

VICT. NOTICES OF MOTION & ORDERS OF THE DAY LEG. ASSEMBLY 2nd SESS. 1897

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Assembly

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1897.*Questions.*

1. MR. McCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if the horse and forage allowance to the foresters, reinstatement of which was promised about four months since, has been paid.
2. MR. STYLES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will lay on the Library table all papers and documents relating to the case of Joseph Hall.
3. MR. GRAHAM : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. If his attention has been called to the fact that a number of farmers and other intending selectors were summoned by the Lands Department to attend a Land Board at Birchip last month, and that, after having travelled some hundreds of miles at great expense to get a chance in the ballot, they were refused the opportunity.
 2. Why were these men not told by letter they were not eligible to compete for the land.
 3. Will he reimburse their actual expenses of the journey and return the application fee.
4. MR. BAILES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. Is he aware that the Lands Department is refusing to allow holders of residence areas who have purchased such areas from persons who have been registered for such areas for more than two and a half years to purchase such areas under section 36 of the *Mines Act* 1890.
 2. Is he also aware that clause 19 of section 9 of the Sandhurst Mining By-laws, which have been certified to as not being contrary to law by the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General, distinctly sets forth—"Any person acquiring a residence area by transfer and desirous of purchasing the same from the Crown in accordance with section 36 of the *Mines Act* 1890 shall be entitled to all the privileges of the transferrer so far as the title of the latter was continuous and without a lapse."
 3. Will he take the necessary steps to have the practice that has hitherto been observed in accordance with the by-law reverted to.
5. MR. CRAVEN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if he will give some indication of what he proposes to do with regard to 32nd section holdings in the proposed Land Bill, as the holders of these blocks are suffering considerable loss, being kept in a state of suspense, as they do not know whether to stock their holdings or improve them.

ORDER OF THE DAY (to take precedence) :—

1. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH—MOTION FOR—*Resumption of debate.*

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAHAM : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for taking a plebiscite of the electors of the colony on the question of using the Irish National Scripture Lesson Books in State schools.
2. MR. GRAY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Act* 1890.
3. MR. STAUGHTON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the reduction of the reimbursement of Members to £240 a year should continue in full force until the Public Servants receive the full amount of salaries which the State agreed to pay when entering its service.
4. MR. VALE : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to aliens and for other purposes.
5. MR. GURR : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to apply a certain provision of the *Local Government Act* 1890 to the Town of Geelong.
6. MR. MURPHY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for the purpose of constructing a railway siding from Bungaree Junction to the Race-course Reserve.
7. MR. OUTTRIM : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the adoption of the referendum.

8. MR. KENNEDY : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.
9. MR. JOHN A. ISAACS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of non-residential voters for the Legislative Assembly in each electorate of the colony of Victoria.
10. MR. MCGREGOR : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the *Local Government Act 1890*.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. SIR JOHN MCINTYRE : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—

1. Is he aware that it is usual when any mining lease is declared void, or mining ground in dispute thrown open, to make known the fact, by publication in the Friday issues of the *Government Gazette*, and that the said *Gazette* is not legally obtainable by the general public until Five p.m. on Fridays.
2. Has his attention been called to a case where the right to certain mining ground in Maldon was in dispute between the South German Gold Mining Company and Mr. Charles Gray, wherein it was shown in evidence before the warden that the *Government Gazette* must have been obtained before it was legally available to the general public or knowledge had been surreptitiously acquired that the ground referred to was gazetted to be thrown open.
3. Is it a fact that in consequence of the *Gazette* or such knowledge being so come by the ground in dispute was awarded to a third party who had no interest whatever in it.
4. Will he cause an inquiry to be made as to how such third party secured the *Gazette* or got hold of the knowledge that the ground was to be gazetted open before the *Gazette* containing the notice was issued or available to the general public.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 26TH OCTOBER, 1897.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 1.

Alphabetical List of Members of the Legislative Council. (To Members of Council only.)

Names and Addresses of Members and Officers of the Legislative Council. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 1.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Questions.

1. SIR JOHN McINTYRE : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Is he aware that it is usual when any mining lease is declared void, or mining ground in dispute thrown open, to make known the fact by publication in the Friday issues of the *Government Gazette*, and that the said *Gazette* is not legally obtainable by the general public until Five p.m. on Fridays.
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 3. Is it a fact that in consequence of the *Gazette* or such knowledge being so come by the ground in dispute was awarded to a third party who had no interest whatever in it.
 4. Will he cause an inquiry to be made as to how such third party secured the *Gazette* or got hold of the knowledge that the ground was to be gazetted open before the *Gazette* containing the notice was issued or available to the general public.
2. MR. BOWSER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it would not be a fair concession to allow passengers from a greater distance than 20 miles from Melbourne the benefit of the suburban radius when reached.
3. MR. DEAKIN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will lay upon the Library table all the papers relating to the case of the late Mr. Babb.
4. MR. HAMILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is he aware that casual ballast-men working on the lines about Bendigo are only in receipt of 5s. per day.
 2. Is there any substantial reason why these men should not receive the minimum rate of wage established by the Government, viz., 6s. per day.
 3. Will the Honorable the Minister increase their wages at the earliest opportunity.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session be the days on which this House shall meet for the despatch of business, and that Four o'clock be the hour of meeting on Tuesday, and Three o'clock be the hour of meeting on Wednesday and Thursday ; and that no fresh business, except the postponement of business on the Notice-paper, be called on after Half-past Ten o'clock.
2. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That on Tuesday and Thursday in each week during the present Session Government business shall take precedence of all other business.
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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.

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4. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That the following Members form the Standing Orders Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graves, Mr. Higgins, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. McLean, Mr. Staughton, Mr. Trenwith, Mr. A. L. Tucker, Sir George Turner, Mr. Vale, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Zox ; five to be the quorum.
5. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Madden, and Mr. Shiels.
6. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Graham, Mr. Moule, Mr. T. Smith, and Mr. Taverner.
7. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That the following Members form the Printing Committee during the present Session :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. Bromley, Mr. Craven, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Kirton, Mr. Langdon, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Outtrim, and Mr. Rawson ; three to be the quorum.
8. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, 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. J. Anderson, Mr. Austin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Wilkins.
9. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That the following Members form the Committee of Public Accounts during the present Session :—Mr. Beazley, Mr. Carter, Mr. Deakin, Sir John McIntyre, Mr. R. Murray Smith, Mr. T. Smith, and Mr. Wheeler ; three to be the quorum.

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2. MR. JOHN A. ISAACS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of non-residential voters for the Legislative Assembly in each electorate of the colony of Victoria.
3. MR. DUGGAN : To move, That in the opinion of this House the present fixed rates or prices, viz., 2s. 6d and 2s. 9d. each, paid by the Railway Department for sleepers is unremunerative to those supplying such sleepers, and should be immediately increased to 2s. 9d. and 3s. 3d. each respectively, these prices being about the average prices paid under the contract system obtaining.
4. MR. MCGREGOR : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Stock Tax should be forthwith abolished.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading.
3. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. GREAT MORWELL COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY PURCHASE BILL—Second reading.
5. STUDLEY PARK BRIDGE BILL—Second reading.
6. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (OFFICERS AND TEACHERS) BILL—Second reading.
7. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL—Second reading.
9. DOOKIE AND KATAMATITE TRAMWAY BILL—Second reading.
10. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL—Second reading.
13. FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS BILL—Second reading.
14. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE) BILL—Second reading.
17. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
18. ALIENS BILL—Second reading.
19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GEELONG) BILL—Second reading.
20. BUNGAREE JUNCTION TO RACE-COURSE RESERVE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
21. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
22. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
23. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
24. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
25. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
26. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
27. TRADE MARKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 27TH OCTOBER, 1897.

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

Constitution Statute.—Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 & 19 Vict., Cap. 55, during the Year 1896-7. 2nd S.—No. 2.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Questions.

1. MR. MCKENZIE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will consider the propriety of revising the regulations of his Department, in order to provide that Railway employes who are municipal ratepayers may have an opportunity of recording their votes at municipal elections—a privilege which is not provided for at the present time.
2. MR. DUGGAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he can definitely state when the public battery promised to be sent to Dunolly will be so sent.
3. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will consent to the appointment of a Select Committee of the House to consider the hours and conditions of the Tramway employes.
4. MR. DUGGAN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey—
 1. Is it a fact that sleeper-cutters are being prevented, through instructions lately issued by his Department, from prosecuting their calling for a period of three months, on account of the fear of such sleeper-cutters destroying the forests by fire.
 2. If he is aware that the Railway Department have just accepted tenders for a large number of sleepers, and are now advertising for another large lot.
 3. Will the Honorable the Minister cause the instructions referred to to be withdrawn.
5. MR. MURRAY : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will grant to rifle clubs that hold annual matches the same privilege of free postage of all correspondence in connexion with these matches that is allowed to the Victorian Rifle Association under similar circumstances.
6. MR. HAMILTON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Is it a fact that a decision has recently been given by Mr. Justice Hood to the effect that when the holder of a residence area allows his miner's right to expire and then takes out another miner's right he must go through the form of re-marking the boundaries of his residence area and re-registering it.
 2. As this decision will lead to awkward complications in the future, will the Honorable the Minister bring in an amending Bill abolishing the necessity of re-marking out the land every time a miner's right expires.
7. MR. METHVEN : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier will the Government undertake to bring in an amending Local Government Bill during next Session, and move the appointment of a Committee of this House to take evidence and to report in connexion therewith.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—To be considered in Committee.
2. STUDLEY PARK BRIDGE BILL—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—To be considered in Committee.
3. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (OFFICERS AND TEACHERS) BILL—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR—To be considered in Committee.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. GREAT MORWELL COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY PURCHASE BILL—Second reading.
6. STUDLEY PARK BRIDGE BILL—Second reading.
7. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (OFFICERS AND TEACHERS) BILL—Second reading.
8. MINING DEVELOPMENT ACT 1896 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. DOOKIE AND KATAMATITE TRAMWAY BILL—Second reading.
10. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL—Second reading.
13. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL—Second reading.
14. FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS BILL—Second reading.
15. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
16. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
17. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
18. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

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General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAMILTON : To move, That the Honorable Member for Stawell, Mr. John Balfour Burton, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.
2. MR. THOMSON : To move, That the Standing Orders Committee be requested to consider the desirableness of framing a new Standing Order to provide that the Temporary Chairmen of Committees shall be appointed by this House.
3. MR. DUGGAN : To move, That in the opinion of this House the present fixed rates or prices, viz., 2s. 6d. and 2s. 9d. each, paid by the Railway Department for sleepers is unremunerative to those supplying such sleepers, and should be immediately increased to 2s. 9d. and 3s. 3d. each respectively, these prices being about the average prices paid under the contract system obtaining.

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2. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. ALIENS BILL—Second reading.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GEELONG) BILL—Second reading.
5. BUNGAREE JUNCTION TO RACE-COURSE RESERVE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
6. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
9. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
10. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
11. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. TRADE MARKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. STERRY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether the Strathfieldsaye vigneroners who have agreed to accept the awards of the Government valuers are being paid their valuations ; if not, what is the cause of delay in the matter.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JOHN A. ISAACS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of non-residential voters for the Legislative Assembly in each electorate of the colony of Victoria.
2. MR. MCGREGOR : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Stock Tax should be forthwith abolished.

W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 10TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Defunct Companies Bill—[1].

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3.

Scripture Lessons Books Plebiscite Bill—[22].

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Bill (No. 2)—[27].

Local Government Bill—[30].

Exported Products Bill.—Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Gurr. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 4.

THURSDAY, 18TH, NOVEMBER, 1897.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS ACT 1897 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. GREAT MORWELL COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY PURCHASE BILL—Third reading.
6. DOOKIE AND KATAMATITE TRAMWAY BILL—Second reading.
7. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
8. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL—Second reading.
9. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT, BILL—Second reading.
10. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
11. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BEAZLEY: To move, That all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills be dispensed with, with the view of introducing a Bill to amend and continue an Act (No. 980) to authorize the construction of the Cape Patterson and Kilcunda Junction Railway and for other purposes, and that all Fees be remitted with regard to such Bill.

TUESDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. MR. STERRY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture whether the Strathfieldsaye vigneroners who have agreed to accept the awards of the Government valuator are being paid their valuations; if not, what is the cause of delay in the matter.
2. MR. MALONEY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will consent to the appointment of a Select Committee of the House to consider the hours and conditions of the Tramway employes.
3. MR. MURRAY: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will grant to rifle clubs that hold annual matches the same privilege of free postage of all correspondence in connexion with these matches that is allowed to the Victorian Rifle Association under similar circumstances.
4. MR. STERRY: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Has any decision been arrived at with regard to sending a mining representative to London.
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 3. If the matter has not yet been decided, are the Government likely to decide it at an early date.
5. MR. CRAVEN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture if he intends to introduce a Bill to deal with the registration of brands.
6. MR. BAILES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will put a stop to the practice of teachers in State schools in centres of population selling school requisites.
7. MR. GRAY: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General (for the Honorable the Solicitor-General)—
 1. If his attention has been called to the evidence before the Law Commission of Dr. Fetherston, Chairman of the Prahran Bench, that "There were about 40 magistrates in Prahran, but the working magistrates were about 13, and there were about 20 who never signed a summons or other document or did any magisterial work."
 2. Will the Government request the resignation of such 20 justices, and, if necessary, appoint other persons who will attend to the duties.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

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WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE) BILL—Second reading.
2. ALIENS BILL—Second reading.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GEELONG) BILL—Second reading.
4. BUNGAREE JUNCTION TO RACE-COURSE RESERVE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
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9. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
10. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. TRADE MARKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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W. V. ROBINSON,

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 18th November.

“GOVERNMENT GAZETTE” MINING NOTICE INQUIRY—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 4.

Trust Funds Bill—[18].

Geelong Parliamentary Elections Bill—[31].

Vermin Destruction Bill—[32].

Bungaree Junction to Race-course Reserve Railway Bill—[33].

Post Office Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr Gurr. (To Members only.)

Correspondence respecting the Celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession (June, 1897), and Proceedings of a Conference held at the Colonial Office, London, between the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Premiers of the Self-governing Colonies, in the months of June and July, 1897. 2nd S.—No. 8.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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No. 5.

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 2. Will the Government request the resignation of such 20 justices, and, if necessary, appoint other persons who will attend to the duties.
8. MR. MCCOLL : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Have instructions been given to the Sub-Treasurers to reduce the rent on all existing mining leases on Crown lands by one-half.
 2. Have similar instructions been given regarding private property leases.
 3. Have the reduced rents been received ; and, if so, from what date.
 4. Did the reduction of rents passed by Parliament in the *Mines Act 1897* apply to leases issued prior to 1st November, 1897.
 5. If not, will the Government bring in a Bill to make the rents on such leases the same as on those issued after 1st November, 1897.
9. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, in view of the surplus stock of slop clothing, he will refuse all permits for overtime in factories until the employés now thrown out of employment by certain employers are all employed.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That the following Members be appointed members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways, viz. :—Mr. Cameron, Mr. Craven, Mr. A. Harris, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Trenwith, and Mr. White.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. GREAT MORWELL COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY PURCHASE BILL—Third reading.
3. DOOKIE AND KATAMATITE TRAMWAY BILL—Second reading.
4. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
6. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL—Second reading.
7. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
9. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.
10. FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

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NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BEAZLEY : To move, That all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills be dispensed with, with the view of introducing a Bill to amend and continue an Act (No. 980) to authorize the construction of the Cape Patterson and Kilcunda Junction Railway and for other purposes, and that all Fees be remitted with regard to such Bill.
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WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. O'NEILL : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will frame new regulations whereby the collection of agricultural statistics may be more expeditiously, accurately, and effectually carried out than under the present system.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE) BILL—Second reading.
2. ALIENS BILL—Second reading.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GEELONG) BILL—Second reading.
4. BUNGAREE JUNCTION TO RACE-COURSE RESERVE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
5. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
8. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
9. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
10. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. TRADE MARKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JOHN A. ISAACS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of non-residential voters for the Legislative Assembly in each electorate of the colony of Victoria.
2. MR. MCGREGOR : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Stock Tax should be forthwith abolished.
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W. V. ROBINSON,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 23rd November.

"GOVERNMENT GAZETTE" MINING NOTICE INQUIRY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 5.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Questions.

1. MR. O'NEILL : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will frame new regulations whereby the collection of agricultural statistics may be more expeditiously, accurately, and effectually carried out than under the present system.
2. MR. DYER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey if, in view of the failure of the crops in the northern areas, he will cancel the order authorizing Special Land Boards to be held for the purpose of considering the question of forfeiture of farmers' holdings for non-payments of rents.
3. MR. MURRAY : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will grant country Rifle Clubs that hold annual matches the same privilege of using the frank stamp to all correspondence in connexion with these matches that is allowed to the Victorian Rifle Association on similar occasions.
4. MR. SALMON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will state whether the alteration respecting the radius for which "miners' tickets" are issued has resulted in an increase of revenue, and, if so, by what amount during the three months immediately subsequent to the alteration coming into force.
5. MR. McCAY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Is he aware that the provisions of the *Mines Act* 1897, with reference to tribute agreements, are practically nugatory owing to an error in drafting in the Act.
 2. Will he this Session bring in a Bill to amend the Interpretation Clause of the Act in order to remedy the mistake.
6. MR. J. B. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, as 1st December is the last day for the issue of electors' rights so as to place persons' names on the electoral rolls for the ensuing six months, and as it is probable the vote for the "Federal Constitution Act" and the Plebiscite for the Scripture Lessons Books in State Schools will be taken during the period above mentioned, he will order the electoral registrars to keep their offices open until ten o'clock in the evenings, and also on Saturday afternoons, thus enabling those entitled, but who cannot attend during working hours, to secure the franchise.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
2. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
3. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL—Second reading.
4. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.
6. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
7. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.
8. FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE) BILL—Second reading.
2. ALIENS BILL—Second reading.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GEELONG) BILL—Second reading.
4. BUNGAREE JUNCTION TO RACE-COURSE RESERVE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading.
5. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
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8. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
9. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
10. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. TRADE MARKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRAY : To move, That the Honorable Member for Collingwood, Mr. William David Beazley, be appointed Chairman of Committees of this House.
2. MR. GRAVES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing how many officers in the Public Service have passed the legal examinations to qualify them for the position of Police Magistrate; and how many officers in the Public Service are barristers-at-law or barristers and solicitors of the Supreme Court.

3. MR. J. ANDERSON : To move, That the Government should take steps to fix a day to be observed as a universal half-holiday in all places where the Factories and Shops Acts are in force.
4. MR. BRAZLEY : To move, That all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills be dispensed with, with the view of introducing a Bill to amend and continue an Act (No. 980) to authorize the construction of the Cape Patterson and Kileunda Junction Railway and for other purposes, and that all Fees be remitted with regard to such Bill.
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TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JOHN A. ISAACS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of non-residential voters for the Legislative Assembly in each electorate of the colony of Victoria.
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W. V. ROBINSON,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 25th November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past twelve o'clock.

Tuesday, 30th November.

“GOVERNMENT GAZETTE” MINING NOTICE INQUIRY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 18TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 3.

Administration and Probate Bill—[2]. (To Members of Council only.)

Mining Development Bill (No. 2)—[5]. (To Members of Council only.)

Vegetation Diseases Bill—[8]. (To Members of Council only.)

Studley Park Bridge Bill—[12]. (To Members of Council only.)

Post Office Bill—[16]. (To Members of Council only.)

Education Officers and Teachers Bill—[17]. (To Members of Council only.)

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Bill—[25]. (To Members of Council only.)

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works Bill (No. 2)—[27]. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 4, 5, and 6.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 6.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 1.

Marine Bill—[15].

Railways Tickets Bill.—New Clause to be proposed in Committee by Sir John McIntyre. (To Members only.)

Dookie and Katamatite Tramway Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by Sir George Turner. (To Members only.)

Exported Products Bill.—New Sub-clause to be proposed by Mr. Taverner. (To Members only.)

Income Tax Rate Bill.—New Sub-clauses to be proposed by Sir George Turner in Committee of Ways and Means. (To Members only.)

Paper distributed by Sir George Turner for the information of Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly in connexion with a Bill to vest the Trust Funds in Trustees and for other purposes.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 7.

THURSDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MELBOURNE AND GEELONG) BILL—Consideration of Report.
2. DANGEROUS BUILDINGS REMOVAL BILL—Second reading.
3. DRAINAGE BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
4. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
5. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL—Second reading.
6. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.
8. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
9. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.
10. FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. BOWSER: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if there is a regulation which requires Victorian farmers growing wheat in New South Wales to drag their machinery and implements from the interior to the border once a year for inspection by the Victorian Customs officers there; if so, will he take steps to rescind or modify the regulation.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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5. MR. GRAVES: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing how many officers in the Public Service have passed the legal examinations to qualify them for the position of Police Magistrate; and how many officers in the Public Service are barristers-at-law or barristers and solicitors of the Supreme Court.
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 4. The number performing partly clerical duties (such as operating or money order work) and messengers' duties.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE) BILL—*Resumption of debate on the question—That this Bill be now read a second time, and on the following amendment, namely—That the word "now" be omitted, and that after the word "time" the words "this day six months" be added.*
2. ALIENS BILL—Second reading.
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W. V. ROBINSON,

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 25th November.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at half-past twelve o'clock.

Tuesday, 30th November.

"GOVERNMENT GAZETTE" MINING NOTICE INQUIRY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 24TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 7.

Indecent Publications Bill—[36].

Statistical Register of the Colony of Victoria, for the Year 1896.—Part IV.—Population (exclusive of Municipal Finances). 2nd S.—No. 4.

Exhibition Trustees.—Report of Proceedings and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1897. 2nd S.—No. 6.

Thirty-first Report of the Board of Visitors to the Observatory; together with the Report of the Government Astronomer for the period from 1st July, 1896, to 30th June, 1897. 2nd S.—No. 7.

Victorian Railways.—Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioner for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1897. 2nd S.—No. 13.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 8.

TUESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Questions.

1. MR. BOWSER: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if there is a regulation which requires Victorian farmers growing wheat in New South Wales to drag their machinery and implements from the interior to the border once a year for inspection by the Victorian Customs officers there; if so, will he take steps to rescind or modify the regulation.
2. MR. CAMERON: To ask the Right Honorable the Premier when it is intended to give effect to the statement made by him, and recorded in *Hansard* of the 23rd September, 1897, page 2200, that the Upper Yarra Railway should be the first line referred to the new Railways Standing Committee.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. DANGEROUS BUILDINGS REMOVAL BILL—Second reading.
2. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL—Consideration of Report.
3. DRAINAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL—Second reading.
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7. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.
8. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
9. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
10. FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

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General Business.

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4. The number performing partly clerical duties (such as operating or money order work) and messengers' duties.

9. MR. COOK : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the reduction in pay and status of Mr. R. J. Forbes, late Railway detective, such Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. RUTHERGLEN MAIN STREET BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE) BILL—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this Bill be now read a second time, and on the *following amendment, namely*—That the word "now" be omitted, and that after the word "time" the words "this day six months" be added.
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F. C. MASON,

Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 30th November.

"GOVERNMENT GAZETTE" MINING NOTICE INQUIRY—at eleven o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 4.

Defunct Companies Bill.—Amendments and new clause to be proposed by the Hon. Sir Henry Cuthbert.
(To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8.

Exported Products Bill—[20]. (To Members only.)

Rutherglen Main Street Bill—[38].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1897.

Questions.

1. MR. MALONEY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary is there any provision of the Purification of Rolls Act which prevents persons who rent or occupy houses from having their names on the Parliamentary Ratepayers' Roll.
2. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether station-masters at road-side stations, particularly in the northern parts of the colony, are supposed to provide drinking water for the travelling public during the summer months.
3. MR. HAMILTON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs if he will state what was the amount of money received by the Department for the Poll Tax on Chinese during the year 1896.
4. MR. LANGDON : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he will make arrangements to have the mails carried to Quambatook direct by train instead of as at present by coach around the circuitous routes *via* Kerang one day and Glenloth the alternate one.
5. MR. T. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what was the difference in price and amount of respective tenders for the locomotive cylinders recently let by the Railway Department.
6. MR. COOK : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when he proposes to introduce the Bill to bring Railway servants and others acting as warders under the Public Service Acts.

Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, That he have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of a superannuation allowance to Sir Graham Berry, K.C.M.G.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the question of railway communication with the Upper Yarra and Warburton districts from the main Lilydale and Healesville Railway be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. EXPORTED PRODUCTS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. DRAINAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL—Second reading.
4. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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6. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.
7. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.
8. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
9. PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL—Second reading.
10. FRAUDULENT RAILWAY TICKETS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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2. ALIENS BILL—Second reading.
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5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
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7. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
8. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
9. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. TRADE MARKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.

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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 7th December.

"GOVERNMENT GAZETTE" MINING NOTICE INQUIRY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 25TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 4.

Great Morwell Railway Bill—[10]. (To Members of Council only.)

Dookie and Katamatite Tramway Bill—[14]. (To Members of Council only.)

Melbourne and Geelong Parliamentary Elections Bill—[31]. (To Members of Council only.)

Vermin Destruction Bill—[32]. (To Members of Council only.)

Dangerous Buildings Removal Bill—[39]. (To Members of Council only.)

Defunct Companies Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. James Balfour. (To Members of Council only.)

Administration and Probate Bill—

Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Sir H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Amendment proposed by the Hon. G. Godfrey. (To Members of Council only.)

New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. G. Godfrey. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 7, 8, and 9.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9.

Public Contracts Bill—[6]. (To Members only.)

Dangerous Buildings Removal Bill—[39].

Hospitals and Charities Bill.—Amendment to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Higgins. (To Members only.)

Drainage Areas Bill—

New Clause to be proposed by Mr. Gair. (To Members only.)

Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Madden. (To Members only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 10.

THURSDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1897.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WAYS AND MEANS—To be considered in Committee.
2. DRAINAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. TRUST FUNDS VESTING BILL—Second reading.
4. MARINE ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—Second reading.
6. PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL—Second reading.
7. BERRY SUPERANNUATION BILL—Second reading.
8. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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General Business.

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 3. Is the Honorable the Minister of Mines aware whether this same individual, about two years ago, took to England mining area documents, representing about 10,000 acres, from Queensland, which still lie idle and undeveloped, for the past two years or more.
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 5. Is the Honorable the Minister aware that in thus locking up this large area *bonâ fide* prospectors are prohibited from following their avocation (in view of promised crushing plant being erected) without trespassing and incurring legal liabilities.
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1ST DECEMBER, 1897.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 5.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 10.
Berry Superannuation Bill—[42].

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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 1. Is it a fact that in permitting the introduction of oats under a locker bond to be gristed into oatmeal for export the Department allows 45 per cent. for waste.
 2. Is he aware that this so-called waste is sold for consumption in the colony.
 3. What action does he propose to take to protect the revenue, and will he take steps to recover the revenue already lost.
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 1. If he is aware of the severe losses which the people of this colony have suffered owing to continued droughts during the past three years, these losses chiefly affecting the great producing interests, such as agriculture, stock-raising, and dairying.
 2. Will the Government, in view of these losses and the prospect of a dearth of employment throughout the colony during the approaching autumn and winter, take steps to inaugurate an extensive system of reproductive works, and make an intimation *re* the intention of the Cabinet to the Legislative Assembly before the close of the present Session.

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9. MR. T. SMITH: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—

1. If, in Thompson's contract for the manufacture of cylinders, the payment of the minimum rate of wage is provided for.
2. What steps does the Department take to see that the minimum rate covenant is obeyed.
3. Is there anything in the specification giving power to an officer of the Department to inspect the firm's books, for the purpose of ascertaining if the said rate has been paid.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 7th December.

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Wednesday, 8th December.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 2ND DECEMBER, 1897.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 11.
Drainage Areas Bill—[13]. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1897.

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4. **MR. STYLES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when the day labourers who had been continuously in the Railway Service for a period of at least five years at the commencement of Act No. 1439 will be placed on the permanent staff.
5. **MR. T. SMITH** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier—
 1. Whether he is aware that the increments to salaries promised to the junior clerks and other employes in the Victorian Railway Department from 1st July last have not yet been paid.
 2. Whether he will take steps to provide the necessary funds, so that such increments may be paid from the date specified this month.
 3. Will he see that such increments are paid this month.
6. **MR. BAILES** : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer—
 1. How many officers are employed in the Income Tax Office.
 2. Have they all been transferred from other Departments of the Public Service.
 3. If not, how many have been taken into the office from outside the Public Service.
 4. What is the estimated cost of the collection of the Income Tax.
7. **MR. OUTTRIM** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier, in the event of the Borough of Maryborough building a ward for the treatment of cases of infectious diseases, will the Government contribute towards the cost of same to the extent of £1 for £1, as provided by section 154 of the *Health Act 1890*.
8. **MR. BAILES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 1. Is he aware that the directors of several mining companies in the Bendigo district are refusing to grant tributes in their mines.
 2. Will he instruct the Inspector of Mines for that district to furnish him with a report—(a) the reasons that are given for declining to grant tributes; (b) are the companies which are declining to grant tributes complying with the labour covenants of their leases.
9. **MR. HANCOCK** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Does he intend to urge upon the Commissioner of Railways the advisability of giving cheaper and more frequent trains upon the Footscray and Williamstown line?
 2. Is he prepared to recommend the removal of the anomalies now existing within the suburban radius, with special reference to fares and service of trains.
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13. MR. DOWNWARD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Health if it is his intention to bring in a Bill to provide for a new metropolitan cemetery ; and, if so, when.
14. MR. CRAVEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, as only 2½d. per lb. is now offered for tobacco leaf—a price which cannot possibly pay the grower—if he has come to any decision as to what steps he will take before the Session closes to place the industry on a better footing.
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Government Business. (Until half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, 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.
2. MR. H. R. WILLIAMS : To move, That the construction of a 2-ft. narrow-gauge line of railway from Fern Tree Gully to Gembrook be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways for consideration and report.
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 8th December.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 2ND DECEMBER, 1897.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 5 and 6.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 6.

Administration and Probate Bill—[2]. (To Members of Council only.)

Marine Bill—[15]. (To Members of Council only.)

Exported Products Bill—[20]. (To Members of Council only.)

Dentists Bill—[37].

Administration and Probate Bill.—New Clause to be proposed on recommitment by the Hon. Sir A. Snowden. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 10, 11, and 12.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 12.

Weekly Report of Divisions. No. 2.

Dunolly Cemetery Bill—[35]. (To Members only.)

Hospitals and Charities Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. T. Smith. (To Members only.)

Drainage Areas Bill—

Amendment to be proposed by Mr. Madden upon the Third reading. (To Members only.)

New Clause to be proposed by Mr. Cook after Third reading. (To Members only.)

Indecent Publications Bill.—Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr. Cook. (To Members only.)

Income Tax Memorandum. (To Members only.)

Savings Banks.—Statements and Returns for the Year ended 30th June, 1897. 2nd S.—No. 9.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 13.

THURSDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1897.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR GEORGE TURNER : To move, 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.
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1. PUBLIC CONTRACTS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. DRAINAGE BILL—Third reading.
3. VERMIN DESTRUCTION ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENT OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
4. DUNOLLY CEMETERY BILL—Second reading.
5. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—Second reading.
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8. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
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(After half-past eight o'clock.)

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ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at a quarter-past two o'clock.

Tuesday, 14th December.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 8TH DECEMBER, 1897.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. No. 7.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 7.

Administration and Probate Bill—[2]. (To Members of Council only.)

Trust Funds Bill—[18]. (To Members of Council only.)

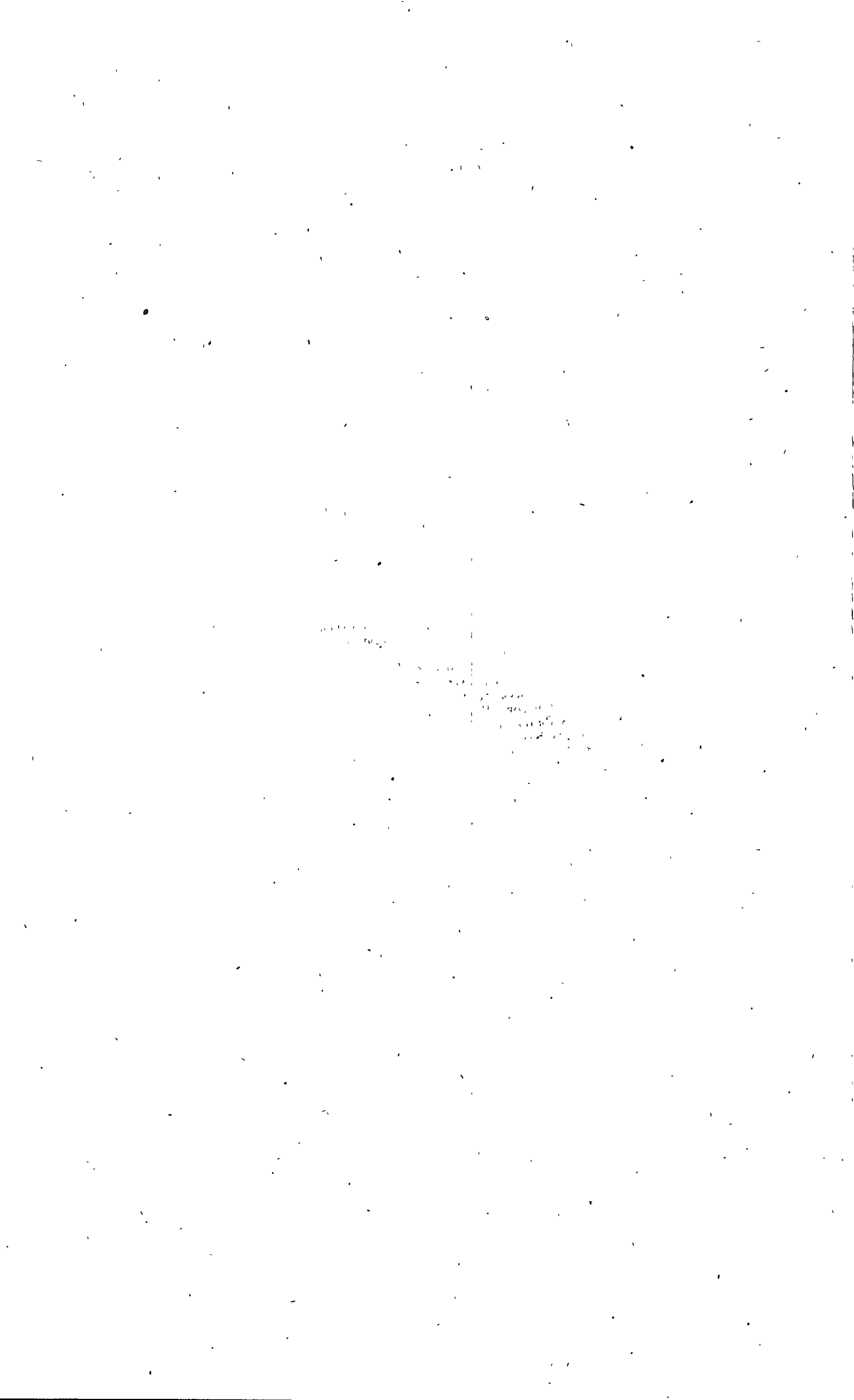
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Public and Bank Holidays Bill—[41]. (To Members of Council only.)

Administration and Probate Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by the Hon. S. Fraser. (To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 13.

Vermin Destruction Bill.—Amendment of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)



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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PETITION OF CHRISTOPHER SPARLING—To be considered.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

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- "GOVERNMENT GAZETTE" MINING NOTICE INQUIRY—at eleven o'clock.
ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at twelve o'clock.
REFRESHMENT ROOMS (JOINT)—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 9TH DECEMBER, 1897.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 8:

Drainage Areas Bill—[13]. (To Members of Council only.)

Rutherglen Main Street Bill—[38]. (To Members of Council only.)

Workmen's Compensation Bill—[46].

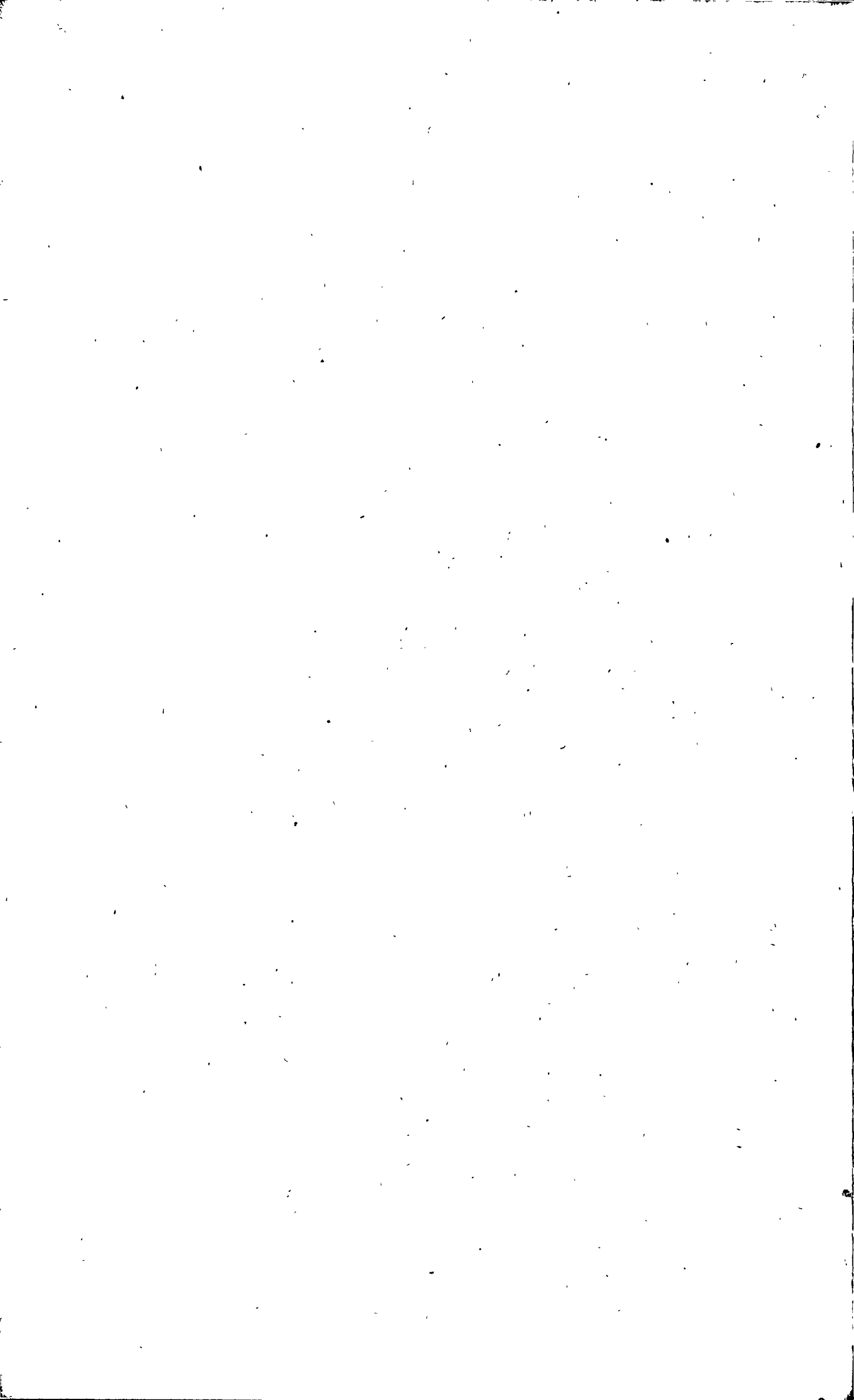
Administration and Probate Acts Amendment Bill.—Comments by the Chamber of Commerce, Melbourne.
(To Members of Council only.)

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 14.

Birchip Land Bill—[11].

Port Melbourne Public Park and Garden Bill—[40].

Vegetation Diseases Bill.—Amendments of the Legislative Council. (To Members only.)



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

No. 15.

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Questions.

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 1. Whether he is aware that the Commissioner of Railways has refused to receive deputations from associations in the Department that are affiliated with the Trades Hall Council.
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 3. Is it the intention of the Government to refuse associations connected with the Railway Department the right to affiliate with other trade and labour organizations outside the Department.
2. **MR. OUTTRIM** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 1. Is it a fact that the daily-paid station-masters have had no increase in their holidays this year ; if so, why.
 2. Is it a fact that daily-paid station-masters were placed on the salaried staff at their own request.
 3. What number of appeals or protests were received by the Traffic Manager from the daily-paid station-masters against their classification.
 4. Are all these men receiving less salary than they were seven years ago.
 5. Why have these men, and others on the salaried staff receiving less than £150 per annum, not received their increase from last July.
 6. Does the Commissioner intend to inquire into the grievance of the daily-paid station-masters.
3. **MR. MURRAY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will make the concession of reduced excursion holiday fares to the men engaged on regrading works to enable them to spend the Christmas holidays with their families.
4. **MR. TOUCHER** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will take steps during the coming year to restore to the warders in the Asylums for Insane the seven days' annual leave of which they have been deprived since 1894.
5. **MR. T. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 1. Is it correct that some Clerks of Courts are in the habit of making charges upon the public in connexion with their public duties.
 2. If so, why is such a practice permitted, seeing these officers are paid for services rendered in connexion with the work of the courts.
6. **MR. WATT** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if the Government can see its way to appoint a Commission to inquire into the desirability of municipal or State fire insurance.
7. **MR. T. SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if Judges' Associates are legally entitled to charge for service in taking evidence on commission.
8. **MR. SALMON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he has, according to promise given on 20th July, 1897 (*Hansard*, page 519), brought before the Right Honorable the Premier the matter of limiting the radius for which miners' tickets are to be issued ; and, if so, with what result.
9. **MR. FINK** : To ask the Right Honorable the Premier if he will make arrangements to have the public servants, including those employed in the Railways, paid their salaries and wages before the commencement of the Christmas holidays.
10. **MR. MCKENZIE** : To ask the Right Honorable the Treasurer if the increments are being withheld from teachers in the Education Department ; if so, how much would they amount to in the coming financial year.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. COOK** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 1. The total number of telegraph messengers.
 2. The number performing messengers' duty only.
 3. The number performing partly non-clerical duties (such as line repairing or office routine work) and messengers' duties.
 4. The number performing partly clerical duties (such as operating or money order work) and messengers' duties.

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Government Business.

(Until half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ACTS AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
2. PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
3. VEGETATION DISEASES ACT 1896 AMENDMENT BILL—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
4. POST OFFICE ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—AMENDMENTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—To be considered.
5. COMPANIES ACT 1890 (PART III.) AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. HOSPITALS AND CHARITIES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*
7. INDECENT PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
8. SUPPLY—To be considered in Committee.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JOHN A. ISAACS: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of non-residential voters for the Legislative Assembly in each electorate of the colony of Victoria.
2. MR. MCGREGOR: To move, That in the opinion of this House the Stock Tax should be forthwith abolished.
3. MR. THOMSON: To move, That the Standing Orders Committee be requested to consider the desirableness of framing a new Standing Order to provide that the Temporary Chairmen of Committees shall be appointed by this House.
4. MR. DUGGAN: To move, That in the opinion of this House the present fixed rates or prices, viz., 2s. 6d. and 2s. 9d. each, paid by the Railway Department for sleepers is unremunerative to those supplying such sleepers, and should be immediately increased to 2s. 9d. and 3s. 3d. each respectively, these prices being about the average prices paid under the contract system obtaining.
5. MR. J. ANDERSON: To move, That the Government should take steps to fix a day to be observed as a universal half-holiday in all places where the Factories and Shops Acts are in force.
6. MR. BEAZLEY: To move, That all Standing Orders relating to the introduction and passing of Private Bills be dispensed with, with the view of introducing a Bill to amend and continue an Act (No. 980) to authorize the construction of the Cape Patterson and Kileunda Junction Railway and for other purposes, and that all Fees be remitted with regard to such Bill.
7. MR. COOK: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the reduction in pay and status of Mr. R. J. Forbes, late Railway detective, such Committee to have power to call for persons, papers, and records.
8. MR. LANGDON: To move, That in the opinion of this House steps should at once be taken in the selection of eligible sites for and the construction of large and extensive storage reservoirs on the higher levels or upper portions of the rivers and water-courses north of the Dividing Range, in order that a large quantity of the rainfall and flood waters that now run to waste may be conserved for the immediate benefit of the settlers in the northern areas.
9. MR. DUGGAN: To move, That there be posted at each Receipt and Pay Office in the colony a list showing—
 1. The names and addresses (as shown in the grant) of the grantees of all Crown grants now lying unclaimed at the Titles Office or any Receipt and Pay Office.
 2. The area of land comprised in each grant.
 3. The fees payable on the issue thereof.
 4. The office at which each grant may be obtained.
10. MR. GRAVES: To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the printed statement of the Railway Department, being the return and schedule known as "The Maximum Staff, Traffic Branch," which schedules the classification of the railway stations and permanent staff of the Victorian Railways service.
11. MR. MCCOLL: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount for services rendered credited to the Railway Department and debited to the other Public Departments (showing each Department separately) for the twelve months ending 30th September, 1897.
12. MR. MALONEY: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the hours and grievances of the Melbourne Tramways employés, such Committee to consist of Mr. Hancock, Mr. J. Harris, Mr. John A. Isaacs, Mr. Madden, Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Zox, and the Mover, with power to call for persons, papers, and records, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to be the quorum.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PETITION OF CHRISTOPHER SPARLING—To be considered.
2. BUNGAREE JUNCTION TO RACE-COURSE RESERVE RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL—Second reading—*Resumption of debate.*

WEDNESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

General Business.

(After half-past eight o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SCRIPTURE LESSONS BOOKS IN STATE SCHOOLS (PLEBISCITE) BILL—*Resumption of debate on the question*—That this Bill be now read a second time, and on the following amendment, namely—That the word “now” be omitted, and that after the word “time” the words “this day six months” be added.
2. REFERENDUM BILL—Second reading.
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 1)—Second reading.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1890 FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)—Second reading.
5. NON-COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
6. HOMES PROTECTION BILL—Second reading.
7. AUCTION SALES ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. TRADE MARKS ACT 1890 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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

F. C. MASON,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 15th December.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—at twelve o'clock.
PRINTING—at two o'clock.
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS (JOINT)—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 9TH DECEMBER, 1897.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council. Nos. 8 and 9.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 9.
Birchip Land Bill—[11]. (To Members of Council only.)
Trust Funds Bill—[18]. (To Members of Council only.)
Port Melbourne Public Park and Garden Bill—[40]. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Nos. 13, 14, and 15.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day. No. 15.
Mr. Zox's Notice of Motion to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance. (To Members only.)
Public Service Reclassification Bill—[44].

