalizator*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 14th October next.
19. **WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE BILL (No. 2.)**—Mr. Maekinnon obtained leave, with Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Maloney, and Mr. Lawson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to remove the Disqualification of Women at Elections of Members of the Parliament of Victoria*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 28th October next.
20. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL.**—Mr. Fink obtained leave, with Mr. Mackinnon, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Admission of Legal Practitioners from other States of the Commonwealth to practise in Victoria on terms of Reciprocity and for other purposes relating to the Admission of Legal Practitioners*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 11th November next.
21. **COMPANIES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Gavan Duffy obtained leave, with Mr. Mackinnon, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Companies Act 1896’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 28th October next.
22. **DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Dr. Gratton Wilson obtained leave, with Mr. Duffus, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Dairying Companies Act 1900’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
23. **HACKNEY CARRIAGES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Bromley obtained leave, with Mr. Tucker and Mr. Elmslie, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Hackney Carriages in the Metropolitan District*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 7th October next.
24. **RAILWAY PASSENGERS’ ACTIONS BILL.**—Mr. Gair obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to Actions against the Commissioners of Railways as Carriers of Passengers*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 23rd September instant.
25. **COUNTY COURT JUDGES (COUNTRY SITTINGS) BILL.**—Mr. Shoppee obtained leave, with Dr. Gratton Wilson, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to empower a Judge of the County Court sitting in Court or in Chambers in the Country to deal with special cases stated by a Warden and orders to review mentioned in the Justices Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 7th October next.
26. **CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.**—Mr. Trenwith obtained leave, with Mr. Bailes and Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to settle Industrial Disputes by means of Conciliation and Arbitration*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 11th November next.
27. **BARMAIDS BILL.**—Mr. Williams obtained leave, with Mr. Ramsay, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to restrict the Employment of Women in Public Bars*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 28th October next.
28. **LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BILL.**—Mr. Maloney obtained leave, with Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Sangster, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to Legitimize Children*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 21st October next.
29. **ADULTERATION OF CHAFF BILL.**—Mr. Graham obtained leave, with Mr. Graves, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to prevent the Adulteration of Chaff and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 23rd September instant.
30. **ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW HOLIDAY BILL.**—Mr. Shoppee obtained leave, with Mr. Kirkwood, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill relating to the Royal Agricultural Show Day*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 23rd September instant.
31. **LANCEFIELD JUNCTION TO LANCEFIELD RAILWAY.**—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing in detail the revenue of and expenditure on the railway from Lancefield Junction to Lancefield during the financial year 1902–3, setting out separately—
1. The rate and amount of interest charged.
 2. The cost of maintaining the line, showing wages and material separately.
 3. The cost of working the line, showing salaries, wages, fuel, and repairs separately.
 4. The revenue from passengers.
 5. The revenue from goods.
 6. A statement showing what amounts in addition to the above-mentioned items are debited to the line, and why.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
32. **PUBLIC SERVICE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Bennett obtained leave, with Mr. Bailes, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend Parts II. and III. of the ‘Public Service Act 1890’ as to the provisions therein relating to Life Insurance of Appointees*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 7th October next.

33. **BENALLA FIRE BRIGADE STATION LAND ACT 1903 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Graves obtained leave with Mr. Graham, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Benalla Fire Brigade Station Land Act 1903’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 23rd September instant.
34. **MEAT SUPERVISION ACT 1900 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Gair obtained leave, with Mr. Hennessy, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend Section Six of the ‘Meat Supervision Act 1900’*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 25th November next.
35. **ADULTERATION OF JAMS BILL.**—Mr. Mackey, for Mr. Keast, obtained leave to bring in, with Mr. Graham, a Bill intituled “*A Bill to prevent the Adulteration of Jams and other Foods*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 23rd September instant.
36. **OPENING PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND ART GALLERIES ON SUNDAY.**—Mr. Bromley moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Public Library, Museum, and Art Galleries should be open to the public on Sundays, provided that no employé shall be required to work seven days per week, or on any Sunday, against his conscience.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Smith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 30th September instant.
37. **LIBRARIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration to-morrow.
38. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Deputy-Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. **ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER.**—The Clerk having, at the Table, informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unable, through illness, to take the Chair, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker.
3. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Bent, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Select Committee upon Standing Orders.

The Report was read by the Clerk.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration this day.

Mr. Irvine moved, That the following be adopted as a Standing Order of this House, viz.:—

- 4AA. If the House be informed by the Clerk of the likelihood of the continued absence of Mr. Speaker in consequence of illness or other unavoidable cause, or if the House have granted leave of absence to Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of Committees shall take the Chair as Deputy Speaker, and shall continue to do so from day to day without any further communication to the House, and shall perform the duties and exercise the authority of Speaker during such continued absence, and the House may appoint some other member to act as Deputy Chairman of Committees during such continued absence of Mr. Speaker, and the Deputy Chairman of Committees so appointed shall take the Chair as Acting Speaker in case of the unavoidable absence of the Deputy Speaker or whenever requested so to do by the Deputy Speaker during a sitting of the House.

Continued
absence of
Mr. Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1902.—Part III.—Accumulation.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Dentists Act 1898.—Dental Board of Victoria.—Regulation.
Explosives Act 1890.—Report of the Chief Inspector of Explosives to the Honorable the Chief Secretary on the Working of the Explosives Acts during the year 1902.
Public Service Acts.—Regulation.
5. **PETITION.**—Mr. Elmslie presented a Petition from Edward Fry, of 61 O'Grady-street, Albert Park, praying that the House will take into consideration his services in developing the mineral resources of the State since his arrival in 1850, and his present reduced circumstances, and grant him such relief as it may deem fit.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. **FORESTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS.**—Mr. Field moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing in detail the areas and localities of land recommended by the Forests Commission to be reserved for settlement and timber conservation respectively; also the extent to which the recommendations have been carried out by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of the Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day, Government Business, and Notices of Motion, General Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 3.

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8. JUSTICES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. McGregor obtained leave, with Mr. Smith, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Justices Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 21st October next.
9. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. E. H. Cameron obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the Mines Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to further amend the ‘Health Act 1890’ and for other purposes*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
11. LIBRARIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. FACTORIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Trenwith moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Deputy-Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.
2. DEATH OF THE SPEAKER.—The Clerk said—
It is with deep regret that I have to announce that Mr. Speaker died at this Parliament House on Saturday morning, the 12th September instant.
After which, and before any Member spoke, the Mace was brought into the House by the Serjeant-at-Arms and laid under the Table.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Speaker, the Honorable Duncan Gillies, That the House do now adjourn.
And other Honorable Members having addressed the House in support of the motion—
The Clerk, by direction of the House, put the Question for adjourning the House, which was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

2. ELECTION OF SPEAKER.—Mr. Kirton, addressing himself to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker Mr. William David Beazley, and moved, That Mr. William David Beazley do take the Chair of the House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Trenwith.

The House then calling Mr. William David Beazley to the Chair, he stood up in his place and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

Then Mr. Irvine, Sir Alexander Peacock, and Mr. Bromley congratulated Mr. Speaker.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Irvine stated that he had already ascertained that it would be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Speaker at the Government Offices this day, at half-past five o'clock.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, with the House, proceeded to the Government Offices, and being returned—Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented himself to His Excellency the Governor as the choice of the Legislative Assembly, and that His Excellency had been pleased to address him in the following terms :—

MR. SPEAKER,

I warmly congratulate you on the high honour conferred upon you. It is an honour which shows, in the most striking way, the confidence and esteem that you have won from your brother Members of the Legislative Assembly.

We must all deplore the loss of your predecessor, who, we know, would, if health had been granted to him, have adorned the Chair to which you are now called.

Mr. Gillies rendered very valuable services to the State in many capacities, and he left the memory and the example of an honorable and a notable career, marked by strenuous and disinterested endeavour. The parliamentary life of Victoria will be enriched by the memory of Mr. Gillies.

The office of Speaker is one of the most important parts of the machinery of popular government, and one of the most difficult to fill adequately. You have worthily discharged its duties during two Sessions in somewhat exceptionally trying times, and you have abundantly justified the great trust now formally bestowed upon you.

I am certain that you will maintain the high standard of order and of dignity which characterizes the Parliament of Victoria, and that you will uphold the best traditions of that ancient House from which your Parliament is derived.

I most cordially wish you success in your high and honorable office, and I also wish you the happiness which successful work for the public good necessarily and deservedly brings with it.

G. S. CLARKE.

Melbourne, 16th September, 1903.

4. SERVICES OF THE LATE HONORABLE DUNCAN GILLIES.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That this House desires to place on record its deep sense of the eminent services rendered to Victoria by the late Honorable Duncan Gillies in the many important positions held by him since he was first elected a Member of this House on the 23rd February, 1861; and its appreciation of the high character and great ability which distinguished him throughout his upright and consistent career, causing him to be regarded, not only by this House, but by all classes of the community, with honour and affection.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Irvine moved, That the Clerk be directed to enter on the Journals of the House that the foregoing resolution was passed unanimously.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. **STANDING ORDER.**—Mr. Speaker announced that His Excellency the Governor had, yesterday, at Government House, been pleased to approve of the Standing Order adopted by this House on the 10th September instant, relating to the continued absence of Mr. Speaker.
6. **FACTORIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
And the debate not being concluded by half-past eight o'clock—
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
8. **WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL (No. 1).**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Maloney moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Irvine moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sr Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hirsch,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bromley,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Trexwith,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. McGregor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 14th October next.

9. **ACTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.**—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the Honorable Member for Benambra, Mr. Albert William Craven, act as Chairman of Committees for this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. **DAIRYING COMPANIES ACT 1900 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—"In my opinion, this is a Private Bill."
Mr. Duffus moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Duffus moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Craven reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Duffus, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein
11. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Education Act 1890.—Regulation No. XXII. rescinded.—New Regulation made.—Order in Council.
 - Education Act 1890 and Teachers Act 1893.—Regulation No. V. rescinded.—New Regulation made.—Order in Council.
3. STOCK INSPECTORS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—Mr. Hirsch moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of stock inspectors at present employed by the Department of Agriculture.
 2. The qualifications possessed by each of them for the position respectively held by them, including the Chief Inspector.
 3. The total amount paid to veterinary surgeons outside the Department for inspections of stock, and investigations of outbreaks of disease in stock since the date of appointment of the present Chief Inspector of Stock.
 4. The outlay which would have been necessary if the Department had been manned by duly qualified and experienced veterinary surgeons.
 5. The date on which Mr. Cameron, veterinary surgeon to the Department of Public Health, reported to the Department of Agriculture the existence of swine fever in this State.
 6. The date on which the Department of Agriculture took action to verify Mr. Cameron's report.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. FACTORIES INSPECTORS' REPORTS.—Mr. Hirsch moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House, before the conclusion of the second-reading debate on the Factories Bill (a) the Annual Report for the year 1902 of the Chief Inspector of Factories ; (b) the reports for the year 1902 of the several District Inspectors of Factories.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. STATE SCHOOLS CLOSED OR REDUCED TO HALF-TIME.—Mr. Hirsch moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The number of schools actually closed during the twelve months ending on 31st August, 1903, distinguishing between schools in urban and rural districts.
 2. The number of schools which it has been decided to close, distinguishing as before.
 3. The number of schools reduced to half-time during the twelve months ending on 31st August, 1903, distinguishing as before.
 4. The number of schools which it has been decided to reduce to half-time, distinguishing as before.
 5. The departmental regulation now in force with regard to payment for carrying children to school.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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6. **FACTORIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.
7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ST. KILDA RAILWAY EXTENSION AND CONVERSION TO ELECTRIC TRACTION.—Mr. Craven, Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the questions of the St. Kilda to Brighton Electric Tramway and Conversion of St. Kilda Railway to Electric Traction; together with Appendices and Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Penal Establishments and Gaols.—Report of the Inspector-General for the year 1902.
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:—
State Forests and Timber Reserves—Royal Commission on.—Copy of an Order in Council increasing Expenditure.
Water Acts—
Benjeroop and Murrabit Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
Carrum Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
East Boort Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
Gunbower West Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
Regulation for the Sale of Water.
Kerang East Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation for the Sale of Water.
Macorna North Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
Graduated Rate (Draft Form).—Regulation No. 12.
Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 12.
Rodney Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Making Loan available.
Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Year 1903.—
Regulation No. 20.
Shire of Wimmera and the Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—
Application of Municipal Funds.
Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation No. 30.
4. PUBLIC AND RAILWAYS OFFICERS REMOVED FROM ELECTORAL ROLLS.—Mr. Ramsay moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of public officers and railways officers respectively in each of the present provinces for the Legislative Council and electorates for the Legislative Assembly whose names will be removed from the various rolls under the provisions of the Constitution Reform Bill agreed to by Parliament early this year.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—On the Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Factories Bill in Committee—Mr. Graham moved, That the Honorable Member for Delatite, the Honorable James Howlin Graves, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. FACTORIES BILL.—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Warde presented a Petition from George Keappock, of 10 Bignal-street, Flemington, drawing attention to the injuries received by him whilst on duty, and praying that the House will grant an inquiry into the circumstances of his discharge from the Railway Department without compensation.
On the motion of Mr. Warde, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented—
Factories Inspectors' Reports.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 17th September, 1903, for (a) the Annual Report for the year 1902 of the Chief Inspector of Factories; (b) the reports for the year 1902 of the several District Inspectors of Factories.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Agricultural Education.—Accounts of the Trustees of Agricultural Colleges and the Council of Agricultural Education, from 1st July, 1902, to 31st December, 1902.
Land Act 1901—
Amendment and Additions to Regulations made on 8th January, 1902, and 24th June 1902.—Order in Council.
Amendment of Regulations made on 13th May, 1902.—Order in Council.
Amendment of Regulations made on 6th August, 1903.—Order in Council.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Sir Alexander Peacock rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The desirability of printing the reports of the Chief Inspector of Factories and the Inspectors of his Department."
Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
5. LAKE HINDMARSH ABORIGINAL SETTLEMENT LAND BILL.—Mr. Taverner, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of the Lake Hindmarsh Aboriginal Settlement land*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND CASTLE DONNINGTON SHIRE BILL.—Mr. Taverner obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to confer certain powers upon the Council of Agricultural Education, the Trustees appointed under the 'Agricultural Colleges Act 1890,' and the Municipality of Castle Donnington*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. FACTORIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
9. **DEATHS IN LUNATIC ASYLUMS**—Mr. Argyle moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total number of deaths in each of the lunatic asylums of the State for each year of the past five years from (a) Diseases of the brain; (b) Diseases of the brain and lungs; (c) Pneumonia; (d) Phthisis.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. **ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION BILL.**—Mr. Mackey, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Barr, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Limitation of Election Expenses*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 14th October next.
11. **COLD STORAGE EXPENDITURE.**—Mr. E. Cameron moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The total amount of rent paid by the Department of Agriculture for cold storage and accommodation at Flinder-street, including electric light and power.
 2. The total expenditure on the export and cold storage, and the total receipts from the same, for (a) meat, (b) butter, (c) rabbits, (d) eggs, (e) fruit and sundries.
 3. A copy of the report by Mr. H. Newman Reid on the "System of Treatment, Handling, and Shipment of Perishable Products under Government."
 4. A copy of the agreements made with John Cooke and Company, the Melbourne City Council, and Mr. W. Angliss.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Wednesday, 7th October next.
13. **ADULTERATION OF CHAFF BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Wednesday, 21st October next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
14. **ORDER OF THE HOUSE RESCINDED.**—Mr. Gair moved, by leave, That the Order of the House making the second reading of the Railway Passengers' Actions Bill an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 7th October next, be read and rescinded, and that the second reading of the said Bill be made an Order of the Day for to-day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive be postponed until after the consideration of the following Order of the Day, General Business :—
Railway Passengers' Actions Bill—Second reading.
16. **RAILWAY PASSENGERS' ACTIONS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gair moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended, after debate, so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Gair, read a third time.
On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—
Clause 9, at the end of the clause add—"but if the plaintiff recovers more than the amount offered the defendant shall pay the costs of the said action."
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
17. **ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW HOLIDAY BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shoppee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Shoppee, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

18. **BENALLA FIRE BRIGADE STATION LAND ACT 1903 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Carlisle moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Carlisle, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
19. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 5 be postponed until Wednesday next.
20. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.

 THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. FACTORIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.

TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker reported that he had, that day, waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the opening of Parliament, agreed to on the 8th September instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

I thank you in the name and on behalf of the King for the assurance of your loyalty to His Majesty.

I have full confidence that you will so deal with the several important measures about to be submitted to you as to promote the permanent interests and welfare of the State.

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1903.

3. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received from His Excellency the Governor the following Commission:—

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Fellow of the Royal Society; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

To The Honorable WILLIAM DAVID BEAZLEY, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Victoria:

GREETING:

WHEREAS by the twenty-eighth section of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890, No. 1075*, it is enacted that no Member either of the Legislative Council or the Legislative Assembly shall be permitted to sit or vote therein respectively until he has taken and subscribed before the Governor, or some person authorized by the Governor in that behalf, the Oath set out in the Second Schedule to the aforesaid Act: Now therefore I, the Governor aforesaid, do by these presents command and authorize you from time to time, in the State Parliament House, in the City of Melbourne, to administer the said Oath to such Members of the said Legislative Assembly as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the said Legislative Assembly.

(L.S.) Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, at Melbourne, in the said State, this nineteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and three, and in the third year of His Majesty's reign.

G. S. CLARKE.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. IRVINE.

Entered on Record by me in Register of Patents, Book 24,
page 274, this nineteenth day of September, One thousand
nine hundred and three.

G. C. MORRISON.

4. ISSUE OF WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that, on the 25th September instant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Toorak, in the place of the Honorable Duncan Gillies, deceased.

(500 copies.)

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Observatory.—Thirty-seventh Report of the Board of Visitors to the Observatory, together
with the Report of the Government Astronomer, for the period from 1st April, 1902, to 31st
March, 1903.

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 :—

Marine Act 1890.—Regulations for the Examination of Masters and Mates for Certificates of
Competency.

Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools Department.—Report of the Secretary and
Inspector for the year 1902.

Old-age Pensions Act 1901.—Section 35.—Statement for financial year 1902-3.

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

G. S. CLARKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor
recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated
Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the Law relating to Lunacy.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 29th September, 1903.

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

7. LUNACY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His
Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 2, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Murray, Mr.
Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated
Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to amend the Law relating to Lunacy.

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

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

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE, 1903-4.

G. S. CLARKE,

Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 3.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of Expenditure for
the month of September in the Year 1903-4, and recommends an Appropriation of the
Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 29th September, 1903.

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day,
Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 inclusive be postponed until this day.

10. FACTORIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of
the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into
a Committee of the whole.

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

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

11. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr.
Irvine moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £383,212 be granted to His Majesty on account for or
towards defraying the following services for the year 1903-4, viz. :—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council	110
2. Legislative Assembly	745
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	60
4. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	285

Division No.	£
5. The Library	125
6. State Reading Room	90
7. Refreshment Rooms	100
9. Administrative and Scientific	3,325
10. Government Statist	1,290
11. Police	23,335
12. Penal Establishments and Gaols	4,815
13. Hospitals for the Insane	11,950
14. Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	5,670
15. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery	1,570
16. Government Shorthand Writer	170
17. Audit Office	965
17A. Public Service Commissioner	105
18. Aborigines	335
19. Exhibitions	35
20. Grants	275
21. Miscellaneous	10,075
22. Education	2,625
23. Do.	47,417
24. Melbourne University	375
25. Technical Schools	1,421
26. Miscellaneous	191
27. Supreme Court	302
28. Law Officers of the Crown	976
29. Crown Solicitor	342
30. Prothonotary	202
31. Master in Equity and Lunacy	314
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	2,373
33. Patents	229
34. Sheriff	681
35. Miscellaneous	100
36. County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions	1,287
37. Police Magistrates and Wardens	1,238
38. Clerks of Courts	1,535
39. Coroners	310
40. Miscellaneous	100
41. Treasury	2,535
42. Income Tax	1,380
43. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	150
44. Government Printer	9,281
45. Advertising	500
46. Grant to Charitable Institutions	22,500
47. Transport, &c.	250
48. Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	400
50. Carriage of Coal	2,750
50A. Payment for Free Passes	750
51. Miscellaneous	85
53. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands	6,501
54. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	590
55. Botanical and Domain Gardens	626
57. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	1,407
60. Village Settlements and Labour Colonies	600
61. Miscellaneous	400
62. Public Works	2,802
63. Ports and Harbors	2,277
63A. Victorian Railways Construction Branch	520
64. Miscellaneous'	100
65. Works and Buildings	10,555
66. Road Works and Bridges	400
67. Mines and Water Supply	3,088
68. Maintenance of Testing Plants	300
69. Waterworks in Country Districts	170
70. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works	2,000
71. Miscellaneous	600
72. Agriculture and Industries	667
73. Diseases in Stock	604
74. Vegetation Diseases	386
75. Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	50
76. Grants	90
77. Miscellaneous	6,403
77A. State Forests and Nurseries	1,520
77B. Viticulture Industry	160
77C. Development of Export Trade	150
78. Public Health	1,640
79. Victorian Railways	170,000
80. Miscellaneous	577

£383,212

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

13. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
 Mr. Graves also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
14. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—Mr. Graves reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution:—
Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1903-4 the sum of £383,212 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.
 And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
 Ordered—That Mr. Irvine and Mr. Shiels do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
15. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 1).**—Mr. Irvine then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and eighty-three thousand two hundred and twelve pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and three and One thousand nine hundred and four*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.
 Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. **FACTORIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 8 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
18. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

 WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that all institutions which employ women or children in the business of laundries, factories, or workshops, by way of trade for the purposes of gain, may be brought under the regulations of the Factories Acts and under such conditions of rating and taxation as shall prevent their having unfair advantages over other traders, was presented :—
By Mr. Smith—
From certain persons.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. McLeod presented—
State Schools Closed or Reduced to Half-Time.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 17th September, 1903, for a return showing—
 1. The number of schools actually closed during the twelve months ending on 31st August, 1903, distinguishing between schools in urban and rural districts.
 2. The number of schools which it has been decided to close, distinguishing as before.
 3. The number of schools reduced to half-time during the twelve months ending on 31st August, 1903, distinguishing as before.
 4. The number of schools which it has been decided to reduce to half-time, distinguishing as before.
 5. The departmental regulation now in force with regard to payment for carrying children to school.
 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 :—
Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums for the year ended 31st December, 1902.
Water Act 1890.—Shire of Arapiles and the Western Wimmera Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Application of Municipal Funds.
4. FACTORIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
6. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the year ending 30th June, 1903.

7. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bailes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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.

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

Resolved—That this House will, on Wednesday, 9th December next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, No. 2 and 3 be postponed until Wednesday next.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12.

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that all institutions which employ women or children in the business of laundries, factories, or workshops, by way of trade for the purposes of gain, may be brought under the regulations of the Factories Acts and under such conditions of rating and taxation as shall prevent their having unfair advantages over other traders, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Ramsay—
 - From certain persons.
 - From certain persons.
 - From certain persons.
 - By Mr. Swinburne—
 - From certain persons.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 - Factories, Work-rooms, and Shops—Report of the Chief Inspector of, for the year ended 31st December, 1902.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Murray, and the same was read :—

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to continue and amend the *Factories and Shops Act 1896* and the Acts amending the same.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 1st October, 1903.

 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
5. FACTORIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 4, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Murray, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day. Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution :—

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to continue and amend the *Factories and Shops Act 1896* and the Acts amending the same.

 And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
6. FACTORIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments. Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed, and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

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

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 5.

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

“ An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and eighty-three thousand two hundred and twelve pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and three and One thousand nine hundred and four.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 30th September, 1903.

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

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.

TUESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1903.

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

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VICTORIA.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1902-3.

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 6.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the Year 1902-3, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 6th October, 1903.

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ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1903-4.

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 7.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 1903-4, in lieu of the Estimate of Expenditure for the first three months of the Year 1903-4, transmitted on 19th May, 1903, and 29th September, 1903, and recommends an Appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 6th October, 1903.

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

3. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day. Mr. Graves also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
4. SUPPLY.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1902-3.—Mr. Graves reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £43,992 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1902-3, viz.:—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

DIVISION No.		£	£
2. Legislative Assembly	... ..	12	
4. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	... ..	136	
5. The Library	... ..	6	
7. Refreshment Rooms	... ..	250	
9. Administrative and Scientific	... ..	1,114	
10. Government Statist	97	
17. Audit Office	180	
21. Miscellaneous	1,034	
		2,829	

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II.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

DIVISION No.	£	£
22. Education	288	
23. Education	200	
26. Miscellaneous	401	
	<hr/>	889

III.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

27. Supreme Court	30	
28. Law Officers of the Crown	1,300	
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	82	
34. Sheriff	80	
	<hr/>	1,492

IV.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

40. Miscellaneous		71
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V.—TREASURER.

42. Income Tax Office	2,268	
43. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	71	
47. Transport, Samples, and Marine Insurance	1,000	
51. Miscellaneous	4,946	
	<hr/>	8,285

VI.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

53. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands	4,870	
55. Botanical and Domain Gardens	1	
56. Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Act	250	
60. Village Settlement and Labour Colonies	1,900	
61. Miscellaneous	518	
	<hr/>	7,539

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

62. Public Works	4	
63. Ports and Harbours, Immigration, and Fisheries	1,288	
64. Miscellaneous	3	
65. Works and Buildings	4,159	
	<hr/>	5,454

VIII.—MINISTER OF MINES AND WATER SUPPLY.

67. Mines and Water Supply	327	
68. Maintenance of Testing Plants	250	
71. Miscellaneous	508	
	<hr/>	1,085

IX.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

73. Diseases in Stock	130	
77. Miscellaneous	3,650	
	<hr/>	3,780

XI.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

79. Victorian Railways	11,000	
80. Miscellaneous	1,568	
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		£43,992

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1902-3 the sum of £43,992 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Shiels then brought up a Bill intituled “*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Forty-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th October, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

9. LICENSING ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 14th October instant.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled “*An Act relating to the Parliamentary Joint Library Committee,*” with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th October, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

11. JOINT LIBRARY COMMITTEE BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 6th October, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

13. JUSTICES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Three hundred and eighty-three thousand two hundred and twelve pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and three and One thousand nine hundred and four*” without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th September, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

15. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. Shiels moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the order of business on Wednesday in each week be suspended for to-morrow evening, so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. PETITIONS.—Sir Samuel Gillott presented a Petition from the President, Ex-President, Vice-President, and officers of the Victorian Laundry Association, on behalf of the European proprietors engaged in the laundry trade in Victoria, praying that all charitable institutions which do work for the general public and receive payment therefor may be brought under the provisions of the Factories Bill ; and that, failing this, all European laundries carried on by and employing European and white labour may be exempted from the said Factories Bill ; and that all laundries carried on by Asiatic proprietors and by Asiatic labour may be dealt with in the manner recommended in the Report of the Factories Commission.

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

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

The following Petitions, praying that all institutions which employ women or children in the business of laundries, factories, or workshops, by way of trade for the purposes of gain, may be brought under the regulations of the Factories Acts and under such conditions of rating and taxation as shall prevent their having unfair advantages over other traders, were presented :—

By Mr. Bennett—

From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.

By Mr. Billson—

From certain citizens of the State of Victoria (two Petitions).

By Mr. Bromley—

From certain citizens of the State of Victoria (two Petitions).

By Sir Samuel Gillott—

From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.

By Mr. McDonald—

From certain citizens of the State of Victoria (two Petitions).

By Mr. Shiels—

From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

 WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that all institutions which employ women or children in the business of laundries, factories, or workshops, by way of trade for the purposes of gain, may be brought under the regulations of the Factories Acts and under such conditions of rating and taxation as shall prevent their having unfair advantages over other traders, were presented :—
 - By Mr. Anstey—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
 - By Mr. Argyle—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
 - By Mr. Barr—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria (six Petitions).
 - By Mr. Elmslie—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
 - By Mr. J. Harris—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
 - By Mr. Hennessy—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
 - By Mr. Hickford—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
 - By Mr. Keast—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria (two Petitions).
 - By Mr. Levien—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
 - By Mr. McCutcheon—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria (two Petitions).
 - By Mr. Swinburne—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria (two Petitions).
 - By Mr. Taverner—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
 - By Mr. Trenwith—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
 - By Mr. Tucker—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
 - By Mr. Warde—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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3. **FACTORIES BILL.**—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—

Factories Bill—Consideration of Report.

Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 4, 14, 15, 16, and 17, and for the consideration of new clauses.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill recommitted accordingly.

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

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

4. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow; and the Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day, General Business, until Wednesday next.

5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Shiels moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. D. BEAZLEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 15.

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that all institutions which employ women or children in the business of laundries, factories, or workshops, by way of trade for the purposes of gain, may be brought under the regulations of the Factories Acts and under such conditions of rating and taxation as shall prevent their having unfair advantages over other traders, was presented :—

By Mr. Taverner—

From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Irvine presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Public Service Commissioner.—Report for the year 1902.

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

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1902.—Part V.—Vital Statistics, &c.

Mr. Taverner presented—

Cold Storage Expenditure.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 23rd September, 1903, for a return showing—

1. The total amount of rent paid by the Department of Agriculture for cold storage and accommodation at Flinders-street, including electric light and power.
2. The total expenditure on the export and cold storage, and the total receipts from the same, for (a) meat, (b) butter, (c) rabbits, (d) eggs, (e) fruit and sundries.
3. A copy of the report by Mr. H. Newman Reid on the "System of Treatment, Handling, and Shipment of Perishable Products under Government."
4. A copy of the agreements made with John Cooke and Company, the Melbourne City Council, and Mr. W. Angliss.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Taverner presented—

Forests Commission Recommendations.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 10th September, 1903, for a return showing in detail the areas and localities of land recommended by the Forests Commission to be reserved for settlement and timber conservation respectively; also the extent to which the recommendations have been carried out by the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey.

On the motion of Mr. Field, the House ordered that the foregoing return be printed.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Taverner presented—

Arrears of Land Rents.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 5th February, 1903, for a return showing—

1. The names of all persons indebted to the Lands Department for arrears of land rents, the individual amounts owing, and the length of time such arrears have been accumulating, as at date 31st December, 1902.
2. The names of all persons who have had their arrears of rents remitted during the last two years, and the amount of such remissions.

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Stock Inspectors—Department of Agriculture.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 17th September, 1903, for a return showing—

1. The number of stock inspectors at present employed by the Department of Agriculture.
2. The qualifications possessed by each of them for the position respectively held by them, including the Chief Inspector.
3. The total amount paid to veterinary surgeons outside the Department for inspections of stock, and investigations of outbreaks of disease in stock since the date of appointment of the present Chief Inspector of Stock.
4. The outlay which would have been necessary if the Department had been manned by duly qualified and experienced veterinary surgeons.
5. The date on which Mr. Cameron, veterinary surgeon to the Department of Public Health, reported to the Department of Agriculture the existence of swine fever in this State.
6. The date on which the Department of Agriculture took action to verify Mr. Cameron's report.

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 :—

Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 & 19 Vict., Cap. 55, during the year 1902-3.

Land Act 1901.—Addition to Regulations made on 8th January, 1902.—Order in Council.

Public Service Act 1890.—Alteration of Regulations.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—Mr. McLeod, pursuant to *amended* notice, obtained leave, with Mr. Bent, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Local Government*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 20th October instant.

5. RAILWAY REVENUE—NORTH ESSENDON TO BROADMEADOWS STATIONS.—Mr. Hickford moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount of money taken at the following railway stations for the years 1901-2 and 1902-3 :—North Essendon, Pascoe Vale, Glenroy, Broadmeadows.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. FACTORIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with further amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

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

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

Clause 16, line 21, after "maintenance" insert "of."

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

7. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. E. H. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 3 be postponed until Tuesday next.

9. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5 be postponed until Tuesday next.

11. COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND CASTLE DONNINGTON SHIRE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Taverner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Taverner, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 7 to 10 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
13. WILLS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. W. A. Hamilton obtained leave, with Mr. Bailes, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Wills Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 25th November next.
14. WOMEN'S DISABILITIES REMOVAL BILL.—Mr. C. Hamilton, for Mr. Mackey, obtained leave to bring in, with Mr. Levien, a Bill intituled "*A Bill to remove some Disabilities in the Law relating to Women*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 25th November next.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a return to the Writ he had issued on the 25th September last for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Toorak, by which it appeared that George Fairbairn had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. MEMBER SWORN.—George Fairbairn, Esq., was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
4. FACTORIES BILL.—CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz. :—
 In clause 7, line 26, the word "Appeal" has been omitted and the word "Appeals" inserted.
 In clause 10, line 5, the word "Appeal" has been omitted and the word "Appeals" inserted.
 In the headline before clause 13 the word "*Appeal*" has been omitted and the word "*Appeals*" inserted.
5. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that all institutions which employ women or children in the business of laundries, factories, or workshops, by way of trade for the purposes of gain, may be brought under the regulations of the Factories Acts and under such conditions of rating and taxation as shall prevent their having unfair advantages over other traders, were presented :—
 By Mr. Sangster—
 From certain citizens of the State of Victoria (two Petitions).
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
6. PAPERS.—Mr. Taverner presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Settlement on Lands Act 1893—Report of the Proceedings taken under the Provisions of the, during the financial year ended 30th June, 1903.
 Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
 Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1902.—Part II.—Interchange.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Education Act 1890.—Regulations VIII., X., and XXIII. rescinded.—New Regulations made.—
 Order in Council.
7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Dairying Companies Act 1900'*" without amendment.
 H. J. WRIXON,
 President.
 Legislative Council,
 Melbourne, 13th October, 1903.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Councillors of various Municipalities for Borrowing Moneys by Overdrafts on Bankers for the purposes of their Municipalities contrary to the provisions of the 'Local Government Act 1890' and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 13th October, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

9. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 13th October, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

11. TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of the Lake Hindmarsh Aboriginal Settlement Land.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 28th September, 1903.

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

13. LAKE HINDMARSH ABORIGINAL SETTLEMENT LAND BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 8, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Taverner, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of the Lake Hindmarsh Aboriginal Settlement Land.

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

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

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

16. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RAILWAY ENGINE-MEN'S HOURS AND PAY.—Mr. Sangster moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Trenwith, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. What mileage and hours constitute a day's work for engine-men on main line passenger trains, and what hours they work per trip, counting time for signing on and off duty; also what reduction of pay has been made in this class.
 2. What mileage and hours constitute a day's work on suburban passenger trains, and what hours engine-men work daily following the roster issued 1st, 5th, and 6th September, counting time from signing on and off duty; also what time is paid for each shift on roster, and what reduction of pay has been made in this class.
 3. What mileage and hours constitute a day's work for engine-men on goods and mixed trains; also what time allowance is made when detained at terminus waiting for trains, and what reduction of pay has been made in this class.
 4. Whether it is a fact that engine-men are compelled to be on duty three-quarters of an hour before starting and three-quarters of an hour after finishing shift without being paid for same.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Irvine presented—
Railway Engine-men's Hours and Pay.—Return to the foregoing Order.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PETITIONS.—Mr. Bowser presented a Petition from the mayor, councillors, and certain ratepayers and inhabitants of the Borough of Wangaratta, drawing attention to the pollution by sludge of the King River, the only source of water supply for the borough, and praying that the House will preserve the rivers and streams of Victoria from pollution by sludge, and that Legislative sanction may be given to the provisions dealing with this question in the Mines Acts further Amendment Bill now before the House.
On the motion of Mr. Bowser, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
The following Petition, praying that all institutions which employ women or children in the business of laundries, factories, or workshops, by way of trade for the purposes of gain, may be brought under the regulations of the Factories Acts and under such conditions of rating and taxation as shall prevent their having unfair advantages over other traders, was presented :—
By Mr. Kirton—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees of the, for the year 1902, with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 1901-2.
6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow, and that the consideration of the Orders of the Day and Notices of Motion Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive, General Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion No. 10.
8. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. McDonald obtained leave, with Mr. Maloney, to bring in a Bill intituled “*A Bill to amend the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act 1890 so as to enable the Ratepayers of the various Municipalities to elect their Representatives on the Board instead of the said Representatives being elected by the Municipal Councils*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 4th November next.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Wednesday, 11th November next.
10. **WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE BILL (No. 1).**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Mr. Speaker put the question—That this Bill be now read a second time, and said—“As this is a Bill the second and third readings of which require to be passed by an absolute majority of the whole number of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, I will ask Honorable Members who are in favour of the second reading to take their seats to the right.”
The Bells having been rung, the Ayes were counted by the Clerk, who reported that there were 35 Members in favour of the second reading of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker said—“The Bill not having received the votes of an absolute majority, the second reading has not been carried in accordance with the requirements of *The Constitution Act*.”
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 5 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 28th October instant.
12. **COUNTY COURT JUDGES (COUNTRY SITTINGS) BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Shoppee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Wednesday, 28th October instant, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 7 to 9 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 28th October instant.
14. **OFFICE OF STATE GOVERNOR.**—Mr. Toutcher moved, pursuant to notice, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty the King, praying that, on the termination of the present Governor’s term of office, the question of the necessity of appointment of future State Governors for Victoria be taken into consideration.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Grose,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. McGregor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hunt,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Kirkwood,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Menzies,	Mr. Gair,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Thomson.

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

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 18.

THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that all institutions which employ women or children in the business of laundries, factories, or workshops, by way of trade for the purposes of gain, may be brought under the regulations of the Factories Acts and under such conditions of rating and taxation as shall prevent their having unfair advantages over other traders, were presented :—
By Mr. Stanley—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria (two Petitions).
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. RAILWAY SHUNTING ACCIDENTS.—Mr. Gair moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of persons injured during shunting operations on the Victorian railways for the period of ten years ending 30th June, 1903, and the number of such accidents which proved fatal.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 2 be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 10 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 19.

TUESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read:—

G. S. CLARKE,

*Governor of Victoria.**Message No. 9.*

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

“*An Act to further amend the ‘Dairying Companies Act 1900.’*”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 13th October, 1903.

3. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that all institutions which employ women or children in the business of laundries, factories, or workshops, by way of trade for the purposes of gain, may be brought under the regulations of the Factories Acts and under such conditions of rating and taxation as shall prevent their having unfair advantages over other traders, was presented:—

By Mr. Bailes—

From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented—

Deaths in Lunatic Asylums.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 23rd September, 1903, for a return showing the total number of deaths in each of the lunatic asylums of the State for each year of the past five years from (a) Diseases of the brain; (b) Diseases of the brain and lungs; (c) Pneumonia; (d) Phthisis.

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:—

Water Acts—

Rodney Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation No. 23.

Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Alterations to Weirs on Serpentine Creek and Head Sluices of Main Channels.—Order in Council.

(500 copies.)

5. LUNACY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Forrest,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shiels,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. J. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Prendergast,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Wilkins

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

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

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

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

7. MUNICIPAL OVERDRAFTS INDEMNITY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Taverner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.

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

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day No. 4 be postponed until this day, and Nos. 5 and 6 until to-morrow.

9. JOINT LIBRARY COMMITTEE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McLeod moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

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

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

10. LAKE HINDMARSH ABORIGINAL SETTLEMENT LAND BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Taverner moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 8 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to confer certain powers upon the Council of Agricultural Education, the Trustees appointed under the 'Agricultural Colleges Act 1890,' and the Municipality of Castle Donnington*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th October, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 20th October, 1903.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Taverner moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that all institutions which employ women or children in the business of laundries, factories, or workshops, by way of trade for the purposes of gain, may be brought under the regulations of the Factories Acts and under such conditions of rating and taxation as shall prevent their having unfair advantages over other traders, were presented :—

By Mr. W. A. Hamilton—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria (two Petitions).

The following Petitions, praying that clause 49 of the Mines Acts further Amendment Bill, which deals with the pollution of streams by sludge, may not be passed into law, were presented :—

By Mr. Craven—
From certain mine-owners, miners, and residents of Yackandandah, Sandy Creek, and Mitta Mitta, in the Beechworth Mining District.

By Mr. Fletcher—
From certain mine-owners, miners, and residents of the Beechworth Mining District.

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

The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. OLD-AGE PENSIONS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Old-age Pensions Act 1901'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
4. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
And the debate not being concluded by half-past eight o'clock—
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Benalla Fire Brigade Station Land Act 1903'*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 21st October, 1903.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
7. SEIZURE OF "DORIS" BY TASMANIAN AUTHORITIES.—Mr. Ramsay moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a copy of all the papers, correspondence, and minutes in the matter of the forcible seizure of and the removal to Launceston by the Tasmanian authorities of the registered Victorian-owned fishing schooner *Doris*.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. TAXATION ON UNIMPROVED LAND VALUES.—Mr. Toutcher moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of taxation on unimproved values of land be affirmed, and that the Government be requested to bring in a Bill dealing with the question.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Hickford,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Sterry,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Graves,	
Mr. C. Hamilton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Ramsay.
Mr. Prendergast,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

9. MR. JAMES BLACKBURNE.—Mr. Hickford moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances relating to the retirement of Mr. James Blackburne, late Inspector of Forests, more especially in connexion with the withholding from him of a pension upon such retirement, such Committee to consist of Mr. Austin, Mr. Bailes, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Field, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. McDonald, and the Mover, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, to sit on days on which the House does not meet, and to report the Minutes of Evidence from time to time; five to be the quorum.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 1 be postponed until Wednesday, 9th December next, No. 2 until Wednesday next, and No. 3 until to-morrow.

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

THOS. G. WATSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. D. BEAZLEY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 21.

 THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1902.—Part IV.—Finance, &c.
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 :—
Public Service Act 1890.—Regulations.—Promotion to Higher Classes of the Clerical Division.
3. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Bowser moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive, be postponed until Tuesday next, and the Order of the Day, General Business, until Wednesday, 11th November next.
5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that clause 49 of the Mines Acts further Amendment Bill, which deals with the pollution of streams by sludge, may not be passed into law, was presented :—
By Mr. Ashworth—
From certain mine-owners and miners at Bright and vicinity, in the Buckland Division of the Beechworth Mining District.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That Mr. Gavan Duffy be a member of the Standing Orders Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That Mr. Barr be a member of the Printing Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Taverner presented—
Cold Storage Expenditure.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 23rd September, 1903, in substitution for return presented on 8th October, 1903.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Education Act 1890.—Clause 4 of the Regulation numbered XXIII. rescinded.—Order in Council.
Exported Products Act 1898.—Regulations.—Export of Butter or Cheese.—Order in Council.
Land Act 1901.—Additions to, and Alterations in, the Regulations.—Order in Council.
Public Service Act 1901—
Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of an Officer from the Fourth Class to the Third Class in the Chief Secretary's Department.
Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of an Officer from the Second Class to the First Class in the Law Department.
6. WHARFAGE DUES NOT CHARGED TO RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.—Mr. Barr moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Swinburne, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount which the Victorian Railways Commissioners would have paid per annum during the last five years to the Melbourne Harbor Trust if wharfage had been paid in accordance with the usual rates charged to the public on (a) Coal imported; (b) General Goods imported for maintenance requirements; (c) General Goods imported on account capital expenditure.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. WATER SUPPLIED FREE TO RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.—Mr. Barr moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Swinburne, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total quantity of water supplied per annum to the Victorian Railways Commissioners by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for the last five years for which no payment has been made.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Graves also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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9. SUPPLY.—Mr. Graves reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—

Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £711,134 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1903-4, viz.:—

Division No.	£
2. Legislative Assembly	1,485
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	120
4. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	565
5. The Library	250
6. State Reading Room	175
7. Refreshment Rooms	190
9. Administrative and Scientific	6,650
10. Government Statist	2,580
11. Police	46,665
12. Penal Establishments and Gaols	9,620
13. Hospitals for the Insane	23,900
14. Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	11,340
15. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery	3,130
16. Government Shorthand Writer	330
17. Audit Office	1,925
17A. Public Service Commissioner	205
18. Aborigines	665
19. Exhibitions	65
20. Grants	550
21. Miscellaneous	150
22. Education	5,246
23. Do.	94,835
24. Melbourne University	750
25. Technical Schools	2,841
26. Miscellaneous	381
27. Supreme Court	556
28. Law Officers of the Crown	1,730
29. Crown Solicitor	680
30. Prothonotary	210
31. Master in Equity and Lunacy	628
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	4,746
33. Patents	418
34. Sheriff	1,280
35. Miscellaneous	200
36. County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and Petty Sessions	2,468
37. Police Magistrates and Wardens	2,317
38. Clerks of Courts	2,065
39. Coroners	594
40. Miscellaneous	300
41. Treasury	4,386
42. Income Tax	2,751
43. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	295
44. Government Printer	6,712
46. Grant to Charitable Institutions	22,500
47. Transport, &c.	500
48. Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	600
49. Carriage of Grain	18,750
50A. Payment for Free Passes	1,250
51. Miscellaneous	448
53. Survey, Sale, and Management of Crown Lands	12,999
54. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	270
55. Botanical and Domain Gardens	1,194
57. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	2,813
62. Public Works	5,478
63. Ports and Harbors	4,557
63A. Victorian Railways Construction Branch	1,030
64. Miscellaneous	180
65. Works and Buildings	18,175
66. Road Works and Bridges	600
67. Mines and Water Supply	6,178
68. Maintenance of Testing Plants	600
69. Waterworks in Country Districts	330
70. Coliban, Geelong, and National Works	4,000
71. Miscellaneous	900
72. Agriculture and Industries	1,313
73. Diseases in Stock	1,049
74. Vegetation Diseases	761
75. Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	50
77. Miscellaneous	9,805
77A. State Forests and Nurseries	2,893
77B. Viticulture Industry	296
77C. Development of Export Trade	250
78. Public Health	3,269
79. Victorian Railways	340,000
80. Miscellaneous	1,147

£711,134

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

Mr. Irvine moved, That out of the amount already voted by the Committee of Supply, but not yet reported to the House, a sum not exceeding £215 be granted to His Majesty on account for or towards defraying the following services for the year 1903-4, viz.:—

Division No.	£
1. Legislative Council 	215

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year 1903-4 the sum of £711,349 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE BILL (No. 3).—Mr. Irvine then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Seven hundred and eleven thousand three hundred and forty-nine pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and three and One thousand nine hundred and four*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

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

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

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

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

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

13. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Kirkwood 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 10 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23.

 WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1903

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that clause 49 of the Mines Acts farther Amendment Bill, which deals with the pollution of streams by sludge, may not be passed into law, was presented :—
By Mr. Ashworth—
From certain mine-owners and miners in the Buckland Valley and vicinity, in the Buckland Division of the Beechworth Mining District.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on Government Business be suspended for this evening, so as to allow the Message from the Legislative Council respecting the Factories Bill to be proceeded with after half-past eight o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Shiels presented—
Railway Revenue—North Essendon to Broadmeadows Station.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 8th October, 1903, for a return showing the amount of money taken at the following railway stations for the years 1901-2 and 1902-3 :—North Essendon, Pascoe Vale, Glenroy, Broadmeadows.
Mr. Irvine presented—
Seizure of *Doris* by Tasmanian Authorities.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 21st October, 1903, for a copy of all the papers, correspondence, and minutes in the matter of the forcible seizure of and the removal to Launceston by the Tasmanian authorities of the registered Victorian-owned fishing schooner *Doris*.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1903.
Public Service Act 1890.—Alterations of Regulations.
Water Acts.—Kerang East Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation for the Sale of Water.

5. MEDICAL OFFICERS EMPLOYED AT LUNATIC ASYLUMS.—Mr Shoppee moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The names and ages of the Medical Superintendents and other medical officers employed at each lunatic asylum in the State.
2. The degrees taken by each, qualifying them for the position.
3. The length of service of each in the State lunatic asylums.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. HEPBURN MINERAL SPRINGS BILL.—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Leasing of certain Lands for the purpose of working Mineral Springs at Hepburn*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 28th October, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to continue and amend the 'Factories and Shops Act 1896' and the Acts amending the same,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 28th October, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

1. Clause 3, line 4, omit "otherwise provided by Parliament" and insert "the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and five."
2. Clause 4, line 19, omit "the Principal Act" and insert "section thirty-six of the *Factories and Shops Act 1896.*"
3. ,, line 25, omit "fourteen" and insert "twenty-one."
Clause 7, after line 26, insert following paragraphs :—
4. In sub-section (10) for the words "the number or proportionate number of apprentices or improvers or of apprentices and improvers (as the case may be) who may be employed within any factory or work-room or shop or place, and the lowest prices or rates of pay payable to such apprentices or improvers when" there shall be substituted the words "the lowest prices or rates of pay payable to apprentices or improvers or of apprentices and improvers (as the case may be) employed within any factory or work-room or shop or place in"; and at the end of the said sub-section the words "and may fix a different proportion of male and female apprentices or improvers" are hereby repealed.
5. In sub-section (11) the words "or who attempts to employ or employs or authorizes or permits to be employed any apprentice or improver in excess of the number or proportionate number as determined pursuant to this section" are hereby repealed.
6. Clause 17, page 6, line 24, after "Court" insert "shall be final and without appeal and."
Insert the following new clauses :—
7. A. In section fifteen of the *Factories and Shops Act 1900* for the words "either House of Parliament" there shall be substituted "both Houses of Parliament."
8. B. All laundries shall be exempt from the provisions of the *Factories and Shops Acts.*
9. H. Nothing in this or the *Principal Act* shall apply to any children of the employer.
10. In the Schedule insert—

1654 ... | *Factories and Shops Act 1900* | Section twenty-four.

11. In the Schedule, third column, omit "and ten."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 4 agreed to with the following amendments :—Omit “ the lowest prices or rates of pay payable to apprentices or improvers or of apprentices and improvers (as the case may be) employed within any factory or work-room or shop or place in ” and insert “ the number or proportionate number of improvers who may be employed within any factory or work-room or shop or place and the lowest prices or rates of pay payable to apprentices or improvers ”; omit “ and may fix a different proportion of male and female ”; and omit “ improvers. ”

Amendment 5 agreed to with the following amendments :—Omit “ or who attempts to employ or employs or authorizes or permits to be employed any ”; omit “ improver in excess of the number or proportionate number as determined pursuant to this section, ” and at end of the amendment add “ All apprentices not bound by indentures of apprenticeship which bind the employer to instruct such apprentice in such process business or trade for a period the whole term of which is not less than three years shall be deemed to be improvers for the purposes of this section. ”

Amendment 6 agreed to.

Amendments 7 and 8 disagreed with.

Amendment 9 agreed to with the following amendment :—Omit “ Nothing in this or the Principal Act ” and insert “ No determination of a Special Board. ”

Amendments 10 and 11 disagreed with.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the said amendments, have disagreed with others of the said amendments, and have agreed to others of the said amendments with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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

11. **WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackinnon moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. McBride.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Sterry.
Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. J. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Craven.

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

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

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed, and taken into consideration on Wednesday, 11th November next.

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 2 to 12 inclusive be postponed until Wednesday, 11th November next.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 24.

THURSDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1903.

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

G. S. CLARKE,

*Governor of Victoria.**Message No. 10.*

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

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Forty-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-two pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and two and One thousand nine hundred and three.”

“An Act to confer certain powers upon the Council of Agricultural Education, the Trustees appointed under the ‘Agricultural Colleges Act 1890,’ and the Municipality of Castle Donnington.”

“An Act relating to the Parliamentary Joint Library Committee.”

“An Act to amend the ‘Benalla Fire Brigade Station Land Act 1903.’”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 26th October, 1903.

G. S. CLARKE,

*Governor of Victoria.**Message No. 11.*

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

“An Act to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue the sum of Seven hundred and eleven thousand three hundred and forty-nine pounds to the service of the year One thousand nine hundred and three and One thousand nine hundred and four.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 28th October, 1903.

3. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented—

Medical Officers employed at Lunatic Asylums.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 28th October, 1903, for a return showing—

1. The names and ages of the Medical Superintendents and other medical officers employed at each lunatic asylum in the State.
2. The degrees taken by each, qualifying them for the position.
3. The length of service of each in the State lunatic asylums.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—

Debate resumed.

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

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

Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until this day.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to continue and amend the 'Factories and Shops Act 1896' and the Acts amending the same,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council do not insist on one of their amendments disagreed with by the Legislative Assembly, do insist on others of the said amendments, and have agreed to the amendments of the Legislative Assembly on the amendments of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th October, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.
Insert the following new clauses :—	
7. A. In section fifteen of the <i>Factories and Shops Act 1900</i> for the words "either House of Parliament" there shall be substituted "both Houses of Parliament."	} Disagreed with by Assembly, and insisted on by the Council.
8. B. All laundries shall be exempt from the provisions of the <i>Factories and Shops Acts</i> .	
11. In the Schedule, third column, omit—"and ten."	} Disagreed with by Assembly, and insisted on by Council.

Mr. Irvine moved, That a Free Conference be desired with the Legislative Council on the subject-matter of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to continue and amend the 'Factories and Shops Act 1896' and the Acts amending the same,*" and that the following Members be appointed Managers of the Conference :—Mr. Irvine, Mr. Shiels, Mr. Murray, Sir Samuel Gillott, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. Mackinnon, and Mr. Bromley.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council desiring the said Conference.

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

Mines Acts further Amendment Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have appointed seven Members to confer with a like number of Members of the Legislative Assembly on the Bill intituled "*An Act to continue and amend the 'Factories and Shops Act 1896' and the Acts amending the same,*" and name the Conference Room as the place, and fix now as the time, of meeting of the said Conference.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th October, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

The Clerk read the names of the Honorable Members appointed as Managers for the Legislative Assembly, who thereupon forthwith proceeded to the place named for the meeting of the Conference.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at twenty-one minutes past six o'clock, and resumed it at fifteen minutes past ten o'clock, when Mr. Irvine said—

I have to report on behalf of the Managers for the Legislative Assembly at the Free Conference appointed to be held between the two Houses on the subject-matter of the amendments made and insisted on by the Legislative Council in the *Factories Bill*, that the Managers for the Legislative Assembly met the Managers for the Legislative Council, and that after discussion the Conference unanimously agreed that the respective Houses should be recommended to approve of the amendments insisted on by the Legislative Council being dealt with in the following manner :—

1. *Amendment numbered 7*, to insert new clause A, namely—In section fifteen of the *Factories and Shops Act 1900* for the words "either House of Parliament" there shall be substituted "both Houses of Parliament"—That the Assembly should not insist on disagreeing with this amendment.
2. *Amendment numbered 8*, to insert new clause B, namely—All laundries shall be exempt from the provisions of the *Factories and Shops Acts*—That the Council should not insist on this amendment.
3. *Amendment numbered 11*, namely—In the Schedule, third column, omit "and ten"—That the Assembly should not insist on disagreeing with this amendment ; but that the following consequential amendment be made in the Bill :—Insert the following new clause :—

Except so far as any determination of any Special Board has prior to the commencement of this Act been applied to any shire or portion of a shire no determination of any Special Board or of the Court of Industrial Appeals shall apply to any portion of any shire which is not less than ten miles from any city or town unless on petition of the council of such shire the Governor in Council by an order published in the *Government Gazette* expressly applies and extends any such last-mentioned determination to such portion of such shire.

And, after debate, the recommendations of the Free Conference were agreed to by the House.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that, as recommended by the Free Conference, the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Legislative Council to insert new clause A ; do insist on disagreeing with the amendment to insert new clause B ; and do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment to omit "and ten" from the third column of the Schedule ; and have made a consequential amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 11 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
9. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock, adjourned until Wednesday next.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 25.

 WEDNESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Bowser, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the First Report of the Printing Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Shiels presented—
Lancefield Junction to Lancefield Railway.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 9th September, 1903, for a return showing in detail the revenue of and expenditure on the railway from Lancefield Junction to Lancefield during the financial year 1902-3, setting out separately—
 1. The rate and amount of interest charged.
 2. The cost of maintaining the line, showing wages and material separately.
 3. The cost of working the line, showing salaries, wages, fuel, and repairs separately.
 4. The revenue from passengers.
 5. The revenue from goods.
 6. A statement showing what amounts in addition to the above-mentioned items are debited to the line, and why.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Friendly Societies—Twenty-fifth Annual Report on.—Report of the Actuary for Friendly Societies for the year 1902, to which are appended the Valuations, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.
4. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the Sessional Order fixing the order of business on Wednesday in each week be suspended for this evening, so as to allow Government Business to be proceeded with during the whole of the sitting.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. MURRAY WATERS INTER-STATE AGREEMENT BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to ratify an Agreement between the States of Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia with regard to the Waters of the River Murray*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

(500 copies.)

6. **MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.

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

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

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

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

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

THOS. G. WATSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.

THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Explosives Act 1890.—Definition and Classification of Explosives amended.—Collodion Cotton.—Order in Council.
3. IMMIGRANTS' HOME.—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing, for the period from 1st January, 1901, to 30th September, 1903—
1. The number of inmates permitted to obtain employment from the Immigrants' Home, specifying whether from Royal Park or St. Kilda-road :—

Name of Inmate.	Trade or Occupation.	At what Place employed.	Name of Employer.	Rate per Day of Wages paid.

2. The names of the governing body or committee of the Immigrants' Home at St. Kilda-road and Royal Park.
 3. How the governing body is appointed.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. MAFFRA BEET SUGAR COMPANY.—Mr. Prendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
1. The total amount of money advanced by the State to the Maffra Beet Sugar Company.
2. The original value of the security upon which such sum was advanced.
3. The total amount realized by the Government from sale of machinery and any other security (separately stated).
4. The value of any machinery, land, buildings, &c., taken over from the company, and at present in the possession of the Government.
5. The total loss sustained by the Government in their transactions with the company.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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5. POLICE FORCE APPOINTMENTS.—Mr. Frendergast moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The names of all persons admitted to the police force since 1st January, 1903.
2. Date and year of birth of each.
3. Height.
4. Whether returned soldier from South Africa or sailor from China.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. LUNATIC ASYLUM ATTENDANTS DOING FARM WORK.—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Ashworth, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The number of attendants at the Hospitals for the Insane who are at present solely employed in doing farm work.
2. The saving which would be effected if carters were substituted for attendants doing such work.
3. The number of attendants doing farm work who have been promoted to the first and second grade during the past three years.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 2 be postponed until this day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) On all income derived by any person from personal exertion—
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Threepence ;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Fourpence ;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Fivepence ;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds and up to Two thousand pounds, Sixpence ;
 - and for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Two thousand pounds, Sevenpence ;
- (b) On all income derived by any person from the produce of property—
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof up to Five hundred pounds, Sixpence ;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Five hundred pounds and up to One thousand pounds, Eightpence ;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand pounds and up to One thousand five hundred pounds, Tenpence ;
 - for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over One thousand five hundred pounds and up to Two thousand pounds, Twelvepence ;
 - and for every pound sterling of the taxable amount thereof over Two thousand pounds, Fourteenpence.

Provided that a person (not being a company) whose income during the year immediately preceding the year of assessment did not exceed One hundred and twenty-five pounds shall not be liable to tax.

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

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

11. INCOME TAX BILL.—Mr. Irvine then brought up a Bill intituled “ *A Bill to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and four and to continue and amend the Income Tax Acts* ” ; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

12. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 12 inclusive, and the Order of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
14. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 27.

TUESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—DEPARTURE OF SIR GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE FROM VICTORIA.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the following Address to His Excellency the Governor be agreed to by this House :—

To His Excellency SIR GEORGE SYDENHAM CLARKE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Fellow of the Royal Society; Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, desire, on the eve of Your Excellency's departure from this State for the purpose of undertaking the important mission which has been intrusted to you by the Imperial Government, to express to you our appreciation of the ability and dignity with which Your Excellency has sustained the position of the Representative of His Most Gracious Majesty the King in this portion of His Dominions beyond the Seas.

We beg to offer our congratulations to Your Excellency on the great distinction of being chosen to undertake a work so important as that which has been intrusted to you, and to express to Your Excellency our confident belief that you will fulfil your mission in a manner which will be of service to your fellow-countrymen throughout the Empire.

On the departure of Your Excellency we beg to be permitted to offer you the expression of our esteem and regard for yourself and family, and to assure you that you will carry with you from these shores the respect of the people of this State, who will desire to see your early return to Victoria upon the completion of your labours.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

3. EXPENDITURE ON STATE GOVERNMENT HOUSE.—Mr. Touthcher moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total expenditure on the State Government House for rent, maintenance, repairs, and all other expenses and expenditure from the date the Government took over the tenancy of the mansion to the present date.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Andrews rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The railway methods of carrying grain."

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in agreeing to the recommendations of the Free Conference on the Bill intituled "*An Act to continue and amend the 'Factories and Shops Act 1896' and the Acts amending the same.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th November, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Councillors of various Municipalities for Borrowing Moneys by Overdrafts on Bankers for the purposes of their Municipalities contrary to the provisions of the 'Local Government Act 1890' and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 29th October, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the election of Senators for Victoria to the Senate of the Commonwealth,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th November, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

7. SENATE ELECTIONS (TIMES AND PLACES) BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Shiels, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate Cremation and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 10th November, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

9. CREMATION BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Madden, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

10. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—SESSIONAL ORDER RESCINDED.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the Sessional Order appointing the days on which the House shall meet for the despatch of business and limiting the hour for calling on fresh business be rescinded, and that the following be adopted in place thereof, viz.:—That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business; that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, and that Two o'clock be the hour of meeting on Thursday; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice Paper, be called on after eleven o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. ORDER OF BUSINESS.—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for giving precedence to Government Business on Wednesday be suspended for the remainder of the Session, and that Government Business shall take precedence of all other business on every Wednesday.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented—

Police Force Appointments.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 5th November, 1903, for a return showing—

1. The names of all persons admitted to the Police Force since 1st January, 1903.
2. Date and year of birth of each.
3. Height.
4. Whether returned soldier from South Africa or sailor from China.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

13. INCOME TAX BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 28.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the year ended 30th June, 1903.
3. RAILWAY FREE PASSES TO CHARITIES.—Mr. McCutcheon moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The names of the charities, public or private, to which free passes over the railways have been granted.
 2. The names of the charities receiving such passes which also receive a Government grant.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PUBLIC SERVICE AND RAILWAY DEPARTMENT—SALARIES AND CONTINGENCIES.—Mr. Bailes moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total amounts paid in salaries and contingencies for the Public Service alone for the year 1902-3.
 2. The expenditure on salaries and contingencies in the Railway Department for the year 1902-3.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. ELECTORAL ROLLS BILL.—Mr. Murray, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the preparation of Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and for the Legislative Assembly*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 12 inclusive be postponed until this day.
7. SENATE ELECTIONS (TIMES AND PLACES) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.

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8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after the consideration of No. 3.
9. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.
Mr. Graves also acquainted the House that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS—ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES.**—Mr. Graves reported from the Committee of Ways and Means the following resolution :—
Resolved—That the Administration and Probate Acts shall apply to the real and personal estate of every person dying between the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and three, and the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and five, and to all persons liable to pay any duty in respect thereof.
And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered—That Mr. Irvine and Mr. Shiels do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing resolution.
11. **ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES BILL.**—Mr. Irvine then brought up a Bill, intitled “*A Bill relating to Duties payable under the Administration and Probate Acts*”; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. **INCOME TAX BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
13. **MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 12 inclusive, and No. 14, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 29.

 THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that all institutions which employ women or children in the business of laundries, factories, or workshops, by way of trade for the purposes of gain, may be brought under the regulations of the Factories Acts and under such conditions of rating and taxation as shall prevent their having unfair advantages over other traders, was presented :—
By Mr. Williams—
From certain citizens of the State of Victoria.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE DUTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
4. LUNACY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 3 to 14 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.
6. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—
Companies Act 1896 Amendment Bill—Second reading.
Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 8 to 18 inclusive be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 30.

TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker reported that he had, that day, waited upon His Excellency the Governor, and had presented to him the Address of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to on the 10th November instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:—

State Government House, Melbourne,
17th November, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I warmly thank you for the very kind terms in which you have referred to my discharge of the duties pertaining to the Representative of His Majesty the King in this important part of the Empire.

I accepted the office of Governor with a deep sense of the honour conferred upon me, and of the weighty obligations involved.

The duties have been made easy to me by the unvarying kindness I have received from Ministers in two successive Governments, from gentlemen of your House, and from people of all classes in Victoria.

I have now been recalled to the motherland to take a share in a difficult task, on the successful accomplishment of which the future position of our Empire among the armed nations of the world will, to a great extent, depend. This, also, is a high honour, which I will most earnestly strive to deserve.

In the period of strenuous work that lies before me, my greatest encouragement will be the confidence, which you have been so good as to express, that I may be able to render some service to our Empire.

My wife and I are deeply touched by your assurance that we have won, as we have tried to win, your esteem and regard.

We leave you, for a time, with many regrets, but with memories of the kindness of the people of Victoria which will endure as long as we live, while the Address which you have presented to me will be one of our most treasured possessions.

I came to Victoria at a period of great depression, which has told heavily upon the public finances, and upon many individuals. It has been a source of intense satisfaction to me to see, during two recent trips into the country districts, the sure promise of a bountiful harvest.

I heartily congratulate you upon the bright prospects which are now opening, and I most earnestly hope that, under wise government, the great natural resources of this fine State will be steadily developed, so as to promote the prosperity, happiness, and sustained progress of its loyal and warm-hearted citizens, in whose welfare, in the highest and best sense, I shall always feel the warmest interest.

G. S. CLARKE.

3. RESIGNATION OF SEATS.—Mr. Speaker announced that, on the 16th November instant, he had received the following letters, which he read :—

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 17th November, 1903.

The Hon. the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

DEAR SIR,

I desire to inform you that I do hereby resign my seat in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of East Bourke Boroughs.

Yours faithfully,
FREDK. THOS. HICKFORD.

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 16th November, 1903.

SIR,

I have the honour to tender my resignation of my seat in the Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Mandurang.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
MAX HIRSCH.

To the Honorable
The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

The Library,
Parliament of Victoria,
16th November, 1903.

DEAR MR. BEAZLEY,

I desire to tender my resignation as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.

I remain,
Yours fraternally,
W. MALONEY.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Irvine presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor—
Charitable Institutions.—Report of Inspector for the year ended 30th June, 1903.
University of Melbourne—Royal Commission on the.—Minutes of Evidence on Administration, Teaching Work, and Government of the University of Melbourne.
- Mr. Murray presented, by Command of His Excellency the Governor—
Aborigines.—Thirty-ninth Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1902.—Part VIII.—Law, Crime, &c.
- Mr. Murray presented—
Lunatic Asylum Attendants doing Farm Work.—Return to an Order of House, dated 5th November, 1903, for a return showing—
1. The number of attendants at the Hospitals for the Insane who are at present solely employed in doing farm work.
 2. The saving which would be effected if carters were substituted for attendants doing such work.
 3. The number of attendants doing farm work who have been promoted to the first and second grade during the past three years.
- Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
University Act 1890.—Report of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne, from 31st July, 1902, to 31st July, 1903 ; together with a Statement of Accounts for the year 1902.
5. LEARMONTH LAND RESUMPTION BILL.—Mr. Shiels, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Taverner, obtained leave, with Mr. Taverner, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of certain Land in the County of Ripon, Town of Learmonth, and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. MERAN RACE-COURSE SITE SALE BILL.—Mr. Shiels, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Taverner, obtained leave, with Mr. Taverner, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Sale of certain Land granted as a Site for a Race-course in the Parish of Meran, near Kerang*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. WOMBAT LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL.—Mr. McLeod obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Parish of Wombat*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. LUNACY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Thomson reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Royal Agricultural Show Day*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th November, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th November, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

11. POLICE OFFENCES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Ramsay, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 31.

 WEDNESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read :—
 G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 12.*
 In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Retirement of certain Public Officers.
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 18th November, 1903.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk :—
 Companies Act 1890.—Summary of Statements for the year 1902 made by the Companies transacting Life Assurance Business in Victoria.
 Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for the quarter ending 30th September, 1903.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Bailes rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The proposed increase in the water rate within the Coliban area."
 Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
 Mr. Bailes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and negatived.
5. ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Murray obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to limit Parliamentary Election Expenses"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT REDUCTION BILL.—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to reduce for One Year the Municipal Endowment"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. UNUSED ROADS BILL.—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Shiels, to bring in a Bill intituled "A Bill to derive Revenue from Unused Public Roads and Water Frontages and for Reducing the Width of Roads"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Libraries Act 1890,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 18th November, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

9. PUBLIC OFFICERS RETIREMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 12, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Irvine, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of a Bill relating to the Retirement of certain Public Officers. And the said resolution was read a second time and agreed to by the House.

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

Mr. Irvine then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Retirement of certain Public Officers*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. LUNACY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Clause 2, line 13, omit "Board of Lunacy and."

In the head line before clause 5, omit "The Board of Lunacy and."

Mr. Prendergast moved, That the words "Provided that all female attendants or nurses shall thereafter be paid at the same rate as male attendants performing the same duties" be added to sub-section (1) of clause 17.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Toutcher.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Craven.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Clause 19, line 6, omit "and employés."

" line 16, omit "or employé."

" line 17, omit "or employé."

Clause 35, sub-section (5), page 14, line 16, omit "member of the Board or."

Clause 37, line 30, insert "Except as otherwise provided in this Act" at beginning of the clause.

- On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the House agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—
- Clause 41, line 38, after "discharge" insert "transfer."
 - Clause 43, page 17, line 2, omit "admission" and insert "reception."
 - Clause 44, line 14, after "discharge" insert "transfer."
- On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—
- Clause 50, sub-section (3), page 19, line 3, omit "any member of the Board or."
 - " sub-section (5), page 19, line 14, omit "upon receiving the consent hereinafter mentioned" and insert "thereupon."
 - " sub-section (6), page 19, lines 19 and 20, omit "and of the consent of the medical practitioner."
 - Clause 56, at end of clause add "and the various scales of payment to be made for paying patients."
 - Clause 61, line 3, before "fee" insert "annual."
 - Clause 65, sub-section (3), at end of sub-section add "Every such medical practitioner shall be approved by the Inspector-General."
- On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the House agreed to the following further amendment in this Bill :—
- Clause 65, sub-section (4), omit "such" and insert "licensed."
- On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the following further amendment in this Bill :—
- Clause 65, sub-section (5), page 22, line 1, omit "a" and insert "clerk."
- On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the House agreed to the following further amendment in this Bill :—
- Clause 76, line 10, omit "person" and insert "patient."
- On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—
- Clause 78, page 25, transpose sub-sections (7) and (8).
 - Clause 82, lines 7 and 8, omit "such member or."
- On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the House agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—
- Clause 83, line 15, at beginning of line insert "as to."
 - " line 17, at beginning of line insert "as to."
 - Clause 93, sub-section (2), line 11, after "house" insert "or whilst boarded out."
- Mr. Robertson moved, That the words "Superintendent of such hospital or medical attendant," in clause 93, sub-section (2), lines 13 and 14, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Government Medical Officer."
- Debate ensued.
- Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
- On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—
- Clause 93, sub-section (2), lines 13 and 14, omit "medical attendant" and insert "in the case."
 - " sub-section (2), line 14, after "house" insert "by the Government Medical Officer."
 - " sub-section (2), lines 15 and 16, omit "medical attendant" and insert "Government Medical Officer."
- On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the House agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—
- Clause 98, sub-section (3), line 17, omit "or" after "trial."
 - " sub-section (4), line 18, omit "person" and insert "patient."
 - " sub-section (4), line 20, omit "or" after "trial."
- On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the following further amendment in this Bill :—
- Clause 100, sub-section (3), page 31, line 1, omit "if it seems fit so to do" and insert "may."
- On the motion of Mr. Mackey, the House agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—
- Clause 106, sub-section (1), line 14, after "leave" insert "or parole."
 - Clause 109, sub-section (2), page 33, line 2, omit "or" after "trial."
 - Clause 113, sub-section (2), line 38, omit "custody" and insert "care and control."
- On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the following further amendments in this Bill :—
- Schedule One (No. 2), lines 10 and 11, omit "whether the said R.S. is insane" and insert "your opinion thereon."
 - Schedule Two, line 9, after "insane" omit "and."
 - Schedule Three, second last line, insert "One thousand nine hundred and."
 - Schedule Four, line 7, omit "profession or."
 - Schedule Five, line 13, before "was detained" insert "is insane and."
 - Schedule Six, eighth last line, at beginning of line insert "Name of," and at end of line insert "(if any)."
 - Schedule Seven, line 8, omit "and seals."
 - Schedule Nine, second headline, omit "and of Book of Admission"; and in the heading of the first three columns omit "Admission" and insert "Reception."
 - Schedule Eleven, line 3, omit "admitted" and insert "received."
 - Schedule Twelve, line 3, omit "admitted" and insert "received."
 - Schedule Thirteen, in the heading of the second column, omit "Admission" and insert "Reception."
 - Schedule Fourteen, line 3, omit "Asylum, etc." and insert "or Ward."
 - Schedule Fifteen, line 7, after "Superintendent" insert "or Medical Officer," and after "house" insert "or receiving ward."
 - Schedule Sixteen, line 15, omit "seven."
 - Schedule Seventeen, line 9, after "Schedule" insert "Fifteen."
"Sixteen."
 - Schedule Eighteen, line 5, omit "1902" and insert "1903."
 - Schedule Nineteen, fourth last line, at end of line insert "(if any)."
 - " " omit "Special circumstances [if any] preventing the patient being examined before reception separately by two medical practitioners" in the third and second last lines of this Schedule.

Schedule Twenty, line 3, omit "a Member of the Board of Lunacy] [or."

" " last line, omit "Member of the Board of Lunacy or."

Schedule Twenty-one, line 2, before "Superintendent" insert "Inspector-General or."

" " line 3, before "Superintendent" insert "Inspector-General or."

" " line 6, omit "herself" and insert "himself."

" " last line, before "Superintendent" insert "Inspector-General or."

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, and that the Clerk had noted the amendments made by the House on the consideration of the Report—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Murray, read a third time.

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

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive be postponed until after No. 9.

12. **HEPBURN MINERAL SPRINGS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McLeod moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

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

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

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

14. **MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 and 4 be postponed until to-morrow.

16. **HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Bent moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Gair moved, That the words "and purveyors of milk," in clause 2, sub-section (1), line 8, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Clause 2, line 9, after "milk" insert "who keep cows."

Mr. Gair moved, That the words "cow yards," in clause 2, line 9, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Gair moved, That the words "so as to make the same impervious," in clause 2, line 13, be omitted.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Gair moved, That the word "the," in clause 2, page 2, line 1, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "a reasonable."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Gair moved, That the word "any," in clause 2, page 2, line 2, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the word "such."

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bent offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

A. Where any expense is incurred under the provisions of this Act by any person being tenant of any landlord, such expense as between such landlord and tenant shall, in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, be payable in the proportions following:—

(a) In case the interest of such tenant at the time such expense is incurred be less than for a term of three years, the whole expense shall be payable by such landlord;

- (b) In case the interest of such tenant be for a term of three years and less than for a term of six years, three-quarters of such expense shall be payable by such landlord, and one-fourth of such expense by such tenant ;
- (c) In case the interest of such tenant be for a term of six years, and less than for a term of twelve years, half of such expense shall be payable by such landlord, and half by such tenant ;
- (d) In case the interest of such tenant be for a term of twelve years or upwards, the whole of such expense shall be payable by such tenant ; and
- (e) In case either such landlord or such tenant shall, under the provisions of this Act, pay more than his proper proportion of such expense, he may recover the excess from his landlord or tenant, as the case may be, as money paid to his use, and any tenant may set off any sum recoverable by him under this section against any rent payable to his landlord. Provided that in the case of any lease existing at the commencement of this Act, the provisions of section two hereof shall not apply.

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

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, and that the Clerk had noted the amendments made by the House on the consideration of the Report—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Bent, read a third time.

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

17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 6 to 8 inclusive, and Nos. 10 to 16 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

18. RESIGNATION OF SEATS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had, this day, received the following letters, which he read :—

“Tasma,” Coppin-street, Richmond,
18th November, 1903.

The Hon. W. D. Beazley, M.P., Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.

DEAR SIR,

I hereby tender my resignation as representative of Richmond in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.

In severing my connexion with the State Parliament, I desire to express my sincere thanks to yourself and all the Members of the Assembly for the many acts of courtesy and kindness extended to me during my fifteen years' membership.

Yours faithfully,
W. A. TRENWITH.

State Parliament House,
Melbourne, 18th November, 1903.

To the Hon. W. D. Beazley, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER,

I beg herewith to resign my seat for the Electorate of Villiers and Heytesbury in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, as I intend to contest the Corangamite seat for the House of Representatives in the Federal Parliament.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Speaker,
Your obedient Servant,

J. GRATTON WILSON.

19. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 32.

THURSDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive be postponed until after No. 8.
4. ELECTORAL ROLLS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Murray, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
5. OLD-AGE PENSIONS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Prendergast moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7 inclusive, and Nos. 9 to 18 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 33.

TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. LUNACY BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz.:—
 - In clause 85, page 28, line 15, the words "thirty-four" have been omitted and the words "twenty-nine" inserted.
 - In clause 94, line 21, the words "or leave" have been omitted and the words "leave or" inserted.
3. ELECTORAL ROLLS BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTION.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill, viz.:—
 - In the Schedule, last line of second column, the figures "1891" have been omitted and the figures "1898" inserted.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Taverner, and the same was read:—

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 13.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the resumption by the Crown of certain Land in the County of Ripon, Town of Learmonth, and for other purposes.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 20th November, 1903.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Taverner, and the same was read:—

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 14.*

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue for the purposes of the Bill to provide for the Sale of certain Land granted as a Site for a Race-course in the Parish of Meran near Kerang.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 20th November, 1903.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read:—

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 15.*

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

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 20th November, 1903.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wallace.

Tellers.

Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Bowser,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. McBride.
Mr. Hunt,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Williams.

Tellers.

Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. McGregor.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Mitchell,	

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th November, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and four and to continue and amend the Income Tax Acts*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th November, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Actions against the Commissioners of Railways as Carriers of Passengers*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th November, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 18 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 34.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

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

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 16.

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

“An Act to continue and amend the ‘Factories and Shops Act 1896’ and the Acts amending the same.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 30th October, 1903.

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 17.

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

“An Act to indemnify the Councillors of various Municipalities for Borrowing Moneys by Overdrafts on Bankers for the purposes of their Municipalities contrary to the provisions of the ‘Local Government Act 1890’ and for other purposes.”

“An Act relating to the Royal Agricultural Show Day.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 12th November, 1903.

G. S. CLARKE,
Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 18.

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

“An Act relating to the election of Senators for Victoria to the Senate of the Commonwealth.”

“An Act relating to Actions against the Commissioners of Railways as Carriers of Passengers.”

“An Act relating to Duties payable under the Administration and Probate Acts.”

“An Act to declare the Rates of Income Tax for the Year ending on the thirty-first day of December One thousand nine hundred and four and to continue and amend the Income Tax Acts.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 23rd November, 1903.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Shiels presented—

Railway Free Passes to Charities.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 11th November, 1903, for a return showing—

1. The names of the charities, public or private, to which free passes over the railways have been granted.
2. The names of the charities receiving such passes which also receive a Government grant.

Ordered to lie on the Table,

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

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—Statement showing the Names of all Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Council.
Exported Products Act 1898.—Regulation.—Order in Council.

Water Acts—

Bacchus Marsh Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 11 (Draft Form).

Kerang East Irrigation and Water Supply Trust—
General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
Special Rate.—Rating Regulation.

Macorna North Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation No. 13.

4. RAILWAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN WESTERN DISTRICTS AND MILDURA VIA HOPETOUN.—Mr. Craven, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways on the question of connecting the Western Districts of Victoria with Mildura and the Darling River by means of a Railway from Hopetoun to a suitable point on the through line to Mildura ; together with the Minutes of Evidence.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. RAILWAY EMPLOYÉS' RATES OF PAY.—Mr. Sangster moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the average rate of pay for locomotive drivers, firemen, and cleaners employed by the Railway Department at the end of September, 1903.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government and General Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notices of Motion, General Business, Nos. 4 to 7 inclusive.
7. STOLEN CATTLE (RECENT POSSESSION) BILL.—Mr. J. Cameron obtained leave, with Mr. Mackey and Mr. Keogh, to bring in a bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Recent Possession of Stolen Cattle*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. SOUTH MELBOURNE LOAN BILL.—Mr. Smith obtained leave, with Mr. Tucker, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the City of South Melbourne to construct and provide certain Permanent Works and Undertakings in lieu of certain other Permanent Works and Undertakings*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 9th December next.
9. BUILDING SOCIETIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Mackey obtained leave, with Mr. Fairbairn to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Building Societies Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill, was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 9th December next.
10. FARRIERS REGISTRATION BILL.—Mr. Hennessy obtained leave, with Mr. Watt, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Registration of Farriers and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 9th December next.
11. OLD-AGE PENSIONS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 16 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.
13. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 18, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 35.

THURSDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Prendergast, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Second Report of the Printing Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
3. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Shiels presented—

Wharfage Dues not Charged to Railway Department.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 27th October, 1903, for a return showing the amount which the Victorian Railways Commissioners would have paid per annum during the last five years to the Melbourne Harbor Trust if wharfage had been paid in accordance with the usual rates charged to the public on (a) Coal imported; (b) General Goods imported for maintenance requirements; (c) General Goods imported on account capital expenditure.

Water Supplied Free to Railway Department.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 27th October, 1903, for a return showing the total quantity of water supplied per annum to the Victorian Railways Commissioners by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for the last five years for which no payment has been made.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
4. **ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES BILL.**—Mr. Murray, after debate, obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Assembly Electoral Districts and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. **SAVINGS BANKS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Savings Banks Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE BILL.**—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Committee of Public Accounts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
7. **SUPPLY.**—The Order of the Day for going into the Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. A. Harris moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all officers of the police force shall retire at the age of 60 years in lieu of 65 years, thereby providing a uniform age for the retirement of all the members of the force."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Irvine moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
And, after debate—
Motion for the adjournment of the debate, by leave, withdrawn.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
And, after further debate—
Question—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.
Mr. Irvine moved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive be postponed until this day.
9. **WOMBAT LAND RESERVE REVOCATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McLeod moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McLeod, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 12 and 13 be postponed until Tuesday next.
11. **MUNICIPAL ENDOWMENT REDUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 15 be postponed until this day.
13. **LIBRARIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—

Insert the following new clauses :—

1. C. No new trustee shall be appointed so as to increase the number of trustees to more than eighteen.
2. A. This Act shall include and extend to the trustees of any land which has been permanently reserved by the Governor in Council and vested in trustees in trust that the same may be used as a site for Old Colonists' Associations.
3. B. Part II. of the *Libraries Act 1890* as amended by the *Libraries Act 1891* shall be read and construed as if the same extended to and included any Old Colonists' Association.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendment 1 agreed to.

Amendments 2 and 3 disagreed with.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to one of the said amendments, and have disagreed with others of the said amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

14. **SURPLUS REVENUE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
15. **LEARMONTH LAND RESUMPTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McLeod moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McLeod, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

16. **MERAN RACE-COURSE SITE SALE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McLeod moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. McLeod, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
17. **UNUSED ROADS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
 Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
18. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive, and No. 18, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.
19. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 36.

TUESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1903.

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

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Bent presented—

Expenditure on State Government House.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 10th November, 1903, for a return showing the total expenditure on the State Government House for rent, maintenance, repairs, and all other expenses and expenditure from the date the Government took over the tenancy of the mansion to the present date.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890—Part IX.—Statement showing the Names, Remuneration, Duties, &c., of all Persons temporarily employed in the Department of the Legislative Assembly during the period from 28th November, 1902, to 30th November, 1903.

Dentists Act 1898.—Dental Board of Victoria.—Regulation prescribing Fee for Preliminary Examination.

Land Act 1901.—Alterations in the Regulations.—Order in Council.

Public Service Act 1890.—Alteration of Regulations.—Classification of General Division.

Trade Unions—Seventeenth Annual Report on.—Report of the Actuary for Friendly Societies for the year 1902, with an Appendix.

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

JOHN MADDEN,

Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 19.

In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue and of fees for the purposes of the Bill to derive Revenue from Unused Public Roads and Water Frontages, and for reducing the Width of Roads.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 27th November, 1903.

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

(500 copies.)

4. **UNUSED ROADS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 19, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Bent, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue and of fees for the purposes of the Bill to derive Revenue from Unused Public Roads and Water Frontages, and for reducing the Width of Roads.

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

5. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—

Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Taverner,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. C. Hamilton,	
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. J. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

Mr. Bowser moved, That the words "at any time and from time to time" be inserted after the word "fit," in clause 5, sub-section (1), line 13.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Clause 5, sub-section (3), line 33, omit "Commissioner" and insert "Police Magistrate."

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

Clause 6, page 3, sub-section (4), line 13, after "Parliament" insert "for old-age pensions only."

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

Clause 7, sub-section (2), line 39, omit "repaying" and insert "the repayment by himself or his executors or administrators."

" " line 39, after "Crown" insert "of."

" " line 40, after "to be" insert "or to have been at his death."

" " at end of sub-section add "or so as to make null and void any such gift disposition transfer or sale."

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

Clause 7, page 4, sub-section (7), lines 23 to 26, omit "then all the real estate and interest of such person in any land existing at the time of such repayment to the Crown shall re-vest in such person, and the Curator upon being notified by the Registrar that such person has so refunded," and insert "the Registrar."

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

6. ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1903.

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4 to 15 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 37.

 WEDNESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
 Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1902.—Part VI.—Population and Municipal Finance.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House :—
 Water Acts—
 East Boort Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
 Koondrook and Myall Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
 North Boort Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
 Rodney Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation (No. 24).
 Tragowel Plains Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Graduated Rate.—Regulation No. 21 (Draft Form).
 Yatchaw Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Sir Alexander Peacock moved, by leave, That leave of absence for the Session be granted to the Honorable Daniel Joseph Duggan, the Honorable Member for Dunolly, on account of serious illness.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Touthcher rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “The unsatisfactory reply given by the Honorable the Premier to the question relating to the resolution adopted by the Legislative Assembly with regard to the office of State Governor.”
 Mr. Speaker having ascertained that twelve Members approved of the proposed discussion—
 Mr. Touthcher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and negatived.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. McLeod, and the same was read :—
 JOHN MADDEN,
 Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 20.*
 In accordance with the requirements of section 57 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue and of penalties for the purposes of the Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Local Government.
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 2nd December, 1903.
 Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House this day.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole House of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, No. 20, having been read—On the motion of Mr. McLeod, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

Resolved—That it is expedient that an Appropriation be made from the Consolidated Revenue and of penalties for the purposes of the Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Local Government.

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

7. JURIES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Shiels, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Irvine, obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Juries Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

1. Clause 1, line 6, after "1890" insert "hereinafter called the Principal Act."
2. Clause 2, page 2, line 12, after "Transfer" add "and Trial leave."
3. Clause 4, page 4, line 1, omit "and insane person."
4. " page 4, line 6, after "receiving house" insert "receiving ward."
5. " page 4, line 25, after "trial" insert "leave or parole."
6. Clause 10, line 16, after "Governor" insert "in Council."
7. " insert new sub-clause "(2) The Deputy Inspector-General or the Acting Inspector-General shall be a legally qualified medical practitioner."
8. Clause 12, at end of clause add "Provided that the rights of transfer or promotion accrued to those attendants at asylums who have, at the date of the passing of this Act, passed a clerical examination shall be preserved."
9. Clause 17, insert new sub-clause "(2) No female attendant or nurse shall be employed to take charge of or attend on male patients, except as a nurse in the case of sickness and when such patients are confined in an hospital ward, or except to attend on idiot children or on patients certified by the Superintendent to be of cleanly and unobjectionable habits."
10. Clause 19, line 41, omit "and employés."
11. Clause 27, line 41, after "receiving house" insert "receiving ward."
12. " line 43, after "[insane]" insert "or apparently insane."
13. " page 13, line 2, after "receiving house" insert "receiving ward."
14. Clause 28, line 11, omit "knowing" and insert "believing."
15. Clause 29, line 24, omit "Chief Secretary" and insert "Inspector-General."
16. " line 29, after "insane" insert "criminal insane."
17. " same line, after "licensed house" insert "or medical officer of a receiving ward."
18. Clause 30, line 39, before "No" insert "Except as otherwise provided in this Act."
19. Clause 44, line 18, omit "for any other reason."
20. Clause 45, page 19, line 14, omit "removal" and insert "transfer."
21. Clause 47, line 30, after "of" insert "all or any."
22. " line 32, at end of clause add "and to alter the form of Schedule Fourteen accordingly."
23. Clause 49, page 20, line 6, at end of clause add "and for the inspection thereof."
24. Clause 50, insert new sub-clause "(2) The provisions of sections one hundred and eighty-six and one hundred and eighty-seven of the Principal Act shall apply to receiving wards."
25. Clause 61, line 7, omit "prior to the passing" and insert "before or after the commencement."
26. Clause 66, page 23, line 3, omit "warrant" and insert "order."
27. " page 23, line 17, at end of clause add "or if such person does not remain subject to be continued in custody the Chief Secretary shall direct that he be discharged and he shall be discharged accordingly."
28. Clause 68, line 25, omit "warrant" and insert "order."
29. " line 28, omit "warrant" and insert "order."
30. Clause 73, page 25, line 7, omit "six months' imprisonment" and insert "to be imprisoned for any period not exceeding six months."
31. Clause 76, line 20, after "visitor" add "Provided that no official visitor shall so visit any licensed house in which he is attending any patient in his capacity as a medical practitioner."
32. Clause 79, line 42, omit "or licensed house" and insert "as the Inspector-General or official visitor may require."
33. Clause 85, page 28, omit sub-clause (4)
34. Clause 88, lines 12 and 13, omit "during the first three years and subsequently once every five years."
35. Page 29, line 31, after "Transfer" insert "and Trial leave."
36. Clauses 101 and 102 to be transposed.
37. Clauses 104 and 105 to be transposed.
38. Clause 105, line 4, after "or" insert "the medical attendant of any."
39. " line 10, after "Superintendent" insert "or medical attendant as the case may be."
40. " line 12, after "Superintendent" insert "or medical attendant."

41. Clause 109, lines 43-4, omit "nor to any patient detained under any order or authority of the Chief Secretary."
 42. Clause 110, omit this clause.
 43. Insert the following new head-line and clauses:—

PART IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. If in any proceedings before the Court it appear that the order or other document on which a patient has been received into any hospital is in any respect incorrect or defective, the Court may if it think fit amend such order or document and such amendment shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been duly made under section twenty-nine of this Act.
44. B. Any person who signs or carries out or does any act with a view to sign or carry out any order report request or certificate under the Lunacy Acts or does anything in pursuance of the said Acts shall not be liable to any civil or criminal proceedings whether on the ground of want of jurisdiction or on any other ground if such person has acted in good faith and with reasonable care.

Protection to persons putting the Act in force. 53 Vic. ch. 5 s. 330.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 to 33 inclusive agreed to.

Mr. Murray moved, That amendment 34 be disagreed with.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Craven,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. C. Hamilton,	
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Mitchell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Amendment 34 disagreed with.

And, after further debate—

Amendments 35 to 44 inclusive agreed to.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the said amendments, and have disagreed with one of the said amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

9. UNUSED ROADS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments, and with an amended title, which title is as follows:—

"A Bill to derive revenue from Unused Public Roads and Water Frontages."

Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the preparation of Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and for the Legislative Assembly*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 2nd December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 2nd December, 1903.

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

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

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 38.

THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. COMMISSIONERS FOR TAKING DECLARATIONS.—Mr. Graves moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names and addresses of the Commissioners for taking declarations who have been appointed within the city of Melbourne under the *Declarations and Affidavits Act 1890*, No. 1191.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. ALEXANDRA PARK BILL.—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Taverner, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for vesting certain Land on the south of the Yarra Yarra River in the Board of Land and Works and the City of Melbourne jointly for the purposes of a Public Park*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. UNUSED ROADS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Bent moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—
Mr. Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bailes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

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Mr. Grose moved, That the words "and shall continue in operation for six years" be added to sub-section (1) of clause 1.

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Andrews,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Oman,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Grose.

Noes, 43.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	
Mr. Kirton,	

Tellers.

Mr. Boyd,
Mr. McBride.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Toutcher moved, That the words "or reserved as a water reserve" be inserted after the word "licence," in clause 2, page 2, line 33.

And, after debate—

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

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

Clause 2, page 2, line 33, after "licence" insert "or reserved as a water reserve along any public road."

Mr. Oman moved, That the following paragraph be inserted after paragraph (e), in clause 10, sub-section (1), page 5 :—

"(e) a condition that the public shall have access to all roads held under licence, and."

And, after debate—

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Clause 10, page 5, at end of paragraph (f) add—"including a condition requiring the erection and maintenance of suitable unlocked swing gates when in the opinion of the Minister such a condition is reasonable."

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

Clause 10, page 5, sub-section (2), lines 39 and 40, omit "(except where permission to cultivate or break the soil is given)."

Sir Alexander Peacock moved, That the following words be added to sub-section (3) of clause 13 :—

"Provided that the rate in such district is at least One shilling and threepence in the pound."

And, after debate—

Mr. Fairbairn moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by omitting therefrom the words "and threepence."

And, after further debate—

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

Question—That the words "Provided that the rate in such district is at least One shilling in the pound" proposed to be added to clause 13, sub-section (3), be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Prendergast moved, That clause 13 be omitted.

And, after debate—

Question—That clause 13 stand part of the Bill—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Prendergast,	
Mr. Ramsay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sangster,	
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. Bennett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McLeod moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

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

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

7. HEALTH ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow:—

1. Clause 2, line 9, after "yards" insert "bailing up yards."
2. " line 10, after "such" insert "bailing up."
3. " line 15, at end of line add "and all cow yards other than bailing up yards shall be so constructed as to give a firm footing to cattle, and shall have a surface which will provide sufficient facilities for cleansing and draining such cow yards."
4. " line 17, after "yard" insert "bailing up yards."
5. " line 19, after "yard" insert "bailing up yard."
6. " line 20, omit "paved flagged."
7. Insert new clause:—

- A. Where under section two of this Act notice has been served by the council on a tenant to provide a proper yard or shed or make any improvement, such tenant shall forthwith deliver or cause to be delivered a copy of the said notice to the landlord of the premises or his agent, and such landlord may within thirty days from the receipt of such copy notify to the tenant his intention to comply with such notice, and if in that event such landlord shall fail to effect such improvements as are specified in the said notice he shall be liable to the penalties provided in this Act for failing to comply with such notice to the same extent and in the same manner as if he were the occupier. And provided that if such landlord shall so elect to comply with such notice he shall be at liberty with such horses carts material workmen and others to enter such leased property and to effect the necessary improvements thereon, provided that in any proceedings against any tenant under section two of this Act the production of the notification by his landlord of his intention to comply with the notice shall be a bar to such proceedings. Provided further that if such tenant shall not deliver or cause to be delivered a copy of the notice aforesaid to the landlord as required by this Act, such tenant shall forfeit any right of contribution he may have under this Act against such landlord. Provided also that a copy of this section shall be printed upon the notice served by the council on a tenant as aforesaid, otherwise such notice shall be null and void.

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

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 14 to 16 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

9. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 39.

TUESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Fink, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from the Committee of Public Accounts.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. PETITION.—The following Petition, praying that the House will reject the proposal to open the Melbourne Public Library, Museum, and National Galleries on Sundays, was presented :—
By Sir Samuel Gillott—
From Arthur Davidson, styling himself Moderator of the General Assembly, and George Tait, styling himself Clerk of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.
On the motion of Sir Samuel Gillott, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read :—
JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 21.*
Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly for their consideration the following amendment which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the preparation of Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and for the Legislative Assembly*" :—
In sub-clause (2) of clause 3 omit the words "the Bill reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure to be cited as."
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.
On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the said amendment, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendment, and requesting their concurrence therein.
5. LUNACY BILL.—ERROR REPORTED BY CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments reporting, in conformity with Joint Standing Order No. 21, that the following clerical error had been discovered in this Bill :—
In clause 43, line 3, after the word "to" the word "the" has been omitted.
On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed that the above error be corrected by the insertion in line 3 of clause 43 of the word "the" after the word "to."
Ordered—That the communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments be transmitted to the Legislative Council, with a Message requesting them to concur in the correction of the foregoing error.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the ' Old-age Pensions Act 1901 ' "*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they do not insist on their amendment in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Lunacy*" with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Companies Acts and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

8. COMPANIES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—On the motion of Mr. Gavan Duffy, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

9. RAILWAY FREE PASSES TO CHARITIES.—Mr. McCutcheon moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing—

1. The names of the charities, public or private, which have received, for their own agents or servants, free passes over the State railways.
2. The names of the charities which, in addition to any Government grant, also receive such passes as above mentioned.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.

11. ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Bromley reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the ' Libraries Act 1890,' "*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendments with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the preparation of Electoral Rolls for the Legislative Council and for the Legislative Assembly.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in correcting the clerical error reported by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Lunacy.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to reduce for One Year the Municipal Endowment*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Surplus Revenue of the Financial Year ended on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and three*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Resumption by the Crown of certain Land in the County of Ripon, Town of Learmonth, and for other purposes*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Sale of certain Land granted as a Site for a Race-course in the Parish of Meran near Kerang*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to revoke the Permanent Reservation of certain Land in the Parish of Wombat*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1903.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 3 to 16 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 40.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **ISSUE OF WRITS.**—Mr. Speaker announced that, yesterday, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve for the following Electoral Districts, viz. :—
 - East Bourke Boroughs, in the place of Frederick Thomas Hickford, Esquire ;
 - Mandurang, in the place of Maximilian Hirsch, Esquire ;
 - Melbourne West, in the place of William Maloney, Esquire ;
 - Richmond, in the place of the Honorable William Arthur Trenwith ; and
 - Villiers and Heytesbury, in the place of Dr. John Gratton Wilson,
 who had severally resigned their seats in order to stand for election to the Parliament of the Commonwealth.
3. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Irvine presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
 - Report of the Council of Judges under Section 33 of the *Supreme Court Act 1890*.
 Mr. Irvine presented—
 - Public Service and Railway Department—Salaries and Contingencies.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 11th November, 1903, for a return showing—
 1. The total amounts paid in salaries and contingencies for the Public Service alone for the year 1902-3.
 2. The expenditure on salaries and contingencies in the Railway Department for the year 1902-3.
 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 :—

 - Education Act 1890.—Addition to Regulations.—Order in Council.
 - Exported Products Act 1898.—Regulations.—Export of Butter and Cheese.—Order in Council.
4. **BURRUMBEET PARK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to Construct a Line of Railway from Burrumbeet Station to Burrumbeet Park Reserve and for other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. **YARROWEE CHANNEL LOAN BILL.**—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Bent, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to provide for a further grant and loan by the State for the Yarrowee Channel Works at Ballarat*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 be postponed until after No. 2.
7. **ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

 Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

(500 copies.)

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Council Electoral Provinces and for other purposes,*" with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

9. COUNCIL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Murray, the Bill transmitted by the foregoing Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Leasing of certain Lands for the purpose of working Mineral Springs at Hepburn,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 9th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

Clause 2, line 30, after "years" insert "from the time of making any such demise."

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

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, No. 1 and Nos. 3 to 17 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 41.

THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after Notices of Motion, General Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive.
3. PUBLIC SERVICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Gair obtained leave, with Mr. McBride, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend Section Fifty-four of the 'Public Service Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. WAREHOUSEMEN'S CERTIFICATES BILL.—Mr. Bent, for Mr. Mackey, obtained leave, with Mr. McBride, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Warehousemen's Certificates*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
5. FITZROY LOAN BILL.—Mr. Barr obtained leave, with Mr. Billson and Mr. C. Hamilton, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the Fitzroy City Council to carry out certain Works with the Surplus Moneys in hand from the No. 6 Loan*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. PAPERS.—Mr. Irvine presented—
Maffra Beet Sugar Company.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 5th November, 1903, for a return showing—
 1. The total amount of money advanced by the State to the Maffra Beet Sugar Company.
 2. The original value of the security upon which such sum was advanced.
 3. The total amount realized by the Government from sale of machinery and any other security (separately stated).
 4. The value of any machinery, land, buildings, &c., taken over from the company and at present in the possession of the Government.
 5. The total loss sustained by the Government in their transactions with the company.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk:—
Bank Liabilities and Assets.—Summary of Sworn Returns for the quarter ended 30th September, 1903.
Public Service Acts.—Copies of Papers in connexion with the Promotion of an Officer from the Second to the First Class in the Chief Secretary's Department.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3 inclusive be postponed until after No. 4.
8. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1903-4.—Mr. Graves reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow:—
Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1903-4 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

VII.—COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DIVISION No.	£	£
62. Public Works	18,669	
63. Ports and Harbors, Immigration, and Fisheries	19,390	
63A. Victorian Railways	4,215	
64. Miscellaneous	925	
65. Works and Buildings	63,644	
66. Road Works and Bridges	31,028	
	137,871	

(500 copies.)

X.—MINISTER OF HEALTH.

DIVISION No.	£	£
78. Public Health	...	11,016

VIII.—MINISTER OF MINES AND WATER SUPPLY.

67. Mines and Water Supply	...	20,839
68. Mines.—Testing Plants	...	1,100
69. Water Supply.—Waterworks in Country Districts...	...	1,100
70. Water Supply.—Coliban, Geelong, and National Works	...	11,600
71. Miscellaneous	...	3,013
		37,652

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

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, and Mr. Speaker being reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Bent, read a third time.

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

Clause 16, page 16, sub-section (10), line 1, omit "and adjust" and insert "for the purpose of adjustment"; and at end of sub-section add "or subdivisions."

Clause 24, sub-section (2), omit this sub-section.

Clause 54, page 27, sub-section (1), line 6, omit "1902" and insert "1903."

Clause 62, sub-section (1), lines 20 and 21, omit "the constitution of any municipality or."

Clause 63, sub-section (1), line 26, after "municipality" insert "or where municipalities are united."

Mr. Bailes moved, That sub-section (1), clause 69, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the following sub-section :—

- (1) Prior to the election of any chairman of any municipality, the council may set aside out of the municipal fund a sum (which shall not in any year exceed Three pounds per centum on the revenue of the municipality for such year), and so much of such sum as the council then deem fit shall be paid as an allowance to the chairman during his term of office for his own use, and the balance of such sum may from time to time by a two-thirds vote of the whole number of members of the council be expended on matters of municipal contingency arising during the said chairman's term of office and which are not provided for in this Act.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Lawson moved, That the words "or who holds such office at the time of the passing of this Act" be inserted after the word "least" in clause 172, page 63, sub-section (4), line 10.

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Touthcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Boyd.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	
Mr. J. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Craven.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Gair moved, That the words "of the whole number of members of the council" in clause 185, paragraph (b), lines 32 and 33, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "consisting of two-thirds of the number of councillors present at such subsequent meeting."

And, after debate—

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

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

Clause 194, line 34, after "some" omit "one."

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

- Clause 195, sub-section (3), line 16, omit "books" and insert "book."
- Clause 249, page 83, sub-section (3), paragraph (b), line 9, omit "four" and insert "three."
- Clause 265, paragraph (b), line 20, omit "four" and insert "three."
- Clause 268, line 6, after "subdivisions" insert "or any portion or portions thereof."
- Clause 305, sub-section (1), lines 30 and 31, omit "except where a special case is determined by the Supreme Court."
- Clause 310, line 38, omit "adjournment thereof" and insert "day to which the court may adjourn such appeal."
- Clause 319, line 26, omit "four" and insert "three."
- Clause 342, line 43, after "whole" insert "or any part."
- " line 44, after "charge" omit "or any part thereof."
- Clause 344, line 14, omit "any corporation" and insert "the persons or corporations"; same line omit "four" and insert "three."
- Clause 434, line 35, before "be" insert "they shall."

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

- Clause 440, page 133, sub-section (4), line 4, after "1885" insert "or of the Federal Institute of Accountants Victoria or of the Society of Accountants and Auditors of Victoria."

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

- Clause 450, sub-section (1), lines 23 and 24, omit "not less than one month before the day so."
- " line 24, after "appointed" insert "by the Governor in Council."
- Clause 481, sub-section (2), line 32, omit "municipal fund" and insert "Unused Roads and Water Frontages Fund."
- Clause 485, page 147, sub-section (5), line 44, omit "to" and insert "into"; same line, omit "council" and insert "Unused Roads and Water Frontages Fund."
- " sub-section (5), line 45, after "and" insert "less the amount necessary for payment of compensation (if any)."
- Clause 495, page 150, sub-section (1), line 4, before "passed" omit "been."
- Clause 507, page 154, sub-section (3), line 4, after "may" insert "improve."
- Clause 509, sub-section (2), line 24, before "fence" insert "hedge or live."
- Clause 531, page 161, sub-section (2), line 18, omit "actions" and insert "sections."
- Clause 537, sub-section (1), line 21, omit "henceforth" and insert "thenceforth."
- Clause 557, sub-section (1), line 44, omit "drain" and insert "drains."
- Clause 650, sub-section (1), line 24, after "district" insert "or in any outlying district."

Mr. McDonald offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill :—

B. Any municipal council shall have the power to remit to a poll or referendum of the ratepayers for their approval or otherwise any question which in their opinion is of sufficient importance to be so remitted in the same manner in which a poll may be taken under the *Local Government Act 1890*, and the decision of a majority of the ratepayers taken at such poll shall be binding on such municipal council.

And, after debate—

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Ramsay,	Mr. Bailes.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Stanley,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. C. Hamilton,	
Mr. A. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Third Schedule, page 214, Form "A," transpose fourth column, "Number of Votes," to first column, and the seventh column, "Value at which Property is assessed," to be last column.

Third Schedule, page 214, Form "B," insert new column, "Number of Votes," before first column.

Ninth Schedule, page 217, transpose fifth column, "Number of Votes to which Voter is entitled," to second column.

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

Eleventh Schedule, page 218, third line of "Directions," before "leave" insert "not"; same line, before "more" omit "neither," and after "more" omit "nor less."

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Standing Orders were suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day.

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

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

12. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES, 1903-4. — Mr. Graves reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow:—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1903-4 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

III.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

DIVISION No.	£	£
27. Supreme Court	1,972	
28. Law Officers of the Crown	9,155	
29. Crown Solicitor	2,861	
30. Prothonotary	897	
31. Master-in-Equity and Lunacy	2,477	
32. Registrar-General and Registrar of Titles	18,286	
33. Patents	2,116	
34. Sheriff	8,713	
35. Miscellaneous	825	
	<hr/>	47,302

IV.—SOLICITOR-GENERAL.

36. County Courts, Courts of Insolvency, Courts of Mines, General and and Petty Sessions	12,715	
37. Police Magistrates and Wardens	9,783	
38. Clerks of Courts	12,256	
39. Coroners	3,812	
40. Miscellaneous	1,196	
	<hr/>	39,767

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

13. ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Tucker moved, That the words "Dorcas-street" in the First Schedule, page 4, line 1, of the Albert Park District be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "the River Yarra."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. J. Harris,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Wallace.
Sir Samuel Gillott,	
Mr. Graham,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Mitchell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Hennessy.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Boroondara.—Lines 9 and 10, omit “and the Eastern railway” and insert “to Bambra-road; thence south by that road to North-road; thence east by North-road.”

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

East Melbourne.—Line 1, after “Commencing” insert “at a point,” and after “River” insert “in line with the centre of”; lines 1 and 2, omit “at the Queen’s-bridge; thence northerly by the road to Flinders-street; thence easterly by that street to”; line 2, before “Elizabeth-street” insert “a line and.”

Mr. Madden moved, That the words “and Kew” be inserted after “Hawthorn” in the First Schedule, page 5.

Debate ensued

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Melbourne.—Line 1, after “Commencing” insert “at a point,” and after “River” insert “in line with the centre of”; lines 1 and 2, omit “at the Queen’s-bridge; thence northerly by the road to Flinders-street; thence easterly by that street to”; line 2, before “Elizabeth-street” insert “a line and.”

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

Allandale.—Page 10, line 7, after “south-easterly” insert “and southerly”; line 15, omit “north” and insert “east”; lines 15 and 16, omit “8 and north-westerly by allotment.”

On the motion of Mr. Graves, the House agreed to the following further amendment in the First Schedule to this Bill :—

Anglesey.—Omit “Anglesey” as the name of the district and insert “Upper Goulburn.”

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

Anglesey.—Line 2, after “Creek” insert “southerly by that creek to the north-west angle of allotment 13”; same line, omit “further.”

Benalla.—Line 1, after “Commencing” insert “at the junction of the Ovens and Murray rivers; thence southerly by the Ovens River to the south boundary of the parish of Bundalong; thence westerly by that boundary to the west boundary of the parish of Pecchelba; thence southerly by the west boundaries”; lines 1-4, omit “on the Murray River where the east boundary of the parish of Yarrawonga abuts thereon; thence east and south by the rivers Murray and Ovens to the south boundary of the parish of Bundalong, west by the south boundary of the parish of Bundalong, south by the west boundary”; line 11, after “allotments” insert “64.”

Benambra.—Line 8, after “8” insert “A.”

Brighton.—Line 3, omit “Bambra” and insert “Warrigal.”

Bulla.—Line 33, omit “its head in” and insert “the north boundary of”; line 34, omit “and by a direct line to the south-west angle of the said allotment”; and after “thence” insert “westerly and.”

Dalhousie.—Page 16, line 6, after “Creek” insert “southerly by that creek to the north-west angle of allotment 13”; same line, omit “further”; line 26, omit “its head in” and insert “the north boundary of”; lines 26 and 27, omit “and by a direct line to the south-west angle of the said allotment”; line 27, after “thence” insert “westerly and”; omit “211” and insert “212.”

Daylesford.—Page 18, line 28, after “southerly” omit “and,” and after “westerly” insert “and northerly.”

Dundas.—Page 19, line 7, omit “south,” and after “road” insert “to the north-east angle of allotment 4A, section 3; thence southerly by the drainage reserve to the south-west angle of allotment 3, section 11, parish of Yatchaw West”; lines 7 and 8, omit “and a direct line to the north-west angle of the Old Stockyard pre-emptive section.”

Eaglehawk.—Line 11, omit “west” where first occurring and insert “east.”

Evelyn.—Line 35, after “50D” insert “and northerly by a road to the north-east angle of allotment 50C; thence westerly by that allotment and southerly.”

Grenville.—Line 14, omit “east” and insert “west”; line 21, omit “Ferrar’s Creek” and insert “the west boundary of allotment 1 in the last-named parish”; omit “creek” at end of line and insert “boundary and Ferrer’s Creek.”

Hampden.—Page 23, second last line, omit “and southerly by the east boundary of the same parish”; before “north” insert “Terang and Warrnambool road; thence south-westerly by that road to the north-west angle of allotment 2, township of Garvoc; thence southerly by a road to the.”

Kara Kara.—Page 24, line 3, omit “north and.”

Maryborough.—Line 29, omit “north and.”

Glennelg.—Line 16, omit “south” before “easterly”; lines 16 and 17, after “road” omit “and a direct line to the north-west angle of the Old Stockyard pre-emptive section” and insert “at the south-east angle of allotment 4, section C; thence southerly by the drainage reserve to the south-west angle of allotment 3, section 11, parish of Yatchaw West.”

Ovens.—Line 14, before “Buffalo” insert “west boundary of the parish of Whorouly; thence southerly by that boundary and easterly by the south boundaries of the parishes of Whorouly and Myrtleford to the.”

Polwarth.—Line 6, after “creek” where last occurring insert “and the west boundary of allotment 1, parish of Warrambine.”

Port Fairy.—Line 18, omit “Lake Condah Swamp.”

Mr. Austin moved, That the words “and Ararat,” in the First Schedule, page 39, be omitted from the name of the district, “Stawell and Ararat.”

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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

Stawell and Ararat.—Line 33, before “north-west” insert “north boundary of allotment 48c, parish of Buangor; thence west by that boundary, and north-west and south by the boundaries of allotment 48b to the north boundary of the county of Ripon; thence south-westerly by that boundary to the.”

Wangaratta.—Page 33, line 14, before “Buffalo” insert “west boundary of the parish of Whorouly; thence southerly by that boundary and easterly by the south boundaries of the parishes of Whorouly and Myrtleford to the”; page 34, third last line, after “Killawarra” insert “and Peechelba, and easterly by the south boundary of the parish of Bundalong to the Ovens River; thence northerly by that river”; third and second last lines omit “west by the north boundary of the parish of Boweya, and north by the east boundaries of the parishes of Pelluebla and Yarrowonga.”

Mr. Brown moved, That the word “Waranga” be omitted from the First Schedule, page 34, as the name of the district, with a view to insert in place thereof the word “Goulburn.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Warrenheip.—Page 36, line 15, omit “and” where first occurring; after “westerly” insert “and northerly”; line 36, omit “north” where first occurring and insert “east”; lines 36 and 37, omit “8 and north-westerly by the north-east boundary of allotment.”

Warrnambool.—Lines 9 and 10, omit “and southerly by the east boundary of the same parish”; line 10, before “north” insert “Terang and Warrnambool road; thence south-westerly by that road to the north-west angle of allotment 2, township of Garvoc; thence southerly by a road to the.”

Williamstown.—Page 40, North Williamstown Division, line 3, after “district” insert “town of Williamstown”; line 4, omit “the district” and insert “that town.”

Bendigo East.—Page 41, Strathfieldsaye Division, omit the last word “division” and insert “district.”

Brighton.—Page 43, Moorabbin Division, omit “portions of the town of Caulfield and the” and “within the district.”

Daylesford.—Page 44, Tylden Division, omit “Tylden” and insert “Trentham.”

Glenelg.—Page 47, Heywood Division, line 4, after “River,” where first occurring insert “by the Glenelg River to the north boundary of the shire of Portland; by that boundary and the west boundary of the district to the Glenelg River.”

Ovens.—Page 48, Bright Division, omit “portion” and insert “portions”; after “the” where first occurring insert “shires of”; after “Bright” omit “shire” and insert “and Oxley.”

Wangaratta.—Page 49, Oxley Division, before “shire” insert “portion of the,” and after “Oxley” add “within the district”; Peechelba Division, omit “shire” and insert “shires”; and after “Benalla” insert “and Yarrowonga.”

On the motion of Mr. Lawson, the names of the following electorates were added to the Second Schedule:—“Ballarat East, Ballarat West, Bendigo East, Bendigo West, Castlemaine, Geelong.”

Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time this day.

14. ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged and that the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of the following divisions in the First Schedule, viz., Bendigo East, Bendigo West, and Eaglehawk; Allandale, Kara Kara, and Maryborough; Dalhousie, and Daylesford.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

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

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

15. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
16. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 5 to 20 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 42.

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. MEMBER SWORN.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had not yet received the return to the Writ issued by him for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Mandurang, the nominations for which closed yesterday; but he had received a telegram from the Returning Officer for the said district informing him that William Telford Webb had been duly elected. The Honorable William Telford Webb was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.
 3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Irvine, and the same was read:—
 JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 22.*
 The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has, on this day, at the Government Offices, given the Royal Assent to the undermentioned Act of the present Session, presented to him by the Clerk of the Parliaments, viz.:—
 “An Act to amend the ‘Old-age Pensions Act 1901.’”
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 9th December, 1903.
 4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL—CLERK’S CORRECTION.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following correction in this Bill, viz.:—
 In clause 271, paragraph (b), line 38, the word “four” has been omitted and the word “three” inserted.
 5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Murray, and the same was read:—
 JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 23.*
 Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly for their consideration the following amendments which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled “An Act to amend the Law relating to Lunacy”:—
 At the end of clause 2 insert the words “Part IV.—Miscellaneous.”
 In the note to Schedule Seven, for the word “thirty” substitute the words “twenty-five.”
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 14th December, 1903.
- On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the said amendments, and ordered that His Excellency’s Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

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6. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the House will amend the Assembly Electoral Boundaries Bill so that the City of Bendigo and the Borough of Eaglehawk shall form two urban electorates, and the shires of Marong, Strathfieldsaye, Huntly, portion of Waranga, with the Borough of Raywood, shall form one country electorate, were presented:—

By Mr. Wallace—

- From certain electors of Marong and district.
- From certain electors of Mandurang.
- From certain electors of Bendigo.
- From certain electors of Bridgewater and district.
- From certain electors of Strathfieldsaye and other districts interested (two Petitions).
- From certain electors of Woodstock and district.
- From certain electors of Woodstock and Shelbourne.

On the motion of Mr. Wallace, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended to allow the first of the above Petitions to be read.

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Gair presented a Petition from the President, Councillors, and Ratepayers of the Shire of Heidelberg, under the common seal of the said shire, praying that the House will intervene and prevent the proposed establishment of a consumptive hospital in the Shire of Heidelberg.

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

The Petition was read by the Clerk.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—

Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1902.—Part IX.—Social Condition.

Mr. Taverner presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—

Land Act 1901.—Report of Proceedings taken under the Provisions of Part IV. (Closer Settlement) of the *Land Act* 1901, during the year ended 31st December, 1902.

Mr. Irvine presented—

Commissioners for taking Declarations.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 3rd December, 1903, for a return showing the names and addresses of the Commissioners for taking declarations who have been appointed within the city of Melbourne under the *Declarations and Affidavits Act* 1890, No. 1191.

Mr. Shiels presented—

Railway Employés' Rates of Pay.—Return to an Order of the House, dated 25th November, 1903, for a return showing the average rate of pay for locomotive drivers, firemen, and cleaners employed by the Railway Department at the end of September, 1903.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Public Service Acts.—Travelling Allowances.—Addendum to Regulations.

8. GAME ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intitled "*A Bill to amend the Game Acts*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. FISHERIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Bent obtained leave, with Mr. Irvine, to bring in a Bill intitled "*A Bill to amend the 'Fisheries Act 1890'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with further amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the further amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now re-recommended to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of the following divisions in the First Schedule, viz.:—Albert Park, Port Melbourne, Dalhousie, Daylesford; and for the consideration of a new clause.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with further amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the further amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

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

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

New clause A, line 4, after "and" insert "for."

„ lines 4 and 5, omit "shall be repealed and" and insert "there shall be substituted."

„ lines 5 and 6, omit "shall be substituted therefor."

Mr. McDonald moved, That the words "Footscray and" be inserted before "Flemington" in the First Schedule, page 5, as the name of the district.

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

Mr. McDonald moved, That the following words be inserted after "Northern railway" in the First Schedule, page 5, Flemington :—"to the Saltwater River; thence southerly by that river to Parker-street; thence north-westerly by that street to the Williamstown railway; thence south-westerly by that railway to Albert-street; thence northerly by that street to Walter-street; thence westerly by Walter-street to Victoria-street; thence northerly by that street to the Northern railway; thence westerly by that railway."

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Smith,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Hennessy.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Boyd moved, That the words "Jika Jika" be omitted from the First Schedule, page 6, as the name of the district with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Northcote."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Andrews moved, That the word "Geelong" and description of boundaries in the First Schedule, page 7, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Geelong North" and description of new boundaries.

And, after debate—

Question—That the word and description of boundaries proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the following further amendment in the First Schedule to this Bill :—

Geelong.—Page 7, at end of description of boundaries add "including the portion of the Town of Geelong north of Cowie's Creek."

On the motion of Mr. Wallace, the House agreed to the following further amendment in the First Schedule to this Bill :—

Castlemaine.—Page 15, in the headline after "Castlemaine" insert "and Maldon."

Mr. Lawson moved, That the words "allotment 11, a road, and allotments 27B, 26, 27, 27E, and 24A, section 14, to the south-west angle of allotment 24," in lines 16 and 17 of the First Schedule, page 15, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "allotment 11 to the Loddon River; thence westerly by that river to the Limestone Creek; thence southerly by that creek to the south boundary of the parish of Guildford."

And, after debate—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Tautcher moved, That the words "north-east," in line 6, to "Hopkins River," in lines 12 and 13, of the First Schedule, page 23, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "west boundary of the parish of Shirley; thence southerly by that road, allotment 8B, section 13, parish of Moallaack, and allotments 4A and 4B, section 12, and east by allotment 9A to the road from Beaufort to Hexham; thence southerly by that road to the south boundary of the county of Ripon; thence westerly by that boundary to the Hopkins River; thence southerly by that river."

And, after debate—

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the following further amendment in the First Schedule to this Bill:—

Korong.—Page 25, line 19, after "north-east" insert "angle."

Mr. Downward moved, That the words "and the Cranbourne riding of the shire of Cranbourne" be added after the description of boundaries, Mornington District, in the First Schedule, page 27.

And, after debate—

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

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

Fitzroy.—Page 38, Central Fitzroy Division, line 2, omit "and a line in continuation thereof"; same line, omit "Groom" and insert "Napier"; lines 2 and 3, omit "the eastern boundary of the district" and insert "Napier-street to Queen's-parade; by Queen's-parade to Smith-street; by Smith-street." Clifton Division, line 2, omit "and a line in continuation thereof"; same line, omit "Groom" and insert "Napier"; same line, after "street" insert "by Napier-street to Queen's-parade; by Queen's-parade to Michael-street."

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

Williamstown.—Page 40, North Williamstown Division, line 3, omit "district."

Geelong.—Page 41, West Geelong Division, at end of boundaries of division add "including the portion of the town of Geelong north of Cowie's Creek."

Bendigo West.—Page 41, Golden Square Division, omit description of boundaries and insert "The Sutton ward of the city of Bendigo."

Sandhurst South Division, omit this division and description of boundaries.

Allandale.—Page 42, Lexton Division, after "The" insert "portion of the," and after "Lexton" insert "within the district."

Anglesey.—Page 42, omit "Anglesey" as the name of the district and insert "Upper Goulburn."

Maryborough.—Page 47, Talbot Division, after "Avoca" insert "Lexton."

Second Schedule.—Omit the headline "Metropolitan and Suburban Electorates."

Mr. Murray moved, That the Clerk be authorized to re-arrange the electoral districts in the First Schedule to this Bill in the alphabetical order of the names of the districts as agreed to by the House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Lunacy.*"

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1903.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 19 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow, and Orders of the Day, General Business, No. 1 until Friday next, and Nos. 2 to 31 inclusive until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 43.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz.:—
 First Schedule, page 44, after "Castlemaine" the words "and Maldon" have been inserted.
 Second Schedule, after "Castlemaine" the words "and Maldon" have been inserted.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Taverner presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
 Land Act 1901 (Parts I. and II.)—Report of Proceedings taken under the Provisions of, during the year ending 31st December, 1902.
 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:—
 Land Act 1901.—Additions to Regulations.—Order in Council.
 Water Acts—
 Bairnsdale Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—Regulation No. 17.
 Leaghur and Meering Irrigation and Water Supply Trust.—General Rate.—Rating Regulation.
4. LIMITATION OF BUSINESS—SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the Sessional Order limiting the time for calling on fresh business be suspended for the remainder of the Session so far as Government Business is concerned.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill 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*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—Mr. Irvine obtained leave, with Mr. Murray, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of the Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until after the consideration of Notice of Motion, General Business, No. 1.
9. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1901 REPEAL BILL.—Mr. Menzies obtained leave, with Mr. Field, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 'Gold Buyers Act 1901'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

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10. **COUNCIL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration to-morrow.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until after No. 7.
12. **TRANSFER OF LAND ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairmen of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.
13. **PAPER**—Mr. Speaker presented—
Finance, 1902-3.—The Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys, year ending 30th June, 1903; accompanied by the Report of the Auditor-General and by the documents specified in the Fifty-first Section of the Audit Act.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 to 10 inclusive be postponed until after Nos. 11 and 12.
15. **SAVINGS BANKS ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.
On the motion of Mr. Irvine, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—
Clause 6, omit "millions" and insert "million."
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 13 and 14 be postponed until after Nos. 15, 16, and 17.
18. **LIBRARIES ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, and insisted on by the Council, having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—
- | Amendments made by the Legislative Council. | How dealt with. |
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| Insert the following new clauses :— | |
| A. This Act shall include and extend to the trustees of any land which has been permanently reserved by the Governor in Council and vested in trustees in trust that the same may be used as a site for Old Colonists' Associations. | } Disagreed with by the Assembly, and insisted on by the Council. |
| B. Part II. of the <i>Libraries Act</i> 1890 as amended by the <i>Libraries Act</i> 1891 shall be read and construed as if the same extended to and included any Old Colonists' Association. | |
- Mr. Irvine moved, That this House insist on disagreeing with the said amendments.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly insist on disagreeing with the said amendments.

19. **BURRUMBEET PARK RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bent moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Bent, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
20. **YARROWEE CHANNEL LOAN BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
 Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Irvine, read a third time.
 Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
21. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive, Nos. 8 to 10 inclusive, Nos. 13 and 14, and Nos. 18 to 20 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.
22. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 44.

THURSDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. OLD COLONISTS' ASSOCIATION (BALLARAT) BILL.—Mr. Shoppee obtained leave, with Sir Alexander Peacock, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill relating to the Old Colonists' Association of Ballarat*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
3. FRIDAY SITTING.—Mr. Irvine moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at ten o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. COUNCIL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the following amendments in the Schedule to this Bill:—

- Schedule, page 3, after "EAST YARRA" insert "PROVINCE."
- Schedule, page 3, after "MELBOURNE" insert "PROVINCE."
- Schedule, page 3, after "MELBOURNE EAST" insert "PROVINCE."
- Schedule, page 4, after "MELBOURNE NORTH" insert "PROVINCE."
- Schedule, page 4, in Melbourne North Province, line 14, omit "Keelbundora" and insert "Keelbundora."
- Schedule, page 4, after "MELBOURNE SOUTH" insert "PROVINCE."
- Schedule, page 4, after "MELBOURNE WEST" insert "PROVINCE."
- Schedule, page 12, in Southern Province, line 51, omit "Puckapanyal" and insert "Puckapanyal."
- Schedule, page 16, in Wellington Province, line 51, omit "Morrison's" and insert "Morrison's."
- Schedule, page 26, in Southern Province, transfer Bullarook Division to follow Broadmeadows Division.

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, and that the Clerk had noted the amendments made by the House on the consideration of the Report—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Murray, read a third time.

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

- Schedule, page 8, in Northern Province, lines 1 to 15, omit "thence south by the said boundary and the east boundary of the parish of Pelluebla, east by the north boundary of the parish of Boweya, and southerly by the west boundaries of the parishes of Killawarra, Taminick, and Glenrowen to the Sydney-road; thence south-westerly by that road to the road forming the east boundaries of sections 6, 7, and 8, parish of Benalla; thence south by that road to the Curlewis branch of the Broken River; thence westerly and south-westerly by that river to the road forming the south boundaries of sections 9, 10, 11, and 12; thence west by that road to the road forming the west boundaries of sections 12 and

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13 ; thence north by that road to the Sydney-road ; thence south-westerly by that road to the east boundary of the parish of Wills ; thence northerly by that boundary and west and north by the south and west boundaries of the parish of Upotipotpon to the Broken River ; thence westerly by that river to the east boundary of the parish of Pine Lodge ; thence north by that boundary and west by the north boundaries of the parishes of Pine Lodge and Shepparton to the Goulburn River ; thence southerly by that river ” and insert “ Commencing on the Murray River where the west boundary of the parish of Cobram abuts thereon ; thence south and east by the boundaries of the said parish, southerly by the east boundaries of the parishes of Katamatite, Youanmite, and Yabba Yabba, west by the south boundary of the parish of Yabba Yabba, and south by the east boundary of the parish of Pine Lodge to the Broken River ; thence easterly by that river to the west boundary of the parish of Upotipotpon ; thence south and east by the boundaries of that parish and southerly by the east boundary of the parish of Wills to the Sydney-road ; thence south-westerly by that road to the east boundary of the parish of Avenel ; thence north by that boundary and westerly by the north boundary of the same parish to the north-east angle of allotment B2 therein ; thence south by a road and westerly and southerly by the roads forming the north and west boundaries of allotment 1, section A, to Hughes’ Creek ; thence westerly by that creek and southerly by the Goulburn River.”

Schedule, pages 9 and 10 in North-Eastern Province, lines 1 to 9 on page 9, and lines 1 to 6 on page 10, omit “ on the Murray River where the east boundary of the parish of Yarrowonga abuts thereon ; thence south by the said boundary and the east boundary of the parish of Pelluebla, east by the north boundary of the parish of Boweya, and southerly by the west boundaries of the parishes of Killawarra, Taminick, and Glenrowen to the Sydney-road ; thence south-westerly by that road to the road forming the east boundaries of sections 6, 7, and 8, parish of Benalla ; thence south by that road to the Curlewis branch of the Broken River ; thence westerly and south-westerly by that river to the road forming the south boundaries of sections 9, 10, 11, and 12 ; thence west by that road to the road forming the west boundaries of sections 12 and 13 ; thence north by that road to the Sydney-road ; thence south-westerly by that road to the east boundary of the parish of Wills ; thence northerly by that boundary and west and north by the south and west boundaries of the parish of Upotipotpon to the Broken River ; thence westerly by that river to the east boundary of the parish of Pine Lodge ; thence north by that boundary to the south boundary of the parish of Katandra ; thence west by that boundary and the south boundaries of the parishes of Congupna and Tallygaroopna to the Goulburn River ; thence southerly by that river ” and insert “ Commencing on the Murray River where the west boundary of the parish of Cobram abuts thereon ; thence south and east by the boundaries of the said parish, southerly by the east boundaries of the parishes of Katamatite, Youanmite, and Yabba Yabba, west by the south boundary of the parish of Yabba Yabba, and south by the east boundary of the parish of Pine Lodge to the Broken River ; thence easterly by that river to the west boundary of the parish of Upotipotpon ; thence south and east by the boundaries of that parish and southerly by the east boundary of the parish of Wills to the Sydney-road ; thence south-westerly by that road to the east boundary of the parish of Avenel ; thence north by that boundary and westerly by the north boundary of the same parish to the north-east angle of allotment B2 therein ; thence south by a road and westerly and southerly by the roads forming the north and west boundaries of allotment 1, section A, to Hughes’ Creek ; thence westerly by that creek and southerly by the Goulburn River.”

Schedule, page 24, in the Northern Province, omit—

“ BENALLA DIVISION.

The portion of the shires of Benalla and Violet Town within the province,” and after the Echuca Division, insert the following new division :—

“ GOULBURN DIVISION.

The portion of the shire of Goulburn within the province.”

Schedule, page 25, in the Northern Province, in the Numurkah Division, omit “ Shepparton ” and insert “ Tungamah.”

Schedule, page 25, in the Northern Province, after the Serpentine Division, omit—

“ TUNGAMAH DIVISION.

The shire of Tungamah and the portion of the shire of Yarrowonga within the province ” and insert the following new division :—

“ SHEPPARTON DIVISION.

The shire of Shepparton and the portions of the shires of Euroa and Violet Town within the province.”

Schedule, page 25, in the North-Eastern Province, after the Beechworth Division insert the following new division :—

“ BENALLA DIVISION.

The shire of Benalla and the portion of the shire of Violet Town within the province and North of Sydney-road.”

Schedule, page 25, in the North-Eastern Province, omit—

“ GOULBURN DIVISION.

The shire of Goulburn and the portion of the shire of Seymour within the province.”

Schedule, page 25, in the North-Eastern Province, omit—

“ PEECHELBA DIVISION.

The portions of the shires of Benalla and Yarrawonga within the province.”

Schedule, page 25, in the North-Eastern Province, in the Euroa Division, omit “EUROA” and insert “STRATHBOGIE,” and in the description of the boundaries of this division omit “shire” and insert “portions of the shires”; after “Euroa” insert “Goulburn and Seymour within the province”; after “and” insert “the” and after “province” add “and south of Sydney-road.”

Schedule, page 25, North-Eastern Province, omit—

“ SHEPPARTON DIVISION.

The portion of the shire of Shepparton within the province.”

Schedule, page 25, in the North-Eastern Province, after the Towong Division insert the following new division :—

“ TUNGAMAH DIVISION.

The portion of the shire of Tungamah within the province.”

Schedule, page 26, in the North-Eastern Province, after the Yackandandah Division insert the following new division :—

“ YARRAWONGA DIVISION.

The shire of Yarrawonga.”

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

5. ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.—Mr. Kerr rose in his place, and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, “The alienation of forest reserves.”

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

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

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered that the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 6 inclusive be postponed until this day.

7. MINES ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

Mr. E. H. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the reconsideration of clauses 5, 6, 28, 39, 40, and for the consideration of new clauses.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and agreed to the same with further amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the further amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

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

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

8. YARROWEE CHANNEL LOAN BILL—CLERK'S CORRECTIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Report from the Clerk notifying that he had made the following corrections in this Bill, viz. :—

In the Schedule, sixth line of figures in the fourth column, the figures “17 6 6” have been omitted and the figures “17 9 6” inserted.

In the Schedule, tenth line of figures in the fourth column, the figures “15 9 6” have been omitted and the figures “17 9 6” inserted.

In the Schedule, in the total to the fifth column the figures “301 2 3” have been omitted and the figures “301 2 2” inserted.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled “An Act to derive revenue from Unused Public Roads and Water Frontages,” and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the following resolution, viz. :—

That it is expedient to appoint a Special Board to determine the lowest prices or rates of payment to be paid for wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing, either inside or outside a factory or work-room, the following articles, that is to say :—

Articles of women's, girls', and children's outer clothing or wearing apparel (except indiarubber waterproof garments), such as Costumes, Dresses, Skirts, Tea-gowns, Wrappers, Blouses, Jackets, Mantles, Capes, Opera Cloaks, and Cloaks of every description, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 17th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the foregoing resolution.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 8 to 11 inclusive be postponed until this day.
12. PUBLIC OFFICERS RETIREMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whols House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
13. ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Murray moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debated ensued.
Mr. McCutcheon 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. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had made progress, and that he was directed to move that the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 5, Nos. 8 to 10, and Nos. 13 to 17 inclusive, and the Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed until to-morrow.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 45.

FRIDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, after debate—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 to 13 inclusive and No. 15 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day, Government Business, No. 14, and the Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day, General Business.
3. UNUSED ROADS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill having been read, the said amendments were read and are as follow :—
 1. Clause 3, page 3, after paragraph (c), insert the following paragraph:—
 - (d) The capital and annual rateable values if any (based upon the municipal valuation) of such portion or portions of such road as in its condition at the date of making such return appears to be of greater or less value for grazing purposes than the lands abutting on such portion or portions and not being fenced off therefrom.
 2. Clause 4, line 22, omit “all” and insert “every”; omit “frontages” and insert “frontage.”
 3. Clause 4, after paragraph (c), insert the following paragraph :—
 - (d) The capital and annual rateable values if any (based upon the municipal valuation) of such portion or portions of such frontage as in its condition at the date of making such return appears to be of greater or less value for grazing purposes than the lands abutting on such portion or portions and not being fenced off therefrom.
 4. Clause 9, page 5, line 3, omit “four” and insert “six.”
 5. Clause 10, line 16, omit “and” and insert “provided nevertheless that if the licensee be the tenant of the land abutting upon any such unused road or frontage, the term of such licence may be for any shorter period approved of by the municipal council and the Minister and such licence.
 6. Clause 10, line 43, after “land” insert “except in cases where under a condition of the licence a suitable unlocked swing gate has been erected for the convenience of public traffic when the licence-fee payable shall be fixed at Four pounds per centum of the capital value of the licensed land.”
 7. Clause 11, line 11, omit “three” and insert “six.”
 8. Clause 13, line 34, after “expended” insert “by the council of the municipality within which such road or water frontage is situated.”
 9. Clause 14, line 38, omit “ratepayer” and insert “council.”
 10. Clause 14, page 7, at end of clause add—“But in every case where such licensee has paid for one-half the cost of repairing any portion of the dividing fence between such road and the private land of the other adjoining occupier as provided by sub section (1) of section six of this Act, or has himself under any agreement with such occupier, repaired or renewed any portion of such fence the said licensee may in a Court of Petty Sessions recover from the said occupier so much of the said one-half cost or of the cost of such repair or renewal as the Court, taking into consideration the value then remaining of such repairs or renewals, may consider just and reasonable.”
 11. Clause 15, omit sub-clause (2).
 12. Clause 17, at end of clause add—“But nothing herein contained shall prevent any road or portion of a road from being granted in fee simple for the purpose of effecting any exchange or deviation of a road as provided for under the Local Government Acts or for the completion of any existing contract.”

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13. Insert the following new clauses :—

A. Whenever any unused road or water frontage shall have been made available and opened for traffic as herein provided, the provisions hereinbefore contained directing any person or persons occupying land abutting on such road or water frontage to keep in good repair the fence erected in pursuance of an order of the council or Minister on the common boundary of his or their land, and the road or water frontage shall cease to have any effect with regard to such fence, and thereafter no proceedings shall be taken for the recovery of any penalty prescribed by this Act for such neglect.

14. B. If any person wilfully damages or destroys any fence or swing gate erected upon any unused road or a water frontage under the provisions of this Act, or leaves any such swing gate open notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained he may be dealt with in a summary manner before any two or more justices and shall on conviction be liable to pay a penalty not exceeding Ten pounds for each such offence.

And the said amendments were read a second time.

And, after debate—

Amendments 1 and 2 agreed to.

Amendment 3—

Mr. McLeod moved, That this amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bennett,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Ramsay.
Mr. Oman,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And, after further debate—

Amendments 4 and 5 agreed to.

Amendment 6 disagreed with.

Amendment 7 agreed to.

Amendments 8 and 9 disagreed with.

Amendment 10 agreed to.

Amendment 11 disagreed with.

Amendment 12 agreed to.

Amendment 13 disagreed with.

Amendment 14 agreed to, with the following amendments:—Omit "or leaves any such swing gate open," in lines 2 and 3; and at end of the clause add "and any person who opens and wilfully or negligently leaves open such swing gate may be dealt with as aforesaid and shall on conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding Two pounds for each such offence."

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to some of the said amendments, have disagreed with others, and have agreed to one of the said amendments with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

4. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day were read and discharged :—

Legitimation of Children Bill—Second reading.

Building Societies Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Farriers Registration Bill—Second reading.

Stolen Cattle (Recent Possession) Bill—Second reading.

Meat Supervision Act 1900 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Conciliation and Arbitration Bill—Second reading.

Totalizator Bill—Second reading.

Election Expenses Limitation Bill—Second reading.

Licensing Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

County Court Judges (Country Sitings) Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

Adulteration of Jams Bill—Second reading.

Justices Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

5. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day were read and discharged :—
- Opening of Public Library, Museum, and Art Galleries on Sunday—Resumption of debate on the question—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Public Library, Museum, and Art Galleries should be open to the public on Sundays, provided that no employé shall be required to work seven days per week, or on any Sunday, against his conscience.*
- Taxation on Unimproved Land Values—Resumption of debate on the question—That, in the opinion of this House, the principle of taxation on unimproved values of land be affirmed, and that the Government be requested to bring in a Bill dealing with the question.*
6. RAILWAYS STRIKE—DISMISSALS AND REDUCTIONS.—Mr. Tucker moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid before this House a return showing the annual and total sum saved, or estimated to be saved, under the following conditions :—(a) The total or partial forfeiture of compensations, pensions, &c. (as the case may be), in all branches of the railway service affected by the railway strike, or by orders issued by the Commissioner or Minister preceding the strike ; (b) the number of dismissals and failures to reinstate workmen who then struck ; (c) the alteration in the wages compared with the rates in existence preceding the strike, both to reinstated and new employés.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. COMPANIES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment ; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.
- Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Gavan Duffy, read a third time.
- On the motion of Mr. Andrews, the House agreed to the following amendment in this Bill :—
- Clause 6, line 22, after the word “business,” omit all the words to end of clause and insert “and such appointment may be for the whole period of the liquidation.”
- Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
8. GOLD BUYERS ACT 1901 REPEAL BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Menzies moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Irvine moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
- And, after debate—
- Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
9. OLD COLONISTS' ASSOCIATION (BALLARAT) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.”
- Mr. Shoppee moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Mr. Shoppee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
- Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 4 be postponed until after No. 6.
11. SOUTH MELBOURNE LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.”
- Mr. Smith moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Mr. Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
- Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Smith, read a third time.
- Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
12. TIED HOUSES ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments.
- Ordered—That the Bill, as amended, be printed and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 11 and 12 be postponed until Tuesday next.
14. **CREMATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Madden moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Madden, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the same without amendment.
15. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RECIPROCITY BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Mackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment ; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Mackey, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
16. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 17 be postponed until Tuesday next.
17. **WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Mackinnon moved, That the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
18. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 19 and 22 be postponed until Tuesday next.
19. **PUBLIC SERVICE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Bennett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same without amendment.
Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Bennett, read a third time.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
20. **MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. McDonald moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Taverner.
Mr. Lancaster,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Mackey,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

21. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 30 to 32 inclusive be postponed until after No. 33.
22. **FITZROY LOAN BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Speaker said—“In my opinion, this is a Private Bill.”
Mr. Barr moved, by leave, That this Bill be treated as a Public Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

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

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

23. POLICE OFFENCES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Ramsay moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued

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

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

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

24. PUBLIC SERVICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Gair moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with an amendment ; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendment made by the Committee of the whole House was agreed to.

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

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

25. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Order of the Day, General Business, No. 32 be postponed until Tuesday next.

26. WATER SUPPLY LOANS APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

27. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

28. RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—Mr. Irvine moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

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

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

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

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

JOHN MADDEN,

Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message No. 24.

The Lieutenant-Governor informs the Legislative Assembly that he has caused the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Reform of the Constitution of Victoria*," which was reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, and which received His Majesty's Assent on the 9th day of October last, to be proclaimed in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, a copy of which Proclamation is hereto annexed.

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 7th December, 1903.

THE ROYAL ASSENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR
THE REFORM OF THE CONSTITUTION OF VICTORIA."

PROCLAMATION

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

I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, in pursuance of provisions contained in *An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Dieman's Land* (5 and 6 Vict.), also in *An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies* (13 and 14 Vict.), and in *The Constitution Statute* (19 Vict.), do by this my Proclamation signify that the Bill, the title whereof is herein set forth, that is to say:—

"An Act to provide for the Reform of the Constitution of Victoria,"

which was reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that by an Order in Council made at the Court at Buckingham Palace, and bearing date the ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and three, a copy whereof is hereto appended, His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and three, and in the third year of His Majesty's reign.

JOHN MADDEN.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. IRVINE.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the ninth day of October, 1903.

PRESENT :

The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord Privy Seal
Earl of Kintore
Lord Stanley
Mr. Lyttelton

Mr. Brodrick
Mr. Graham Murray
Mr. Austen Chamberlain.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the 5th and 6th years of Her late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New South Wales until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify, either by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council of the said Colony, or by Proclamation as therein aforesaid, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same :

And whereas by another Act passed in the 13th and 14th years of Her late Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies," it was provided among other things that the provisions of the said former Act concerning the reservation of Bills for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, should apply to and be in force in the Colony of Victoria :

And whereas the said provisions were maintained in force as regards Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the said Colony by a subsequent Act passed in the 18th and 19th years of the reign of Her said Majesty, entitled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of Victoria, to establish a constitution in and for the Colony of Victoria" :

And whereas the Colony of Victoria is now one of the States constituting the Commonwealth of Australia, as established by an Act passed in the 63rd and 64th years of Her late Majesty's reign, entitled "The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act" :

And whereas the Governor of the said State of Victoria has reserved a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, entitled "An Act to provide for the Reform of the Constitution of Victoria," for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon :

And whereas the said Bill so reserved as aforesaid has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and it is expedient that the said Bill should be assented to by His Majesty :

Now therefore His Majesty, in pursuance of the said Acts, and in exercise of the powers thereby reserved to His Majesty as aforesaid, doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, declare His assent to the said Bill.

A. W. FITZROY.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Assembly Electoral Districts and for other purposes*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1903.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

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

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 18th December, 1903.

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

1. Clause 92, lines 3-4, omit "where the court consists of the chairman and not fewer than three other councillors."
2. Clause 148, add following sub-clause :—
 - (4) Every regulation purporting to be made in pursuance of this section shall be laid before the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly as soon as may be after it is made if Parliament is then sitting, or if not then sitting within one month after the commencement of the then next session of Parliament, and shall, unless disallowed by either House of Parliament (such disallowance to be within one month from the time such regulation is laid before such House) be of full force and effect on and after the expiration of such period of one month.
3. Clause 172, add following sub-clause :—
 - (5) If any person proves to the satisfaction of the Municipal Clerks' Board that he is, at the time of passing of this Act acting or officiating as Municipal Clerk in any municipality or municipalities in Victoria, including the City of Melbourne and the Town of Geelong, and has for ten years at least been employed in a Municipal office, such board shall issue to every such person a certificate to be called a "certificate of qualification."
4. Clause 197, page 71, after paragraph (32) insert the following paragraph :—

"Destruction of rats and other vermin."
5. Clause 198, at end of clause add—"This section and the two preceding sections shall apply to the City of Melbourne and Town of Geelong."
6. Clause 203, line 9, after "joint regulation" insert "made under this or any other Act."
7. Clause 203, at end of clause add—"This section shall apply to the City of Melbourne and Town of Geelong."
8. Clause 213, add following sub-clause :—
 - (3) No by-law regulation or joint regulation shall be impeachable in any Court of Petty Sessions or before justices.
9. Clause 249, page 83, line 12, after "mining" insert "or as railway refreshment rooms."
10. Clause 269, line 8, omit "the" and insert "any."
11. Clause 271, line 40, after "subdivision" insert "or such portion or portions thereof."
12. Clause 272, line 3, after "subdivision" insert "or any portion or portions thereof."
13. Clause 272, line 6, after "subdivision" insert "or any portion or portions thereof."
14. Clause 273, line 14, after "subdivision" insert "or any portion or portions thereof."
15. Clause 274, line 17, after "subdivision" insert "or any portion or portions thereof."
16. Clause 274, line 21, after "subdivision" insert "or any portion or portions thereof."
17. Clause 310, line 39, after "and" insert "finally."
18. Clause 310, add following sub-clause :—
 - (2) But the court before whom the appeal is heard and determined shall if so required by any party to such appeal state the facts by way of special case for the determination of the Supreme Court thereon in which case that court may determine the same, and the Supreme Court shall have full power to determine how and by whom the costs of the proceedings in the Supreme Court and in the County Court are to be borne.
19. Clause 341, insert the following sub-clause :—
 - (2) In any case where under any Act for the time being in force relating to local government any property is chargeable with rates or other moneys and interest to any municipality the municipality shall upon the application in writing of any person addressed to the Municipal Clerk stating in such application the particulars of the property in respect of which information is required as to the rates and other moneys due or payable thereon, and upon payment of a fee of one shilling forthwith procure and give to such applicant or send by registered letter by post to the person so applying (whose name and address shall be stated in such application) a certificate in writing signed by the Municipal Clerk in which certificate it shall be stated what (if any) rates and other moneys and interest are due or payable to such municipality in respect of such property with the particulars of such rates and other moneys and interest, and when the same became due or payable, or that no such rates or other moneys are then due or payable, as the case may be. The production of such certificate so signed shall for all purposes whatsoever be deemed conclusive proof that at the date thereof no rates or other moneys were due or payable to such municipality other than those stated in such certificate in respect of such property.
20. Clause 341, at end of clause add "This section shall apply to the City of Melbourne and Town of Geelong."
21. Clause 436, line 19, omit "Stamp" and insert "Stamps."
22. Clause 442, at end of sub-clause (2) add "and may recover the same from the municipality in any court of competent jurisdiction."

23. Clause 485, page 147, line 46, after "of" insert "expenses incurred by such council and."
 24. Clause 495, line 34, omit "XXIII." and insert "XXII."
 25. Clause 650, lines 24-5, omit "or in any outlying district."
 26. Third Schedule, page 214, Form B, omit first column of table, and transpose seventh column to end of table.
 27. Thirteenth Schedule, page 244, at end of paragraph (48) add the following new paragraph :—"For limiting the speed at which motor cars shall be driven."
 28. Fifteenth Schedule, omit tabulated part of the Schedule and substitute the following :—

No. of Assessment.	Surname of occupier, and if more than one, and the annual value sufficient to entitle more than one to be enrolled, the name of each one seeking to be enrolled.	Christian name of every such occupier.	Nature of calling or occupation of each.	Is person occupying, the owner, lessee, assignee, or occupying tenant.	OWNER.			Residence of each enrolled owner or occupier and name of post town or office.	Ward or riding in which property is situate.	Description and situation of rateable property.	If let, for what time and in what manner.	Net annual value.	Province and electoral district and division.	Total Number of persons living on the property rated.
					Surname.	Christian name.	Nature of calling or occupation.							

29. Twenty-third Schedule, omit "XXXVIII." and insert "XXXVII."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendments 1 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Amendment 8—

Mr. McLeod moved, That this amendment be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Thomson,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hennessy,	
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Billson,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Tucker.

Tellers.
 Mr. Elmslie,
 Mr. Preudergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendments 9 to 29 inclusive agreed to.

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

32. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The following Orders of the Day were read and discharged :—
Lake Hindmarsh Aboriginal Settlement Land Bill—To be further considered in Committee.
Justices Act 1890 further Amendment Bill—Second reading.
Murray Waters Inter-State Agreement Bill—Second reading.
Juries Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.
Alexandra Park Bill—Second reading.
Game Acts Amendment Bill—Second reading.
Fisheries Act 1890 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the said Bills be withdrawn.

33. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 4, 5, 9, and 15 be postponed until Tuesday next.
34. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at two o'clock.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Irvine moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
 Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 46.

TUESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURNS TO WRITS.—Mr. Speaker announced that, since the adjournment, he had received the return to the Writ issued for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Mandurang, by which it appeared that William Telford Webb had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
Mr. Speaker also announced that he had, this day, received returns to Writs issued on the 8th December instant, by which it appeared that the following gentlemen had been duly elected for the respective districts set opposite their several names:—
David Methven, of 205 Barkly-street, Brunswick, contractor, for the Electoral District of East Bourke Boroughs ;
Thomas Tunnecliffe, for the Electoral District of Melbourne West ;
George Ernest Roberts, for the Electoral District of Richmond.
3. MEMBERS SWORN.—The following Members were then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law, viz.:—David Methven, Esquire, Thomas Tunnecliffe, Esquire, and George Ernest Roberts, Esquire.
4. PETITION.—Mr. Mackinnon presented a Petition from J. W. Davison, styling herself President, and Clara Weekes, styling herself Secretary, of the Lady Teachers' Association, on behalf of the female teachers, praying that the House will take into consideration the effect the Public Officers Retirement Bill may have on them, and that their rights and privileges under section 13 of Act No. 1382 may be conserved.
On the motion of Mr. Mackinnon, the House ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended so as to allow the Petition to be read.
The Petition was read by the Clerk.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. PAPER.—Mr. Murray presented, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—
Statistical Register of the State of Victoria for the year 1902.—Part VII.—Production.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was presented by Mr. Murray, and the same was read:—
JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria. *Message No. 25.*
Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly for their consideration the following amendments which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Assembly Electoral Districts and for other purposes*":—
In the First Schedule, under the heading "Dundas," page 17, line 12, for the word "northerly" substitute the word "southerly."
In the First Schedule, under the heading "Lowan," page 26, line 19 from top of page, for the word "northerly" substitute the word "southerly."
In the First Schedule, under the heading "Creswick Division," page 41, in the first line of the description of the division, omit the words "on the boundary of the district"; in the last line of the description omit the word "and" where first occurring; and in the same line, after the word "district," insert the words "and by the Bullarook Creek to the north boundary of allotment E, parish of Springhill; and by that boundary and the north boundaries of allotments 65 and 68."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1903.

(500 copies.)

On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the said amendments, and ordered that His Excellency's Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the said amendments, and requesting their concurrence therein.

7. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, Government Business, Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed until after No. 3.

8. **ELECTION EXPENSES LIMITATION BILL (No. 2).**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time—having been read—
Debate resumed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and agreed to the same with amendments; and the Standing Orders having been suspended so as to allow the Report to be received this day, the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House were agreed to.

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

A. In section two hundred and twenty of *The Constitution Act Amendment Act 1890* for the word "Fifty" there shall be substituted the word "Twenty."

And the said clause was read a second time.

Mr. Tunnecliffe moved, That the said clause be added to the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Roberts,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast.

Noes, 57.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Field,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	

Tellers.

Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Hennessy.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Anstey offered the following new clause to be added to the Bill:—

B. (1) Any person who or the directors of any body or association corporate which before or during any parliamentary election shall for the purpose of affecting the return of any candidate at such election make or publish any false and defamatory statement of fact in relation to the personal character or conduct of such candidate shall be guilty of an illegal practice.

(2) No person shall be deemed to be guilty of such illegal practice if he can show that he had reasonable grounds for believing and did believe the statement made by him to be true.

(3) Any person who shall make or publish any false statement of fact as aforesaid may be restrained by interim or perpetual injunction by a Judge of the Supreme Court from any repetition of any such false statement or any false statement of a similar character in relation to such candidate, and for the purpose of granting an interim injunction *prima facie* proof of the falsity of the statement shall be sufficient.

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

Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, and that the Clerk had noted the amendment made by the House on the consideration of the Report—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Murray, read a third time.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Committee of Public Accounts*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

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

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to construct a Line of Railway from Burrumbeet Station to Burrumbeet Park Reserve and for other purposes*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for a further grant and loan by the State for the Yarrowee Channel Works at Ballarat*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Council Electoral Provinces and for other purposes.*"

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1903.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly two Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, recommending amendments in the Bill intituled "*An Act for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Council Electoral Provinces and for other purposes,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council have agreed to the several amendments recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in this Bill, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1903.

And His Excellency's Messages were read and are as follow :—

JOHN MADDEN,

Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for their consideration the following amendments which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Council Electoral Provinces and for other purposes*" :—

In the Schedule, page 18, under the heading "East Yarra Province," for the words "Caulfield East Division" substitute the words "Malvern East Division," and under the same heading for the words "Malvern East Division" substitute the words "Caulfield East Division."

In the Schedule, page 22, under the heading "Melbourne West Province" for the words "North Williamstown Division" substitute the words "South Williamstown Division," and under the same heading for the words "South Williamstown Division" substitute the words "North Williamstown Division."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 21st December, 1903.

JOHN MADDEN,
Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

Message.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for their consideration the following further amendments which he desires to be made in the Bill intituled "*An Act for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Council Electoral Provinces and for other purposes*" :—

In the Schedule, page 18, under the heading "East Yarra Province" for the words "Malvern Division" substitute the words "Toorak Division"; and on the same page under the same heading for the words "Toorak Division" substitute the words "Malvern Division."

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1903.

On the motion of Mr. Murray, the House agreed to the said amendments, and ordered that His Excellency's Messages be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the amendments recommended therein.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.—ERRORS REPORTED BY CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments reporting, in conformity with Joint Standing Order No. 21, that the following clerical errors had been discovered in this Bill :—

Page 8, line 31, the figures "557-558" have been inserted instead of the figures "557-559."

Page 81, clause 245, fifth line of clause, the word "the" has been omitted before the word "Parliament."

Page 170, line 2 of the headline, the word "Bridge" has been omitted after the word "Road."

Page 191, clause 645, line 3, the words "he same appears" have been inserted instead of the words "the same appear."

On the motion of Mr. McLeod, the House agreed that the above errors be corrected by the insertion of the figures "557-559," instead of the figures "557-558," in page 8, line 31; by the insertion of the word "the" before the word "Parliament," in page 81, clause 245, fifth line of clause; by the insertion of the word "Bridge" after the word "Road," in page 170, line 2 of the headline; and by the insertion of the words "the same appear" instead of the words "he same appears," in page 191, clause 645, line 3.

Ordered—That the communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments be transmitted to the Legislative Council, with a Message requesting them to concur in the correction of the foregoing errors.

12. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged:—

Public Officers Retirement Bill—To be further considered in Committee.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to derive revenue from Unused Public Roads and Water Frontages*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendments with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed, and have agreed to the amendments of the Legislative Assembly in clause B.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.	How dealt with.
1. Clause 10, line 43, after "land" insert "except in cases where under a condition of the licence a suitable unlocked swing gate has been erected for the convenience of public traffic when the licence-fee payable shall be fixed at Four pounds per centum of the capital value of the licensed land."	Disagreed with by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council.
2. Clause 13, line 34, after "expended" insert "by the council of the municipality within which such road or water frontage is situated."	
3. Clause 14, line 38, omit "ratepayer" and insert "council."	
4. Clause 15, omit sub-clause (2).	

Amendments made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

5. Insert the following new clause :—

A. Whenever any unused road or water frontage shall have been made available and opened for traffic as herein provided, the provisions hereinbefore contained directing any person or persons occupying land abutting on such road or water frontage to keep in good repair the fence erected in pursuance of an order of the council or Minister on the common boundary of his or their land, and the road or water frontage shall cease to have any effect with regard to such fence, and thereafter no proceedings shall be taken for the recovery of any penalty prescribed by this Act for such neglect.

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

Amendment 1 postponed.

Amendment 2—

Mr. Bent moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with this amendment.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 3—

Mr. Bent moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with this amendment.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 4—

Mr. Bent moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with this amendment.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. McBride.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Hennessy.
Mr. Mitchell,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Andrews,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Hennessy.
Mr. Mitchell,	

Amendment 5—

Mr. Bent moved, That this House do insist on disagreeing with this amendment.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Amendment 1—

Mr. Irvine moved, That this House do insist on disagreeing with this amendment on the ground that it is an amendment in a clause of the Bill which imposes a duty, rate, tax, rent, return, or impost.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with some of the amendments of the Legislative Council, do insist on disagreeing with one of the said amendments, and insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Legislative Council in clause 10, line 43, on the ground that it is an amendment in a clause of the Bill which imposes a duty, rate, tax, rent, return, or impost.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1903.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; Mr. Graves reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received this day.

15. MEMBER SWORN.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had not yet received the return to the Writ issued by him for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Villiers and Heytesbury; but he had received a telegram from the Returning Officer for the said district, informing him that John Glasgow had been duly elected.

John Glasgow, Esquire, was then introduced, and took and subscribed the Oath required by law.

16. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1903-4.—Mr. Graves reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and are as follow:—

Resolved—That the following sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1903-4 for the several services hereunder specified, in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

I.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

DIVISION No.	£	£
1. Legislative Council	650	
2. Legislative Assembly	5,023	
3. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways	400	
4. Victorian Parliamentary Debates	1,964	
5. The Library	860	
6. State Reading-room	443	
7. Refreshment-rooms	545	
9. Administrative and Scientific	20,565	
10. Government Statist	8,484	
11. Police	163,472	
12. Penal Establishments and Gaols	28,463	
13. Hospitals for the Insane	81,711	
14. Department for Neglected Children and Reformatory Schools	41,422	
15. Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria	11,408	
16. Government Shorthand Writer	1,265	
17. Audit Office	6,633	
17A. Public Service Commissioner	1,492	
18. Aborigines	2,853	
19. Exhibition	150	
20. Grants	1,575	
21. Miscellaneous	23,664	
	<hr/>	403,042

II.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

22. Education	18,457	
23. Education	346,096	
24. Melbourne University	2,375	
25. Technical Schools	9,788	
26. Miscellaneous	1,297	
	<hr/>	378,013

V.—TREASURER.

41. Treasury	16,243	
42. Income Tax Office	10,335	
43. Curator of Estates of Deceased Persons	1,066	
44. Government Printer	26,191	
45. Advertising	3,040	
46. Grant to Charitable Institutions	52,000	
47. Transport, Samples, and Marine Insurance	1,250	
48. Unforeseen and Accidental Expenditure	1,000	
49. Allowance to the Railway Department for Carriage of Grain at Reduced Rates	21,250	

V.—TREASURER—*continued.*

DIVISION NO.	£	£
50. Allowance to Railway Department for Carriage and Use of Victorian Coal	5,500	
50A. Payment to Railway Department for issue of free passes to State Governor and Staff, Members of Parliament, &c., Executive Councillors, and Members of Parliaments of other States ...	3,000	
51. Miscellaneous	4,900	
	<hr/>	145,775

VI.—COMMISSIONER OF CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY.

53. Survey, Land Settlement, and Management of Crown Lands ...	36,853	
54. Public Parks, Gardens, and Reserves	1,483	
55. Botanical and Domain Gardens	3,973	
57. Extirpation of Rabbits and Wild Animals	9,706	
60. Village Settlements and Labour Establishments	1,300	
61. Miscellaneous	1,422	
	<hr/>	54,737
Less sums voted in excess on the 19th May, 1903, on Division No. 56, Expenses of carrying out the Land Tax Act, £200; Division No. 58, Acquisition of Land for the Purpose of Closer Settlement, £100; and Division No. 59, State Forests and Nurseries, £3,000 ...	3,300	
	<hr/>	51,437

IX.—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

72. Agriculture and Industries	5,251	
73. Diseases in Stock	5,234	
74. Vegetation Diseases	2,993	
75. Maffra Beet Sugar Factory	295	
76. Grants	4,010	
77. Miscellaneous	28,622	
77A. State Forests and Nurseries	13,793	
77B. Viticulture Industry	2,416	
77C. Development of Export Trade	1,428	
	<hr/>	64,042

XI.—MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

79. Victorian Railways	1,133,846	
80. Miscellaneous	14,179	
	<hr/>	1,148,025

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

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

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

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

Resolved—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 30th June, 1904, the sum of £2,263,942 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue of Victoria.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendments recommended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Bill intituled "*An Act for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Assembly Electoral Districts and for other purposes.*"

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Water Supply in Country Districts and for other purposes*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the issue and application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Public Works and other purposes*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to sanction the Issue and Application of certain Sums of Money available under Loan Acts for Railways*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the City of South Melbourne to construct and provide certain Permanent Works and Undertakings in lieu of certain other Permanent Works and Undertakings*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Admission of Legal Practitioners from other States of the Commonwealth to practise in Victoria on Terms of Reciprocity and for other purposes relating to the Admission of Legal Practitioners*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Fitzroy City Council to carry out certain Works with the Surplus Moneys in hand from the No. 6 Loan*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend Parts II. and III. of the 'Public Service Act 1890' as to the provisions therein relating to Life Insurance of Appointees*" without amendment.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in correcting the clerical errors reported by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the Bill intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Local Government.*"

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Companies Acts and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they do not insist on their amendments in the Bill intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Libraries Act 1890,'*" with which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

20. TRAMWAYS ACT 1901 AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Bent, by leave, obtained leave, with Mr. Taverner, to bring in a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Tramways Act 1901'*"; and the said Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day.

21. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—

Gold Buyers Act 1901 Repeal Bill—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

Ordered—That the said Bill be withdrawn.

22. OLD COLONISTS' ASSOCIATION (BALLARAT) BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report having been read—Mr. Shoppee moved, That the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House in this Bill be agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Clause 2, line 15, after "association" insert "and the said trustees may."

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

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to derive revenue from Unused Public Roads and Water Frontages,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they insist on their amendment to insert new clause A, but that they do not insist on their amendment in clause 10, line 43, for the reason that if the Legislative Council still insist on the said amendment the Bill may be lost for this Session, but at the same time the Legislative Council desire to place on record that their amendment in no way comes within the operation of section 56 of the Constitution Act; and, in addition thereto, Standing Order 273 of the Legislative Assembly expressly provides that, with respect to any Bill sent from the Legislative Council to the Legislative Assembly, the Legislative Assembly will not insist on their privileges in the following cases :—"*Where such fees are imposed in respect of benefit taken or service rendered under the Act, and in order to the execution of the Act, and are not made payable into the Treasury, or in aid of the public revenue.*"

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

And the said amendment, insisted on by the Legislative Council, was read and is as follows :—

Amendment made by the Legislative Council.

How dealt with.

A. Whenever any unused road or water frontage shall have been made available and opened for traffic as herein provided, the provisions hereinbefore contained directing any person or persons occupying land abutting on such road or water frontage to keep in good repair the fence erected in pursuance of an order of the council or Minister on the common boundary of his or their land, and the road or water frontage shall cease to have any effect with regard to such fence, and thereafter no proceedings shall be taken for the recovery of any penalty prescribed by this Act for such neglect.

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

Mr. Bent moved, That this House do not now insist on disagreeing with the said amendment. Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not now insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Legislative Council to insert new clause A.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to Limit Parliamentary Election Expenses*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 23rd December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

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

1. Clause 2, line 13, omit "three" and insert "two."
2. Clause 9, line 18, omit "member of the police force" and insert "inspector of police."
3. Insert the following new clause :—

A. No candidate shall be chargeable with any electoral expenditure under this Act unless the expenditure by him or on his behalf shall be expressly authorized in writing by such candidate and signed by him.

4. First Schedule, Part II., paragraph 1, omit "£250" and insert "£400."

And the said amendments were read a second time.

Amendments 1 and 2 agreed to.

Amendment 3 disagreed with.

Amendment 4, after debate, agreed to.

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

25. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Irvine moved, by leave, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past one o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Tramways Act 1901 Amendment Bill—Second reading.

Ordered—That the consideration of Orders of the Day, General Business, Nos. 3 to 11 inclusive be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House, at thirty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, the 23rd December, adjourned until to-morrow.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 47.

THURSDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 1903.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had, this day, received the return to the Writ issued on the 8th December instant, for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Villiers and Heytesbury, by which it appeared that John Glasgow, farmer, Wangoom, had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.

3. PAPER.—The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk in substitution of Paper presented on 4th November last:—

Friendly Societies—Twenty-fifth Annual Report on.—Report of the Actuary for Friendly Societies for the year 1902, to which are appended the Valuations, Numerical and Financial Summaries of the Returns furnished by the Secretaries, &c.

4. COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Mr. Smith, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up a Report from the Committee of Public Accounts.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to 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 four and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Old Colonists' Association of Ballarat*" without amendment.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1903.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

6. UNUSED ROADS BILL.—ERRORS REPORTED BY CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments reporting, in conformity with Joint Standing Order No. 21, that the following clerical errors had been discovered in this Bill:—

In clause 3, sub-clause (2), at end of paragraph (b), the word "and" has been inserted; and in paragraph (c) the word "and" has been omitted.

In clause 4, sub-clause (2), at end of paragraph (b), the word "and" has been inserted; and in paragraph (c) the word "and" has been omitted.

On the motion of Mr. Bent, the House agreed that the above errors be corrected by the omission of the word "and" at the end of paragraph (b), sub-section (2), clause 3, and by the insertion of the word "and" at the end of paragraph (c) of the same sub-section of the same clause; and by the omission of the word "and" at the end of paragraph (b), sub-section (2), clause 4, and by the insertion of the word "and" at the end of paragraph (c) of the same sub-section of the same clause.
Ordered—That the communication from the Clerk of the Parliaments be transmitted to the Legislative Council, with a Message requesting them to concur in the correction of the foregoing errors.

(500 copies.)

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to Limit Parliamentary Election Expenses*," and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council insist on their amendment to insert new clause A, but with the following amendment :— After "candidate" insert "for election as a member of the Legislative Council," with which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1903.

Mr. Irvine moved, That this House do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Legislative Council to insert new clause A, as now amended by the Legislative Council.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly do not insist on disagreeing with the amendment of the Legislative Council to insert new clause A, as now amended by the Legislative Council.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have concurred with the Legislative Assembly in correcting the clerical errors reported by the Clerk of the Parliaments in the Bill intituled "*An Act to derive revenue from Unused Public Roads and Water Frontages*."

H. J. WRIXON,
President.

Legislative Council,
Melbourne, 24th December, 1903.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

The Lieutenant-Governor desires this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to attend His Excellency, when His Excellency was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Public Bills, viz. :—

"*An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue to the service of the year ending on the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and four and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this and the last preceding Session of Parliament.*"

"*An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Local Government.*"

"*An Act to derive revenue from Unused Public Roads and Water Frontages.*"

"*An Act for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Assembly Electoral Districts and for other purposes.*"

"*An Act for determining the Boundaries and Divisions of the Legislative Council Electoral Provinces and for other purposes.*"

After which His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

It affords me pleasure to be able to release you from your labours; to congratulate you upon the useful measures which you have passed; and to express the hope that those measures may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, tend to the prosperity and happiness of the people.

The Bill to continue and amend the Factories and Shops Acts will afford a further opportunity for experience in legislation affecting the relations of employers and employed. The provision made in that Bill for the establishment of a Court, with powers of appeal and supervision, is of great importance, and will, I trust, afford a means of determining some, at least, of the problems upon the solution of which the attainment of industrial harmony must depend.

The important amendments which you have made in the law relating to Lunacy provide for the better care and treatment of those who affliction entitles them, both in their own interest and in that of the community, to the most humane and skilful management.

The re-determination of the boundaries and divisions of the Electoral districts for both Houses of Parliament was rendered necessary by the Act recently passed for the reform of the Constitution, and I congratulate you upon the satisfactory accomplishment of that difficult task.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

I thank you, in His Majesty's name, for the provision which you have made for the requirements of the State.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :

The amendment and consolidation which you have effected of the numerous Acts relating to Local Government will greatly facilitate and simplify the transaction of Municipal business, and will remove many anomalies which previously existed.

The Act which you have passed for the leasing of Unused Roads and Water Frontages will provide a fund which will be expended on the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges in the various Municipal districts.

The successful conversion of the loan of £5,000,000, which falls due on 1st January, is a matter for satisfaction, having regard to the stringent conditions which have recently prevailed in the money market. A saving of about £35,000 a year will be thereby effected in the annual interest charge of the State. A very important feature in the new arrangements is the provision of a substantial Sinking Fund. This will not only be of benefit to the State in tending towards the regular reduction of the public debt, but is calculated to enhance the credit of Victoria.

The permanent economies which have been, and are still being, carried out in every department of public expenditure have already resulted in a large reduction in the annual cost of government, and My Ministers are using every opportunity of effecting further reductions.

The extensive works for the purposes of conservation of water for irrigation in the northern districts of the State are being proceeded with as expeditiously as possible.

The copious rains which have fallen throughout the year have secured an abundant harvest, and there is every prospect of a period of prosperity.

I now, in His Majesty's name, declare this Parliament to be prorogued to Tuesday, the 9th day of February, 1904, and it is prorogued accordingly.

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

W. D. BEAZLEY,
Speaker.

SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING SECOND SESSION 1903.

1.—ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

(Appointed by Speaker's Warrant, 8th September, 1903.)

Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Levien,

Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Madden,
Mr. Watt.

2.—LIBRARY (JOINT).

(Appointed 9th September, 1903.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Fink,

Mr. Madden,
Mr. Shiels.

3.—STANDING ORDERS.

(Appointed 9th September, 1903.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Beazley,*
Mr. Bent,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,†
Mr. Gair,

Sir Samuel Gillott,
Mr. Graves,
Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Trenwith.‡

* On the death of Mr. Speaker Gillies, Mr. Beazley became Speaker on the 16th September, 1903.

† Appointed 27th October, 1903.

‡ Mr. Trenwith ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly on the 18th November, 1903.

4.—PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT).

(Appointed 9th September, 1903.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Bent,
Mr. Craven,

Mr. Graham,
Mr. Trenwith.*

* Mr. Trenwith ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly on the 18th November, 1903.

5.—PRINTING.

(Appointed 9th September, 1903.)

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Barr,*
Mr. Beazley,†
Mr. Bowser,
Mr. Bromley,
Mr. Downward,
Mr. Grose,

Mr. A. Harris,
Mr. Langdon,
Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Sterry.

* Appointed 27th October, 1903.

† On the death of Mr. Speaker Gillies, Mr. Beazley became Speaker on the 16th September, 1903.

6.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT).

(Appointed 9th September, 1903.)

Mr. Bennett,
Capt. Chirnside,
Mr. Gair,Mr. Kerr,
Mr. McBride

7.—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

(Appointed 9th September, 1903.)

Mr. Beazley,
Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Fink,
Mr. Max Hirsch,*Mr. Smith,
Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Williams.

* Mr. Max Hirsch ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly on the 17th November, 1903

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

(Appointed under Act No. 1350, 29th October, 1902.)

Mr. Craven,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Grose,Mr. McBride,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Warde.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 1.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

No. 1.—*Factories Bill*.—Clause 7 as amended.

In section fifteen of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1900 the following amendments are hereby made, namely:—

- (a) * * * * *
- (b) In sub-section (22) after the word "age" the word "* slowness" shall be inserted.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to sub-section (b) as amended:—
 "and at the end of such sub-section there shall be added the words 'The number of persons so licensed as slow workers employed in any factory shall not without the consent of the Minister exceed the proportion of "one-fifth" of the whole number of persons employed in such factory at the minimum wage fixed for adults or at piece-work rates, provided that one licensed slow worker may be employed in any registered factory, and any person who without such consent employs any greater number than such proportion shall be guilty of a contravention of this section.'"—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the word "one-fifth," in line 4, be omitted from the proposed amendment, with a view to insert in place thereof the word "one-tenth."—(*Mr. Andrews.*)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Menzies,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Austey,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Mitchell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oman,	
Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—

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

“In the event of the Chief Inspector granting a licence to work at a less wage than the minimum wage fixed by any Special Board to any slow workers under the provisions of section fifteen sub-section (22) of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1900 as amended by this Act, the Chief Inspector shall inform each member of the Special Board that such licence has been granted, and any member of such Special Board may appear before the Chief Inspector to show cause why such licence should not be granted, and the Chief Inspector may cancel such licence if he deems fit.”

—(Mr. Lawson.)

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Andrews,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toucher,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. McBride.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—

Amendment—That the following words be added to sub-section (b) as amended:—“and at the end of such sub-section there shall be added the words ‘the number of persons so licensed as slow workers employed in any factory shall not without the consent of the Minister exceed the proportion of one-fifth of the whole number of persons employed in such factory at the minimum wage fixed for adults or at piece-work rates, provided that one licensed slow worker may be employed in any registered factory, and any person who without such consent employs any greater number than such proportion shall be guilty of a contravention of this section.’”—(Mr. Murray.)

Question—That the words proposed to be added to sub-section (b) be so added—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Robertson,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hennessy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Andrews,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—Clause 7 as amended.

In section fifteen of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1900 the following amendments are hereby made, namely:—

(cc) *In sub-section (2) after the word “employés” where first occurring the words “The representatives of the employers shall be or shall have been bonâ fide and actual employers in the trade concerned, and the representatives of the employés shall be or shall have been actual and bonâ fide employés in such trade, provided that this restriction shall not apply to appointments made by the Minister,” shall be inserted.*

(a) For sub-section (9) there shall be substituted the following sub-section, namely :—

(9) Any price or rate so determined by any Special Board shall from such date not being within [thirty] days of such determination, as shall be fixed by such Board be and remain in force until amended by a determination of such Special Board ; but such determination may at any time be amended or revoked by the Court of Industrial Appeal as hereinafter provided.

(b) In sub-section (22) after the word "age" the word "* slowness" shall be inserted :—
"and at the end of such sub-section there shall be added the words 'The number of persons so licensed as slow workers employed in any factory shall not, without the consent of the Minister, exceed the proportion of one-fifth of the whole number of persons employed in such factory at the minimum wage fixed for adults or at piece-work rates, provided that one licensed slow worker may be employed in any registered factory, and any person who without such consent employs any greater number than such proportion shall be guilty of a contravention of this section.'"

(c) In sub-sections (22) and (23), after the word "infirm" wherever occurring, the words "or slow" shall be inserted.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Question—That clause 7, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Robertson,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hennessy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Andrews,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 2.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 1ST OCTOBER, 1903.

TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

No. 1.—*Factories Bill*.—Clause 13.

(1) There shall be a Court of Industrial Appeals for deciding all appeals against a determination of a Special Board and for dealing with any determination of a Special Board referred to the Court by the Minister.

(2) The Court shall consist of such Judge of the Supreme Court "or of County Courts" as may be from time to time appointed by the Governor in Council.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "or of County Courts," in line 4, be omitted.—(*Mr. Swinburne.*)

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

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Sangster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Trenwith,	Mr. Prendergast.

Noes, 61.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Field,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shiels,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

No. 2.—*Factories Bill.*—Clause 17—

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Factories and Shops Acts a majority of the representatives of employers or a majority of the representatives of employés on any "Special Board" may at any time in the prescribed manner appeal against such determination to the Court.

—(Mr. Murray.)

Amendment proposed—That after the words "Special Board," in lines 2 and 3, the words "or any employer or group of employers who employ not less than 'twenty-five' per cent. of the total number of the workers in any trade" be inserted.—(Mr. Swinburne.)

Further amendment proposed—That the word "twenty-five," in line 2 of the proposed amendment, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the word "fifty."—(Mr. Andrews.)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment—put. Committee divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McGregor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oman,	
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Ramsay.

No. 3.—

Amendment—That after the words "Special Board," in lines 2 and 3, the words "or any employer or group of employers who employ not less than twenty-five per cent. of the total number of the workers in any trade" be inserted.—(Mr. Swinburne.)

And the said amendment having been amended by the addition of the following words:—"or twenty-five per cent. or more of the workers in any trade; for the purposes of this sub-section the Court shall accept the records given by the Chief Inspector in his latest Annual Report"—(Mr. Murray)—

Question—That after the words "Special Board," in clause 17, sub-section (1), lines 2 and 3, the words "or any employer or group of employers who employ not less than twenty-five per cent. of the total number of the workers in any trade, or twenty-five per cent. or more of the workers in any trade; for the purposes of this sub-section the Court shall accept the records given by the Chief Inspector in his latest Annual Report" be inserted—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Maloney,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Ramsay.

THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 1903.

No. 4.—*Factories Bill*.—Clause 17.

(5) *Except as hereinafter provided* no barrister and solicitor or agent shall be allowed to appear before or be heard by the Court.

—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the words “With the consent of both parties to the appeal or reference either party may at its own cost be represented by a barrister and solicitor or agent. In appeals under sub-section (1a) of this section the Court may give such directions for the representation of parties as may in the circumstances appear to be proper” be added to sub-section (5) as amended.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the words “By direction of the Court or” be inserted at the beginning of the proposed amendment.—(*Mr. Andrews.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment be so inserted—put. Committee divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. McBride.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—New clause B.²

In section ten of Act No. 1476 after “agriculture” the words “or in horticulture viticulture or pastoral pursuits” shall be inserted.—(*Mr. Brown.*)

Question—That new clause B be read a second time—put. Committee divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Thomson,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. J. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. C. Hamilton,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Ramsay.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 3.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 8TH OCTOBER, 1903.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 1903.

No. 1.—*Factories Bill*.—Clause 14 (on recomittal).

In the making of any determination as to any prices or rates every Special Board appointed after the commencement of this Act shall have regard to the undermentioned principles, namely:—

(c) Where it appears to be just and expedient special wages prices or rates may be fixed for aged infirm or slow workers.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following new sub-section be added to the clause:—

(d) Where it appears that females are employed at work similar in its nature kind and class to that in which males are employed, then the Board if in their opinion such work can be done by females as by males with equal efficiency and to an equal extent shall order that wages prices or rates paid to males shall be paid to females.—(*Mr. Hickford.*)

Question—That new sub-section (d) be added to the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Mackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Bennett.

Noes, 43.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Duffus,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—New clause B.

In sub-section (2) of section three of Act No. 1445 the following paragraph shall be omitted:—

(b) Inmates of any institution conducted in good faith for religious or charitable purposes.—(*Mr. Ramsay.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Swinburne.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Lancaster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 63.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Maloney,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Sterry,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Hennessy,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hickford,	
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 4.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 29TH OCTOBER, 1903.WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1903.No. 1.—*Women's Suffrage Bill* (No. 2).—New clause B.Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act no woman shall be disqualified from being elected as a Member of either House of Parliament.—(*Mr. Craven.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Shoppee.
Mr. Brown,	
Mr. Cullen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bowser,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Shiels,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Livingston,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Maloney,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 5.

DIVISION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 5TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

No. 1.—*Mines Acts further Amendment Bill.*—Clause 33.

For section one hundred and thirty-five of the *Mines Act* 1897 there shall be substituted the following section, namely :—

135. The following general rules shall so far as may be reasonably practicable be observed in every mine :—

(1) An adequate amount of ventilation that is to say not less than [seventy] cubic feet of air each minute for each man and boy (except in the case of coal mines when the amount shall not be less than one hundred cubic feet each minute for each man and boy) and one hundred and fifty cubic feet each minute for each horse employed underground in a mine, excepting in cases where noxious gases exist to a dangerous degree when the quantity of air required shall be increased to such amount not exceeding five hundred cubic feet respectively as may be ordered in each case by the "Minister," shall be constantly produced in every mine * * *

—(*Mr. E. H. Cameron.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "Minister," in line 11, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "inspector of mines."—(*Mr. W. A. Hamilton.*)

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

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Hickford,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. Irvine,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Bowser,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. McGregor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 6.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 12TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

No. 1.—*Lunacy Bill*.—Clause 12.

(1) The Inspector-General shall not be subject to the Public Service Acts and he shall receive a salary at a rate not exceeding One thousand "two hundred and fifty" pounds per annum and such salary shall be a charge upon and payable out of the consolidated revenue which is hereby to the necessary extent appropriated accordingly.

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—(*Mr. Murray*.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "two hundred and fifty," in line 2, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "five hundred."—(*Mr. Murray*.)

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

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Warde,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. Field,	
Mr. Grose,	
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	
	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. McBride,
	Mr. McGregor.

Noes, 40.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Lancaster,	
Mr. Langdon,	
Mr. Mackey,	
	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. Bailes,
	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 2.—Further amendment proposed—That the words “five hundred” be inserted in place of the words omitted.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

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

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Smith,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hennessy,	
Mr. Hickford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Warde,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Elmslie,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Prendergast,	
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 7.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 19TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

No. 1.—*Lunacy Bill.*—Clause 19.

For section one hundred and twenty-four of the *Public Service Act* 1890 as amended by section thirteen of the *Public Service Act* 1901 so far only as the Lunacy Department and all officers and employes thereof are concerned the following section is hereby substituted:—

(2) If the [Superintendent] considers the alleged offence to be of so serious a nature that a report thereof should in the course of his duty be made to the [Inspector-General] he may suspend such officer and forthwith report the officer so offending to the [Inspector-General]; and if such suspended officer does not in writing admit the truth of the charges made against him the Inspector-General shall inquire as to the truth of such charges. The Inspector-General "shall" have authority to hear receive and examine evidence upon oath.]

—(Mr. Murray.)

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word "shall," in line 8, to end of paragraph (2) be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "request the Honorable the Chief Secretary to appoint a Board to inquire into the truth of such charges; such Board to consist of a County Court Judge or police magistrate as chairman with two other members thereof appointed from the public service of the State of Victoria, such members to be permanent officers of Departments other than the Lunacy Department. Such Board shall have full authority to hear and examine evidence on oath. This Appeal Board shall have regard only to those employed in the Department at the passage of this Act."—(Mr. Toutcher.)

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

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Martin,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Field,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Sterry,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	Tellers.
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	Tellers.
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. McGregor.

No. 2.—Further amendment proposed—That the following words be added to paragraph (2):—“Any officer charged may have the right to employ counsel.”—(*Mr. Toutcher.*)
Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Morrissey,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Martin,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	

Tellers.

Mr. Craven,
Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—Clause 61.

The Chief Secretary may upon payment of such fee as the Governor in Council may prescribe and subject to such provisions and conditions as to the Governor in Council seem fit by writing under his hand grant to any person a licence to keep a house for the reception of one or more insane persons and from time to time may renew or revoke such licence.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Question—That clause 61 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Stanley,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Hennessy,	
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Austey,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Trenwith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Prendergast,	
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Sangster,	
Mr. Shoppee,	

Tellers.

Mr. McBride,
Mr. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—New clause A.

No male or female warder attendant or domestic employé shall be employed more than eight hours in any day of twenty-four hours.—(*Mr. Prendergast.*)

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

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Prendergast.

Noes, 45.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Downward,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Wallace,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride.
Mr. Kerr,	

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

No. 5—*Mines Acts further Amendment Bill.*—Clause 38 as amended.

[The Minister shall have discretionary power to deal with special cases so as to allow a person holding a second class certificate of competency as engine-driver to bale water from a mine by means of steam machinery in the case of a small working party.]—(Mr. E. H. Cameron.)

Question—That clause 38, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Williams,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Thomson.
Mr. Kirkwood,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 6.—Clause 39.

For section one hundred and forty-three of the *Mines Act 1897* the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

143. (1) Any person who is not the holder of a certificate of competency as an engine-driver under this Act or the holder of a certificate of competency or of service as an engine-driver under the Principal Act or who is wholly or partially deaf or whose sight is defective or who is subject to fits giddiness or any other infirmity likely to interfere with the efficient discharge of his duties, and who takes charge of machinery in which "steam" is used as motive power and every other person who employs any such person as aforesaid shall be guilty of an offence against this Division of this Part of this Act. * * * * *

—(Mr. E. H. Cameron.)

Amendment proposed—That the words "or electricity" be inserted after the word "steam," in line 7.
—(Sir Alexander Peacock.)

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

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. J. Harris,	Dr. Wilson.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 8.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 26TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

No. 1.—*Old-age Pensions Act 1901 Amendment Bill.*—Clause 3 as amended.

(1) In paragraph (k) of section eight of the Principal Act before the first word "that" there shall be inserted the words "that he is not possessed of any money over and above Ten pounds sterling, and."—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

And the clause having been amended by the omission of sub-section (2)—
Question—That clause 3, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fink,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hennessy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Kirton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—Clause 6 as amended.

(1) Sections nineteen and twenty of the Principal Act shall be repealed.

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 (4) * * unless the total sum payable for pensions will not during any financial year amount to more than One hundred and fifty thousand pounds, the Treasurer shall not *without further special appropriation by Parliament in the half-year ending on the thirtieth day of June or on the thirty-first day of December in each year* authorize the issue of pension certificates covering new pensions the total *half-yearly* instalments of which would exceed *the half-yearly amount* of the pensions which ceased to be in force during the *half-year* immediately preceding. The pension certificate shall be in the form of a pass-book as may be prescribed.
 * * * * *

—(Mr. Irvine.)

Question—That clause 6, as amended, stand part of the Bill—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. C. Hamilton,	
Mr. J. Harris,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Smith,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 9.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 3RD DECEMBER, 1903.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1903.

No. 1.—*Unused Roads Bill*.—Clause 1.

(1) This Act may be cited as the *Unused Roads and Water Frontages Act 1903*, and shall be read and construed as one with the Local Government Acts, and shall come into operation on the first day of January One thousand nine hundred and four.

(2) This Act shall not apply to the City of Melbourne or Town of Geelong.—(*Mr. Bent.*)

Question—That clause 1 stand part of the Bill—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Thomson,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hennessy,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Toucher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—Clause 2.

Definitions.

In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

* * * * *

(e) "Road" includes "street" and also includes"—

* * * * *

—(*Mr. Bent.*)Amendment proposed—That the words "street" and also includes," in paragraph (e), be omitted.—
(*Mr. Gavan Duffy.*)Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Taverner,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hennessy,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Anstey,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McGregor,	
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 3.—Clause 10.

(1) Every licence of any unused road or any water frontage shall be for the term of "three years," and shall commence to run as from the first day of January in any year and may be renewed from time to time by indorsement or otherwise, and shall contain—

* * * * *

—(*Mr. Bent.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "three years," in lines 1 and 2, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "one year."—(*Mr. Gavan Duffy.*)Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Taverner,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Andrews,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Oman,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1903.

No. 4.—*Local Government Bill.*—Clause 140.

(1) The returning officer or his deputy or other person so appointed shall deliver to every voter who requires the same a ballot-paper, or if such voter appears by the roll to be entitled to give more votes than one then so many ballot-papers as may be equal to the number of votes not exceeding three which such voter so appears to be entitled to give.

(3) Every voter shall without leaving the booth strike out from any or all of such papers the names of the candidates for whom he does not desire to vote; and if any voter suffers to remain upon his ballot-paper a "greater" number of names not struck out than the number of councillors to be elected the vote given on and by such paper shall be void and of no effect.

—(*Mr. McLeod.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "or less" be inserted after the word "greater," in subsection (3), line 7.—(*Mr. Boyd.*)

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

Ayes, 9.		Noes, 38.	
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Watt.	Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Cullen,		Mr. Billson,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Fairbairn,		Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Fletcher,		Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. McCutcheon,	Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Warde,	Mr. Boyd.	Mr. Craven,	Mr. McDonald,
		Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
		Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Menzies,
		Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Oman,
		Mr. Field,	Mr. Prendergast,
		Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Robertson,
		Mr. Graham,	Mr. Sangster,
		Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Shoppee,
		Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Swinburne,
		Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Taverner,
		Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wilkins.
		Mr. Irvine,	
		Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Bennett,
		Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 10.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 10TH DECEMBER, 1903.

TUESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1903.

No. 1.—*Assembly Electoral Boundaries Bill.*—First Schedule.

"FLEMINGTON."

Commencing at the intersection of Dryburgh-street and Flemington-road ; thence south by

—(*Mr. Murray.*)Amendment proposed—That the word "Flemington," in line 1, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Footscray."—(*Mr. McDonald.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Bowser.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Morrissey,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Ramsay,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Lawson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Grose.

No. 2.—

"JIKA JIKA."

Commencing at the intersection of Nicholson-street and Scotchmer-street ; thence east by

—(*Mr. Murray.*)Amendment proposed—That the words "Jika Jika," in line 1, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the word "Northcote."—(*Mr. Boyd.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted start part of the Schedule—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Capt. Chiraside,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Craven,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Shoppee,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Kirkwood,	
Mr. Langdon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. McBride.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Grose,	
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Ramsay.
Mr. Lancaster,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 3.—

“WILLIAMSTOWN.”

Commencing on the shore of Port Phillip Bay where the west boundary of the Town of Williamstown * * * * *

—(Mr. Murray.)

Amendment proposed—That the words “and Footscray” be inserted after the word “Williamstown,” in line 1.—(Mr. McDonald.)

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

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Smith,
Capt. Chiraside,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Warde.
Sir Samuel Gillott,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Grose,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ramsay.
Mr. McDonald,	

Noes, 50.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Hennessy,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Irvine,	
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. McBride.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 4.—

GEELONG.

Commencing on the shore of Corio Bay where the west boundary of the parish of Moolap abuts thereon; thence south by the said boundary to the Barwon River; thence westerly, north-westerly, and westerly by that river to Latrobe-terrace; thence north by Latrobe-terrace to Aberdeen-street; thence west by that street to the West Melbourne-road; thence north by that road to Church-street; thence east by that street to the Ballarat or Batesford-road; thence north-westerly by that road to the road forming the west boundaries of allotments 81 and 79, parish of Moorpanyal; thence north by that road to Victoria-street; thence east by Victoria-street to the shore of Corio Bay; and thence southerly and easterly by that shore to the commencing point.—(Mr. Murray.)

Amendment proposed—That this district be omitted with a view to insert new district, Geelong North, in place thereof.—(*Mr. Andrews.*)

Question—That this district stand part of the Schedule—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McLeod,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Taverner,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Hennessy.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Martin,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Grose.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 5.—

NORTH SANDHURST.

Commencing on the south-east boundary of the City of Bendigo (as described in the *Local Government Act 1890*) * * * * *

—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the boundaries of this district be omitted with a view to insert new boundaries in place thereof.—(*Mr. Wallace.*)

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Graham,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Lancaster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Duffus.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Billson,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker.
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Boyd.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1903.

No. 6.—*Assembly Electoral Boundaries Bill.*—First Schedule.

"ALBERTON."

Commencing on the sea-coast where the north boundary of the county of Buln Buln abuts thereon * * * * *

—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "Alberton," in line 1, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "Gippsland South."—(*Mr. Livingston.*)

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Swinburne,
Capt. Chirside,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Williams.
Sir Samuel Gillott,	
Mr. C. Hamilton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Prendergast.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Field,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Graves,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 7.—

"BARWON."

Commencing on the sea-coast at Point Lonsdale ; thence westerly and south-westerly by the sea-coast * * * * *

—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "Geelong South and" be inserted before the word "Barwon," in line 1.—(*Mr. Martin.*)

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

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirtou,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Lawson,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 47.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Stanley,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Irvine,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Kerr,	Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 8.—

"CASTLEMAINE."

Commencing on the northern boundary of the county of Talbot at the north-west angle of allotment 2A
 thence south by that road, "allotment 11, a road, and allotments 27B, 26, 27, 27E, and 24A, section 14, to the south-west angle of allotment 24"; thence easterly by the south boundary of the parish of Guildford to the south-east angle of allotment 27, section M; thence southerly, easterly, and northerly by the west, south, and east boundaries of the parish of Fryers to the north boundary of the parish of Drummond

—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words from "allotment 11" down to "allotment 24," in lines 4 and 5, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the words "allotment 11 to the Loddon River; thence westerly by that river to the Limestone Creek; thence southerly by that creek to the south boundary of the parish of Guildford."—(*Mr. Lawson.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stanley,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lawson,	
Mr. McBride,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 9.—Further amendment proposed—That the words "and Maldon" be inserted after the word "Castlemaine," in line 1.—(*Mr. Wallace.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Oman,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Andrews,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. McGregor.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Austin,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Shiels,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Stauley,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Hennessy,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirton,	
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it passed in the negative.

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SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 11.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 18TH DECEMBER, 1903.

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1903.

No. 1.—*Assembly Electoral Boundaries Bill.*—First Schedule (on re-committal).

BENDIGO EAST.

“Commencing on the south-east boundary of the City of Bendigo (as described in the *Local Government Act 1890*) where it is intersected by Spring Gully road; thence northerly by the said road and Carpenter-street to Mitchell-street; thence north-westerly by that street and View-place to Barnard-street; thence south-westerly by that street to Mount Korong-road; thence westerly and northerly by that road, McIntyre-street, Bond-street, and Backhaus-street to the boundary of the City of Bendigo; thence north-easterly and south-easterly by that boundary to the south-east corner of the said city; thence further south-easterly by a direct line to the north-west angle of allotment 327B, parish of Sandhurst; thence easterly by a road to the west boundary of the parish of Wellsford, and thence by a direct line to the north-west angle of allotment 59A in the last-named parish; thence further easterly by the north boundary of that allotment, by a direct line and by the south boundary of allotment 69 to the south-east angle of the last-mentioned allotment; thence north and east by the west and north boundaries of the parish of Axedale to the Campaspe River; thence southerly and westerly by that river, the Coliban River, and the northern boundary of the county of Talbot to the Axe Creek; thence northerly by that creek to the road forming the north boundary of section 14, parish of Sedgwick; thence west by that road to the road forming the west boundary of section 12; thence northerly and easterly by that road to the south-west angle of allotment 4, section 23; thence north by allotment 7, section 3, to the north-east angle thereof; thence north-westerly by a direct line to the south-east angle of allotment 5, section 24; thence westerly and northerly by the boundaries of that allotment to the north-west angle thereof; thence northerly by a direct line to the south-east angle of section 14, parish of Strathfieldsaye; thence west and north by the south and west boundaries of the last-named parish to the south angle of allotment 6, section 19 therein; thence north-westerly by a road to the south-east angle of allotment 107, parish of Sandhurst; thence northerly by a road to the north-east angle of the last-mentioned allotment; thence north-westerly by a road to the south-west angle of allotment 149A; and thence southerly and south-westerly by the boundary of the City of Bendigo to the commencing point.”—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the boundaries be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the following boundaries:—

“Commencing on the boundary of the City of Bendigo (as described in the *Local Government Act 1890*) where it is intersected by McIvor-road; thence westerly by McIvor-road and Lyttleton-terrace to Baxter-street; thence north-westerly by that street and Water-street to Barnard-street; thence south-westerly by Barnard-street to Mount Korong-road; thence westerly and north-westerly by Mount Korong-road, McIntyre-street, Bond-street, and Backhaus-street to the boundary of the Borough of Eaglehawk (as described in the *Local Government Act 1890*); thence southerly and north-westerly by that boundary to the west boundary of the parish of Sandhurst; thence southerly by that boundary to the south boundary of the parish of Nerring; thence westerly by that boundary to the road forming the south boundary of allotment 17, section 4A, in the last-named parish; thence north-easterly by that road to the south-west angle of allotment 17F; thence northerly by a road to the north-west angle of allotment 15B, section 3; thence easterly by the south boundaries of the parishes of Yarraberb and Neilborough, and a road to the north-west angle of allotment 1, section 15, parish of Huntly; thence southerly by that allotment, allotment 3A, and a road to the north-east angle of allotment 5, section 26; thence east by a road to the Bendigo Creek; thence southerly by that creek to the northern boundary of the City of Bendigo; and thence south-easterly and southerly by the boundaries of that city to the commencing point.”—(*Mr. Wallace.*)

Question—That the boundaries proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Duffus,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Tucker,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Kirton,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—*Assembly Electoral Boundaries Bill.*—First Schedule (on re-re-committal).

ALBERT PARK.

“Commencing at the intersection of Dorcas-street and St. Kilda-road; thence southerly by St. Kilda-road to the boundary between the City of South Melbourne and the City of St. Kilda; thence south-westerly by that boundary to the shore of Hobson’s Bay; thence north-westerly by that shore to Pickles-street; thence northerly by Pickles-street to Cowie-street; thence south-easterly by that street to St. Vincent-street west; thence north-easterly by that street to Nelson-road; thence northerly by Nelson-road to Dorcas-street; and thence north-easterly by Dorcas-street to the commencing point.”—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the boundaries be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the following boundaries:—

“Commencing at the intersection of the Yarra River and St. Kilda-road; thence southerly by St. Kilda-road to the boundary between the City of South Melbourne and the City of St. Kilda; thence south-westerly by that boundary to the shore of Hobson’s Bay; thence north-westerly by that shore to Pickles-street; thence northerly by Pickles-street to Cowie-street; thence south-easterly by that street to Bridport-street; thence easterly by that street to Cecil-street; thence northerly by Cecil-street to the Yarra River; and thence north-easterly by the Yarra River to the commencing point.”—(*Mr. Tucker.*)

Question—That the boundaries proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. Hennessy,	
Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Watt.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative

Noes, 22.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. Keast,	
Mr. Keogh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Livingston,	Mr. C. Hamilton.

No. 3.—

DALHOUSIE.

Commencing on the Coliban River where the road forming the south boundary of the parish of Metcalfe abuts thereon ; * * * * *
 thence north by allotments 97 and 98 and west by allotments 98, 99, and 100 to the Monument Creek ; "thence south-westerly by that creek to the north boundary of allotment 120 ; thence westerly and southerly by a road to the north boundary of allotment 212, parish of Kerrie ; thence west by that allotment to the Great Dividing Range ; thence southerly and south-westerly by that range to the south-west angle of allotment 32, section F, parish of Woodend ; thence northerly by a road to the north-west angle of allotment 21 ; thence east by a road to the south-west angle of allotment 3, section D ; thence northerly by that boundary, the west boundary of allotment 10, section 12, and a road to the north-west angle of allotment 108B ; thence easterly and northerly by a road to the north-west angle of allotment 108B ; thence east by a road to the south-west angle of allotment 22, parish of Newham ; thence north by the west boundary of the parish of Newham " to the road forming the north boundary of the Newham pre-emptive section ; * * *

—(Mr. Murray.)

Amendment proposed—That all words from the words "thence south-westerly" in line 5, down to the words "the parish of Newham," in line 13, be omitted, with a view to insert in place thereof the words "thence northerly by that creek and the Deep Creek to the road forming the north boundary of the parish of Rochford ; thence south-westerly by that road to the south-west angle of allotment 1S2, section B, parish of Cobaw ; thence north by a road, the west boundary of allotment 6B, and a line to the south boundary of allotment 40 ; thence northerly by a road to the Great Dividing Range ; thence south-westerly and westerly by that range and southerly by the east boundaries of allotments 16D, 20, and 21, section C, to the south angle of the last-mentioned allotment ; thence north-westerly and westerly by a road to the north-west angle of allotment F22 ; thence south by the east boundaries of the parishes of Carlsruhe and Newham."—(Mr. Gavan Duffy.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 39.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. E. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Duffus,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Shoppec,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Flotcher,	Mr. Taverner,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bromley,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Sterry,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Williams.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Ramsay.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1903.

No. 4.—*Council Electoral Boundaries Bill.*—Schedule.

MELBOURNE SOUTH.

Commencing on the Yarra River where Clarendon-street abuts thereon ; thence south-easterly by Clarendon-street to Dorcas-street ; thence * * *

—(Mr. Murray.)

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—
 (Mr. Smith.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 52.	
Mr. Bailes,	Mr. Oman,	Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir Alexander Peacock,	Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keogh,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Prendergast,	Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kerr,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,	Mr. Barr,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Bent,	Mr. Kirton,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Toutcher,	Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,	Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Wilkins,	Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Mackinnon,		Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. McDonald,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. McGregor,	Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Craven,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Morrissey,	Mr. Ramsay.	Mr. Cullen,	Mr. McCutcheon,
		Mr. Duffus,	Mr. McLeod,
		Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Menzies,
		Mr. Field,	Mr. Mitchell,
		Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
		Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
		Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
		Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Sterry,
		Mr. Graham,	Mr. Swinburne,
		Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
		Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Watt,
		Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Webb.
		Mr. Hennessy,	
		Mr. Hunt,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. McBride,
		Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

FRIDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1903.

No. 5.—*Tied Houses Abolition Bill.*—Clause 3.

Upon any application for the grant of a certificate to obtain a licence for the sale of intoxicating liquors the Licensing Court shall require the applicant to satisfy the Court that he is not under such covenant or agreement as "aforesaid" and also that he is possessed of a tenancy of the premises for which such application is made for at least the period to which the licence relates and unless so satisfied the Court shall not grant such certificate.—(*Mr. Bailes.*)

Amendment proposed—That the words "entered into since the commencement of this Act" be inserted after the word "aforesaid," in line 3.—(*Mr. Bailes.*)

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.		Noes, 26.	
Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Billson,	Mr. Morrissey,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Craven,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Menzies,	Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Shoppee,	Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Wallace.	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Fink,		Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tucker,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Boyd.	Mr. Lancaster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
		Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Prendergast.

And so it passed in the negative.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION 1903.

No. 12.

DIVISIONS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

WEEK ENDING 24TH DECEMBER, 1903.

TUESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1903.

No. 1.—*Election Expenses Limitation Bill (No. 2).*—Clause 2.

In this Act the expression "electoral expenses" or "electoral expense" includes all payments, including any pecuniary or other reward (other than personal expenses of a candidate in travelling and attending election meetings) made by a candidate, or on his behalf and with his knowledge.—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the clause, viz.:—"Candidate" includes any person who within three months before the day of election offers himself for election as a member of the Legislative Council or Legislative 'Assembly,' or within such period does any act with the object of securing his election as such member and afterwards becomes a candidate."—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Further amendment proposed—That all words in the amendment after the word "Assembly," in line 7, be omitted.—(*Mr. Andrews.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the amendment—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Austey,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Lawson,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Martin.
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McDouald,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. C. Hamilton	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Kirkwood,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Lancaster,	Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Brown,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. Fairbairn,	
Sir Samuel Gillott,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Ramsay.
Mr. Livingston,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 2.—New clause F.

Every person whose name appears on the electoral rolls of the State of Victoria must, unless prevented by causes beyond his control, record his vote at any election, under a penalty not exceeding £2.—(*Mr. McCutcheon.*)

Question—That new clause F be now read a second time—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. McDonald,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Methven,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Swinburne,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Wallace.
Sir Samuel Gillott,	
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Levien,	

Tellers.

Mr. Argyle,
Mr. Craven.

Noes, 50.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Cullen,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Holden,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt,
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Keast,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kirkwood,	
Mr. Lancaster,	
Mr. Langdon,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Thomson.

And so it passed in the negative.

No. 3.—First Schedule.

PART I.

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PART II.

* * * * *

2. For elections for the Legislative Assembly the electoral expenses (other than personal expenses of a candidate in travelling and attending election meetings) shall not exceed in the whole the maximum amount of "£150."—(*Mr. Murray.*)

Amendment proposed—That the figures "£150," in line 5, be omitted with a view to insert in place thereof the figures "£100."—(*Sir Alexander Peacock.*)

Question—That the figures proposed to be omitted stand part of the Schedule—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Barr,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Madden,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. McBride,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Watt.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	

Tellers.

Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Hennessy.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. Keogh,	
Mr. Kerr,	
Mr. Mackey,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. Martin,	

Tellers.

Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Thomson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

No. 4.—

Further amendment proposed—That the words “for a country electorate and £100 for a metropolitan or urban electorate” be added to the Schedule.—(*Mr. Andrews.*)
 Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Andrews,	Mr. McDonald,
Mr. Anstey,	Mr. McGregor,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Oman,
Mr. Billson,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Prendergast,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Craven,	Mr. Toutcher,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Warde,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Wilkins.
Mr. A. Harris,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ramsay.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Argyle,	Mr. Irvine,
Mr. Ashworth,	Mr. Keast,
Mr. Austin,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Lancaster,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Mr. Carlisle,	Mr. Madden,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. McBride,
Mr. Downward,	Mr. McCutcheon,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. McLeod,
Mr. Field,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forrest,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Gair,	Mr. Swinburne,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. J. Harris,	
Mr. Holden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Hennessy,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1903.

No. 5.—*Supply—Estimates for 1903-4.*

Motion made—That the following sum be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1903-4 for the several services hereunder specified in addition to the several sums already voted in this and the last preceding Sessions of Parliament for such services, viz.:—

II.—MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

DIVISION No. 22.

EDUCATION.

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The sum of “£18,457.”—(*Mr. Irvine.*)

Amendment proposed and question put—That this sum be reduced by £1.—(*Mr. Billson.*)
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Anstey,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Bennett,	Sir Alexander Peacock,
Mr. Billson,	Mr. Ramsay,
Mr. Bromley,	Mr. Sangster,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elmslie,	Mr. Tucker,
Mr. Grose,	Mr. Tunnecliffe,
Mr. W. A. Hamilton,	Mr. Warde.
Mr. Holden,	
Mr. Kerr,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Bailes,
Mr. McDonald,	Mr. Prendergast.
Mr. McGregor,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. Bent,	Mr. Kirkwood,
Mr. Bowser,	Mr. Langdon,
Mr. E. H. Cameron,	Mr. Livingston,
Mr. J. Cameron,	Mr. Mackey,
Capt. Chirnside,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cullen,	Mr. Menzies,
Mr. Fairbairn,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Fink,	Mr. Robertson,
Sir Samuel Gillott,	Mr. Shoppee,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Taverner,
Mr. C. Hamilton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. A. Harris,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. J. Harris,	Mr. Webb.
Mr. Hunt,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Irvine,	Mr. Craven,
Mr. Keogh,	Mr. Watt.

And so it passed in the negative.

