

VICTORIA NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SESSION 1878

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when it is his intention to take steps to abolish Mining Boards, and to reduce the amount of business licenses on the gold-fields.
2. **MR. McINTYRE** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether he is aware of the inadequacy of the public buildings at Sandhurst used for the purposes of Post, Telegraph, Money Order, Savings' Bank, and Sub-Treasury Offices; and if he will cause a sufficient sum to be placed upon the Estimates to erect buildings more in keeping with the importance and requirements of the district.
3. **MR. SHARPE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Government, having in view the scarcity of money at present in the colony, are prepared to borrow, say a million, in the London market, and to loan same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these people to retain possession of their holdings.
4. **MR. McINTYRE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines—
 - (1.) When the Report of the proceedings of the Board appointed to deal with the Prospecting Vote will be submitted to this House.
 - (2.) Will he cause such report to include a list of all applications received for aid out of such vote, together with the suggestions made for its distribution.
5. **MR. TUCKER** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether it is his intention during the present session to bring in a Bill to amend the Juries Statute.
6. **MR. SHARPE** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if it is the practice of the Lands Department to refuse selectors their Crown grants in cases where railway surveys have been made through such selections; and, if so, whether he will order such practice to be discontinued, and allow the Crown grants to issue in the usual way.
7. **MR. LAURENS** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he has considered the advisability of removing the Melbourne Gaol; and, if so, and he has deemed it proper and advantageous to do so, when such removal is likely to be effected.
8. **MR. GAUNSON** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary how long one of the Audit Commissioners (now in England) has been absent from this colony, and what pay he has drawn during such absence.
9. **MR. DWYER** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether it is his intention to make such arrangements in respect to the next Government loan as will enable all the banks of issue in Victoria to participate in the floating of it.
10. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he will be in a position to call for tenders for the construction of the Daylesford line.
11. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he will lay before this House the Report of the Board of Land and Works relating to Railways for the year ending 31st December 1877.

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1. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of schools, with an average attendance of less than thirty; also the classification of teachers employed in them.

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 - (1.) To move, That in the opinion of this House the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
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 - (2.) The number of electors on the Ratepayers Rolls of that date.
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 - (4.) The number of electors on the General Rolls of the same date, distinguishing them according to their qualification.
 - (5.) The number of electors on these rolls who did not vote on that date, classified according to their qualification and occupation.

6. MR. BERRY : To move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present session be the days on which the Assembly 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 paper) be called on after Eleven o'clock, p.m.
7. MR. BERRY : To move, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week during the present Session, the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all other business, except that on Wednesday, Private Bills, Notices of Motion relating to Bills, and Orders of the Day, and Notices of Motion other than Government business, shall have precedence from half-past Four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past Six o'clock.
8. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
9. MR. LALOR : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Duties of Customs Act 1877.*"
10. MR. BERRY : To move, That the following Members form the Select Committee of the Assembly on Standing Orders during the present Session, five to form a quorum :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Casey, Mr. Lalor, Mr. B. G. Davies, Mr. Munro, Mr. Service, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Sir John O'Shanassy, Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, Bart., Mr. Gillies, and Mr. Berry.
11. MR. BERRY : To move, That the following Members form the Library Committee of the Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. King, Mr. Mirams, Mr. O'Hea, and Mr. Tucker.
12. MR. BERRY : To move, That the following Members form the Parliament Buildings Committee of the Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Woods, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Langridge, and Mr. Purves.
13. MR. BERRY : To move, that the following Members form the Printing Committee of the Assembly during the present Session, three to form a quorum :—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Cope, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Zox, Mr. Bent, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Fincham, Mr. Nimmo, and Mr. Sharpe.
14. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, For leave to introduce a Bill to further amend the law relating to Customs.
15. MR. BERRY : To move, That the following Members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Assembly during the present Session, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council :—Mr. Dixon, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Brophy, Mr. L. L. Smith, and Mr. Hunt.
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

THURSDAY, 11TH JULY.

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2. MR. KERNOT : To ask the Honorable the Attorney General—
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 - (2.) If it be the intention of the Government to amend the present Act, so as to make it effective in preventing lotteries and other such schemes for the disposal of property or goods.
3. MR. SERVICE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs when it is likely the new drawback regulations, under the recent Customs Act, will be ready to be put in force.

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1. MR. COOPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Government, during the present Session, propose to make arrangements to prevent the alienation of any more Crown lands in fee simple, and provide that all such lands in future be leased only.

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1. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

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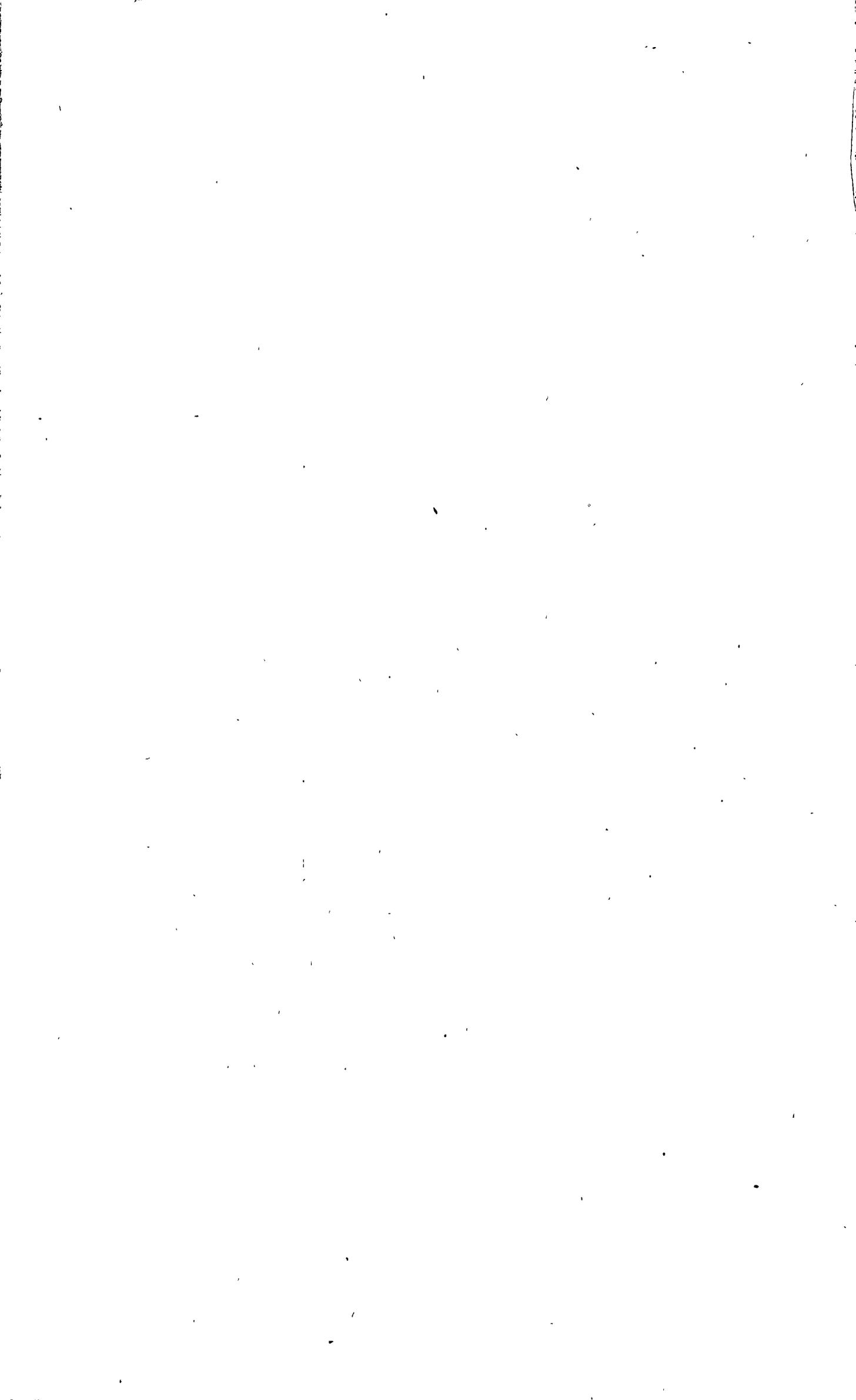
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 10TH JULY 1878.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 1.
Return of Members of the Legislative Council 9th July 1878, at the opening of the 26th Session of Parliament.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[1]
Shipping Returns—A General Summary, &c. No. 3.
Melbourne Harbor Trust—Accounts, &c., for year 1877. No. 5.
Reports of the Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Quarter ended 31st March 1878. No. 10.
Ballarat Juvenile Industrial Exhibition—Further Despatch, &c. No. 11.
New Hebrides Islands—Despatch, &c. No. 12.
Post Office Savings Bank—Statements of Accounts, &c. No. 13.
Duplication of the Telegraph Lines between Australasia and Europe—Report, &c. No. 14.
Friendly Societies Act 1877—Regulations. No. 16.
Proposed Telegraph Cable between New Zealand and America. No. 19.
Indian Famine Relief Fund—Further Despatch, &c. No. 25.
Parliamentary Crisis—Copy of Despatches, &c. No. 28.
Proposed Reinstatement of certain Officers of the Public Service—Memoranda of His Excellency the Governor and the Ministers respecting the. No. 29.



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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. SUPPLY.—To be considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be considered in Committee.

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1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, having in view the construction of the Springs and Wahgunyah Railway, he will place himself in communication with the Government of New South Wales, so as to ascertain if that Government will join with the Government of this colony in purchasing the Wahgunyah Bridge from the present shareholders, and making same a free bridge.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is his intention to introduce a Consolidated Water Works Bill during the present Session.
3. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he will place a sum on the Estimates for the construction of a bridge over the River Murray at Yarrowonga ; and also, ask the Government of New South Wales to pay half the cost of such bridge, so as to have free ingress and egress between the two colonies, and thus prevent farmers and others from being subjected to the exorbitant punt charges which they are at present compelled to pay.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. GAUNSON : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Imprisonment for Debt.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the practice and procedure and to facilitate the proceedings of the Supreme Court.
3. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Fisheries Act 1873.*"

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday, 24th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £200 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
2. MR. BELL : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, arts galleries and museums which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue should be open to the public from seven to ten o'clock p.m. each night, Sundays excepted.
3. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That plans be prepared showing the conditions upon which all lands in the colony are held ; that lands that have not passed from the Crown appear on such plans uncolored, and that lands purchased, held under lease, or license, shall be distinguished by a distinctive color, and that as lands pass from one stage to the other they shall be colored on such map according to above terms ; and further, that such plans shall be open to the inspection of the public free of charge, at all office hours, in the respective Survey offices in whose districts such lands belong.

Government Business.

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1. MR. BERRY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to alter and amend the Constitution Act, and to provide a mode of settling differences between the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

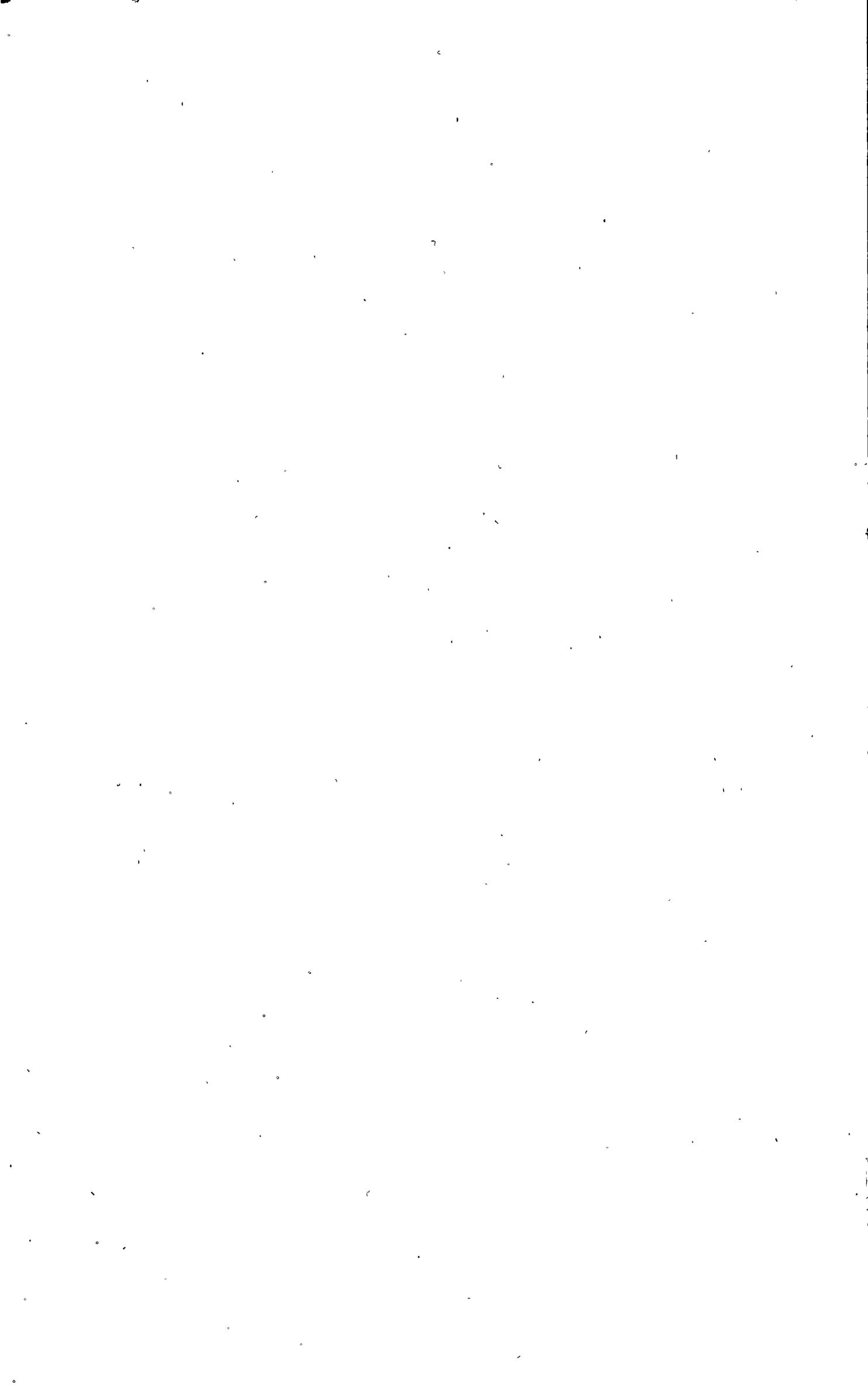
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JOHN JAMES,
Deputy Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 11TH JULY.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 1.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 2.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 1.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[2]
Mineral Statistics of Victoria for the year 1877. No. 8.
Jika Reformatory—Report, &c. No. 21.



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4. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether it is his intention, this session, to introduce a Bill extending the jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace Act for the recovery of debts to two years, instead of one year, as at present.
5. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary and Treasurer whether plans and estimates for a new bridge across the River Yarra, at Melbourne, in lieu of Prince's bridge, have been prepared, or are in course of preparation; and whether the Government will include the amount of the estimate for such bridge in any loan which is to be contracted for public purposes, and apply the requisite amount therefrom, conditionally upon one-third of such amount and of the interest for which the Government shall be liable thereon, being repaid by the Corporation of Melbourne, and another one-third by the municipal corporate bodies to the south of the river.
6. MR. PEARSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he cannot see his way to supporting the collection of water rates upon unoccupied houses in the gold-mining districts, and further, to limiting the rate upon occupied houses so that it may not exceed the municipal rate, until such time as the whole question of water rates can be brought before Parliament.
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8. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint a judge in the place of the late Mr. Justice Fellows; and, if so, when.
9. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will order trial surveys to be made for the construction of Branch Railways from Traralgon to Yarram Yarram, Port Albert, and Welchpool; and for a line taking in McDonald's Track, Poowong, and other portions of the settled district of the county of Buln Buln, with a view to include these districts in his next Railway Construction Bill.

Government Business.

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1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to invest a piece of land situate in the City of Ballarat, reserved for Public Gardens, in the Minister of Public Instruction.
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General Business.

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1. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the amount paid for Government advertisements in the *Argus*, *Australasian*, *Age*, *Leader*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Weekly Times*, *Herald* and *Advocate* newspapers respectively, during the past financial year.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, having in view the construction of the Springs and Wahgunyah Railway, he will place himself in communication with the Government of New South Wales, so as to ascertain if that Government will join with the Government of this colony in purchasing the Wahgunyah Bridge from the present shareholders, and making same a free bridge.

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General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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1. **MR. R. CLARK** (*Sandhurst*): To move, That this House will, on Wednesday, 24th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £200 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
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 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
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- (2.) That the Clerk of the Assembly be directed to take from the parcels transmitted to him by the returning officers the copies of electoral rolls used by such returning officers and their deputies at such general elections and forward the same to the Government Statist to enable him to compile the above return.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to alter and amend the Constitution Act, and to provide a mode of settling differences between the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.

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Question.

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JOHN JAMES,
Deputy Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH JULY.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 2.
Bills of Exchange Bill.—[15]

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JULY 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether, having in view the construction of the Springs and Wahgunyah Railway; he will place himself in communication with the Government of New South Wales, so as to ascertain if that Government will join with the Government of this colony in purchasing the Wahgunyah Bridge from the present shareholders, and making same a free bridge.
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4. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister representing the Postmaster-General whether any, and if so, what arrangements have been made for Victoria joining the International Postal Union, now including or comprising about five-eighths of the entire population of the civilized world ; the uniform postal rate being something less than 2½d. each letter.
5. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the subject of the maintenance of roads, rendered necessary by the abolition of tolls, has yet been taken into consideration.
6. MR. BELL : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will carry out a promise reported to be made by him to a deputation representing the Builders and Contractors' Association of Melbourne, Geelong, and Ballarat, in reference to an arbitration clause in contractors' conditions.
7. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Agriculture if he will take steps to have his recent regulation restricting the borrowing powers of selectors revoked.

Private Bill Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the second day of August 1876, and the order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, which was made on the fourth day of April last, in the last session of Parliament, be now read ; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time, and that the third reading be an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 24th instant.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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9. MR. TUCKER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working and management of the Survey branch of the Lands Department ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Andrew, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Graves, Mr. O'Hea, Mr. Langridge, Mr. Rees, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and to meet on days on which the House does not sit, and to move from place to place.
10. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The surveyor's (Mr. Barker's) report referring to the gradients and other particulars of the authorized line of railway from Woodend to Daylesford, and his notes on the supposed objections.
 - (2.) A plan of the middle line surveyed by Mr. Davies.
 - (3.) The estimated cost of the authorized and proposed line of railways.
 - (4.) The amount of tonnage from Woodend during the past twelve months.
11. MR. MASON : To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed by ballot to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland ; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to form a quorum.

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 - (2.) That the Clerk of the Assembly be directed to take from the parcels transmitted to him by the returning officers the copies of electoral rolls used by such returning officers and their deputies at such general elections and forward the same to the Government Statist to enable him to compile the above return.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to alter and amend the Constitution Act, and to provide a mode of settling differences between the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria.
2. MR. BERRY : To move, That this House will, on Thursday, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the following resolutions :—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this Committee, the undertaking of the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay United Railway Company be purchased by the Government upon the terms, conditions, and stipulations contained in the agreement made on the sixth day of July 1878 between the Directors of the Company and the Government.
 - (2.) That the Government be instructed to take the necessary steps for carrying out the foregoing resolution.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GOULBURN VALLEY RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 18TH JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether it is the intention of the Government to make the present reduced number of Supreme Court Judges a permanent reduction, and, if so, whether a Bill will be brought in to that effect.
2. MR. SERVICE : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when he proposes to make his financial statement.
3. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint a judge in the place of the late Mr. Justice Fellows ; and, if so, when.

TUESDAY, 23RD JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a measure this session to amend the Land Tax Bill by increasing the number of classes of land liable to taxation from four to, say, eight classes.
2. MR. COOPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Government, during the present Session, propose to introduce a Bill to prevent the alienation of any more Crown lands in fee simple, and provide that all such lands in future be leased only.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1874 EXPLANATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

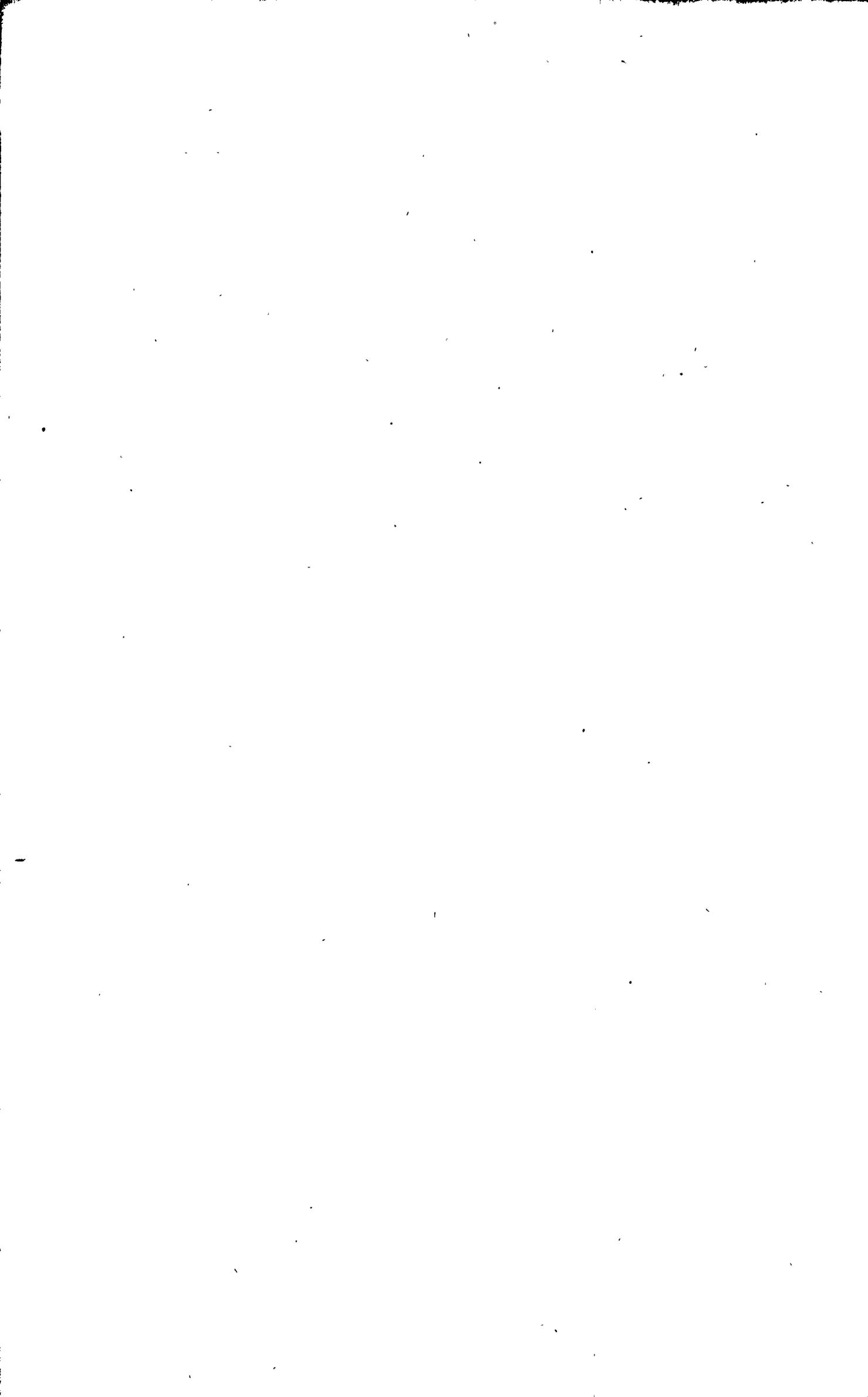
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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Railway Construction Act 1877 Amendment Bill.—[13]
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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4. **MR. COPE** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs whether he has under consideration the report of the Western Harbor Commission, and the previous reports of Captain Pasley and Captain Ferguson ; and if provision will be made on the Estimates for the current year for the erection of a Lighthouse on Cape Nelson.
5. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the fact that an outbreak of scab in sheep took place in Tasmania early in the present month ; and if so (in view of the fact of the number of stud sheep now offered for sale in Victoria imported from Tasmania), have any measures been taken to prevent this disease extending to this colony.
6. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is his intention to provide baths in connection with State schools in the principal towns, in order that the children may learn the art of swimming.
7. **MR. RAMSAY** : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether he intends to take steps to carry out the following resolutions of the last Intercolonial Conference ; and, if so, when :—
“That additional facilities should be afforded to suitors for enforcing judgments recovered in the Supreme Court of one colony against the property of judgment debtors in other colonies.
“That it is desirable to make provision by legislation that probate of wills taken out in one colony may be registered in the Registry of Wills Office in any other colony in cases of testators dying in one colony leaving personal property in other colonies.”

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of Messrs. Overend and Robb's contract for the supply and delivery of bluestone ashlar for the aqueduct at the Yan Yean, and of all papers connected with it ; also of the contract for the building of basin and aqueduct at Yan Yean, and all papers connected therewith.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY UNITED RAILWAY PURCHASE.**—Resolutions to be considered in Committee.
2. **GOULBURN VALLEY RAILWAY BILL.**—Consideration of Report.

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Government Business.

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3. **CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
6. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) It is desirable to offer sufficient inducement for the establishment of an iron pipe factory.
 - (2.) That the Government be requested to take such steps as will bring about such result.
2. **MR. KERNOT** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The appointments Captain Mandeville, of the *Cerberus*, held in the Imperial Service, and the name of the vessels he commanded.
 - (2.) The amount of electrical and torpedo training he has received, and when.
 - (3.) The length of time the two gunners recently from England, now engaged on board the *Cerberus* in torpedo manipulation, were at the Government Torpedo School of Instruction in England, and in what branch they were instructed.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY.

Private Bill Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the second day of August 1876, and the order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, which was made on the fourth day of April last, in the last session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time, and that the third reading be an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 24th instant.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

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2. MR. SHARPE : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Lunacy Statute.*"
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. WILLIAM MONIE'S CONTRACT.—MOTION RESPECTING RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—* That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
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TUESDAY, 30TH JULY.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That in the opinion of this House the regulation affecting to restrain lessees under *The Land Act 1869* from dealing with their leases is illegal.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH JULY.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 3.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 4.

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Estimates of Expenditure under Votes for the Year ending 30th June 1879—Message. B.—No. 1.

Bills of Exchange Bill.—[10]

Goulburn Valley Railway Construction Bill.—[14] As re-reported 17th July. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Ballarat Public Gardens Land Vesting Bill.—[19]



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 23RD JULY 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a measure this session to amend the Land Tax Bill by increasing the number of classes of land liable to taxation from four to, say, eight classes.
2. MR. COOPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether the Government, during the present Session, propose to introduce a Bill to prevent the alienation of any more Crown lands in fee simple, and provide that all such lands in future be leased only.
3. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether the plans for the construction of the Gordon Railway are open for inspection at the Ballarat West Station.
4. MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether he intends to take steps to carry out the following resolutions of the last Intercolonial Conference; and, if so, when :—
“That additional facilities should be afforded to suitors for enforcing judgments recovered in the Supreme Court of one colony against the property of judgment debtors in other colonies.
“That it is desirable to make provision by legislation that probate of wills taken out in one colony may be registered in the Registry of Wills Office in any other colony in cases of testators dying in one colony, leaving personal property in other colonies.”

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY UNITED RAILWAY PURCHASE.—Resolutions to be further considered in Committee.
2. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
3. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1874 EXPLANATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
(1.) It is desirable to offer sufficient inducement for the establishment of an iron pipe factory.
(2.) That the Government be requested to take such steps as will bring about such result.
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(2.) The amount of electrical and torpedo training he has received, and when.
(3.) The length of time the two gunners recently from England, now engaged on board the *Cerberus* in torpedo manipulation, were at the Government Torpedo School of Instruction in England, and in what branch they were instructed.
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WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY.

Private Bill Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the second day of August 1876, and the order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, which was made on the fourth day of April last, in the last session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time, and that the third reading be an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 24th instant.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. SHARPE : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend “*The Police Offences Statute.*”
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1. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That this House will, on Wednesday, 24th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £ towards defraying the cost, of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
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4. MR. GAUNSON: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. NIMMO: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what pressing necessity has induced him to reduce the salaries of the teachers employed in State schools; and if a promise was not given last Session to the effect, that no alteration would be made in the salaries of teachers until Parliament had been furnished with an opportunity of considering the whole matter, in connection with Professor Pearson's report:
2. MR. D. M. DAVIES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if, taking into consideration the report of Mr. Murray, geological surveyor, he will consider the advisability of bringing in a short Bill to authorize draining the Sebastopol plateau.
3. MR. BOWMAN: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will take such action as will have kerosene, which is below the fire heat test of 110°, condemned as dangerous to life.
4. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if it is his intention to commence running an express train on the North-Eastern Railway, and if so, when.
5. MR. MACBAIN: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when the Land Tax Commissioners will be prepared to hear the appeals made against the Land Tax classifications.
6. MR. SERVICE: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether any report has been furnished by Mr. Duncan, Inspector-General of Penal Establishments, in relation to his recent tour; if so, whether it will be laid before this House.
7. DR. MADDEN: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends to dismiss Warder Rushford from the Public Service because he has failed to pay to Messrs. White and McCracken, of Geelong, certain law costs which were awarded them in a civil action for an assault, in which Warder Rushford's wife was plaintiff and Messrs. White and McCracken were defendants, and Warder Rushford was necessarily joined merely for conformity as a co-plaintiff.

Private Bill Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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12. **MR. BARR :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished ; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses.
13. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all officers of the Railway and Public Works departments respectively whose services have been dispensed with from the 1st July 1877 to the 30th June 1878, with salary, compensation, and relieving allowance in each case, the names of all those reappointed, and the annual savings by the reductions.
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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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 - (2.) The names of the localities affected by such proclamations.
 - (3.) The number of new licenses issued in each locality under the said proclamations.
 - (4.) The special circumstances which induced the action taken in each locality.
 - (5.) The name of the responsible Minister who tendered the advice in each case on which a proclamation was issued.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY UNITED RAILWAY PURCHASE.—Resolutions to be further considered in Committee:

THURSDAY, 25TH JULY.

Questions.

1. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he has permanently disqualified Mr. James Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works; and if so, by what authority, and on what grounds.
2. MR. COOPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he proposes to have any additions made to the gatekeepers' huts on those lines of railway where such huts are only 12 x 16.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MACBAIN : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of officers employed in the land offices at Echuca, St. Arnaud, Stawell, Benalla, Hamilton, and Horsham respectively, their respective salaries, and the area of land selected during the years ending June 1876, 1877, and 1878, in and through such offices.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
2. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1874 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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General Business.

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2. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY.

Question.

1. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a measure this session to amend the Land Tax Bill by increasing the number of classes of land liable to taxation from four to, say, eight classes.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Juries Statute 1876.*"
2. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish forfeitures for treason and felony, and to otherwise amend the law relating thereto.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
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WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act No. 279* and *The Electoral Amendment Act No. 548*, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On-going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions, one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 24th July.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE—at a quarter to four o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 19TH JULY.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 4.
Ratepayers in the Colony—Return. A 1.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 6.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[7]

Assent to Bill—Message. B.—No. 2.

Penal Establishments and Gaols—Report of the Inspector-General for the year-1877. No. 24.

Friendly Societies Act 1877—Regulations. No. 33.

Press and Private Intercolonial Messages—Order in Council. No. 35.

Report of the Wattle Bark Board of Inquiry, 1878. No. 36.

Messrs. L. Stevenson and Sons—Report, &c. No. 39.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 30TH JULY 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a measure this session to amend the Land Tax Bill by increasing the number of classes of land liable to taxation from four to, say, eight classes.
2. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he has permanently disqualified Mr. James Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works; and if so, by what authority, and on what grounds.
3. MR. COOPER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he proposes to have any additions made to the gatekeepers' huts on those lines of railway where such huts are only 12 x 16.
4. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands, seeing that no provision is made for advances of money to selectors, if he will make provision for a reduction of the rental charged on selections to one shilling per acre during the first three years of occupancy under license, and for extending the time when leases may be applied for to, say, six years instead of three.
5. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether it is his intention to pay the salaries of the singing and drawing teachers from January the 31st to April and May respectively, and when.
6. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when the return respecting the expenditure upon Woods' continuous brake, ordered by the House on the 4th April last, will be laid before this House.
7. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends to dismiss Warder Rushford from the Public Service because he has failed to pay to Messrs. White and McCracken, of Geelong, certain law costs which were awarded them in a civil action for an assault, in which Warder Rushford's wife was plaintiff and Messrs. White and McCracken were defendants, and Warder Rushford was necessarily joined merely for conformity as a co-plaintiff.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MACBAIN : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of officers employed in the land offices at Echuca, St. Arnaud, Stawell, Benalla, Hamilton, and Horsham respectively, their respective salaries, and the area of land selected during the years ending June 1876, 1877, and 1878, in and through such offices.
2. MR. HUNT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the net profit, if any, upon the working of the North-Eastern Railway line for the year ending 30th June 1878.
3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all officers of the Railway and Public Works departments respectively whose services have been dispensed with from the 1st July 1877 to the 30th June 1878, with salary, compensation, and relieving allowance in each case, the names of all those reappointed, and the annual savings by the reductions.
4. MR. O'HEA : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of certain recently discovered historical records respecting the first survey and subsequent settlement at Port Phillip Heads formed under Lieut.-Governor Collins in 1803.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Juries Statute 1876.*"
2. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish forfeitures for treason and felony, and to otherwise amend the law relating thereto.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
4. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1874 EXPLANATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BENT : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report presented to this House during the last Session from the Select Committee upon the Inglewood and Gippsland Railways contracts.
2. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the instructions given to the classifiers under the Land Tax Act.
3. MR. KERNOT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The appointments Captain Mandeville, of the *Cerberus*, held in the Imperial Service, and the name of the vessels he commanded.
 - (2.) The amount of electrical and torpedo training he has received, and when.
 - (3.) The length of time the two gunners recently from England, now engaged on board the *Cerberus* in torpedo manipulation, were at the Government Torpedo School of Instruction in England, and in what branch they were instructed.
4. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.
5. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of Messrs. Overend and Robb, for works in connection with their contracts for aqueducts and basin at Yan Yean ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cope, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacBain, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
6. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) It is desirable to offer sufficient inducement for the establishment of an iron pipe factory.
 - (2.) That the Government be requested to take such steps as will bring about such result.
7. MR. MUNRO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of proclamations issued under the 44th section of the Act No. 566 since the said Act came into operation.
 - (2.) The names of the localities affected by such proclamations.
 - (3.) The number of new licenses issued in each locality under the said proclamations.
 - (4.) The special circumstances which induced the action taken in each locality.
 - (5.) The name of the responsible Minister who tendered the advice in each case on which a proclamation was issued.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY.

Private Bill Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the second day of August 1876, and the order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, which was made on the fourth day of April last, in the last session of Parliament, be now read ; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time, and that the third reading be an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 24th instant.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Fisheries Act 1873.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
6. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. WILLIAM MONIE'S CONTRACT.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—* That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
8. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.
9. CORONERS' INQUESTS.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished ; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law," and to add after "witnesses"—"in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses."

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament ; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.
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3. MR. BELL : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, arts galleries and museums which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue should be open to the public from seven to ten o'clock p.m. each night, Sundays excepted.
4. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That plans be prepared showing the conditions upon which all lands in the colony are held ; that lands that have not passed from the Crown appear on such plans uncolored, and that lands purchased, held under lease, or license, shall be distinguished by a distinctive color, and that as lands pass from one stage to the other they shall be colored on such map according to above terms ; and further, that such plans shall be open to the inspection of the public free of charge, at all office hours, in the respective Survey offices in whose districts such lands belong.
5. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.
6. MR. DWYER : To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
 - (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
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8. MR. MASON : To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed by ballot to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland ; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to form a quorum.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MR. THUREAU—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
4. MINING BOARDS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act* No. 279 and *The Electoral Amendment Act* No. 548, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.

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Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH JULY.

- Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 4.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 5.
 Goulburn Valley Railway Construction Bill.—[14] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—[25] (To Members of Council only.)

- Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 7.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[8]
 Victorian Railways—Report of the Board of Land and Works for the year ending 31st December 1877. No. 6.
 University of Melbourne—Report of the Proceedings of the Council of, during the year beginning on the 1st day of June 1877 and ending on the 31st day of May 1878. No. 15.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if any arrangement will be made by the 1st of August for the reduction of fares for trains running from St. Kilda, Emerald Hill, and Sandridge to Melbourne.
2. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what is the average number of passengers who have travelled on the Government railway to and from Stawell daily for the past month.
3. MR. O'HEA : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether he intends to introduce this session a Bill to amend the Licensing Act with reference to retail wine licenses, with a view to reducing both the annual license fee and the amount of rent necessary in town and country to be paid by applicants in order to enable them to obtain wine licenses ; also, to amend the Act in other respects.
4. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will refrain from giving effect to his proposed reduction in the teachers' salaries until the House has had an opportunity of considering the question.
5. MR. JOHNSTONE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether the Government will take into their consideration some general scheme of irrigation and water storage, by which the effects of periodical droughts may be to some extent mitigated ; and if so, whether he will lay such scheme before Parliament this session.
6. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he has determined the principle upon which he will grant the use of the diamond drills about to arrive ; if not, will he give the matter his earliest attention, so that there may be no delay in turning them to use after they are received.
7. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if the Council of the Melbourne Corporation have refused to assign that portion of the Carlton Gardens necessary for the National Exhibition Building ; and if so, whether the Minister of Lands intends to take any steps to obtain that assignment, and when.
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9. **MR. BIRD :** To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report of Mr. John Lynch, mining surveyor, concerning the advisability of purchasing certain dams at Browns, for the supply of the Boroughs of Smythesdale and Scarsdale with water.

10. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways should revoke his order permanently disqualifying Mr. James Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works.
11. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the weight of all wool skins, hides, and tallow received and sent from the railway stations at Inglewood and Bridgewater respectively.
12. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the following Members, namely, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Andrew, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, and the Mover, be the Committee to enquire into and report upon the manner in which the Metropolitan Gas Company is carrying out its Act.
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17. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed, to consider and report upon the claim of Messrs. Overend and Robb, for works in connection with their contracts for aqueducts and basin at Yan Yean; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cope, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacBain, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
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 (1.) The number of proclamations issued under the 44th section of the Act No. 566 since the said Act came into operation.
 (2.) The names of the localities affected by such proclamations.
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 (5.) The name of the responsible Minister who tendered the advice in each case on which a proclamation was issued.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SOUTH YARRA TO OAKLEIGH RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
5. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1874 EXPLANATION BILL.—Second reading.
6. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 1ST AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General—
 (1.) If there are in his department any reports from the Master-in-Lunacy as to proposed amendments of the Lunacy Act.
 (2.) If there are such, if he has any objection to make them public.
 (3.) If he will take advantage of an amending Bill, being before the House, to consider the entire question of the management of the property of lunatics.
2. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether it is the intention of the Government to amend the Transfer of Lands Statute this session.

TUESDAY, 6TH AUGUST.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. O'HEA : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of certain recently discovered historical records respecting the first survey and subsequent settlement at Port Phillip Heads formed under Lieut.-Governor Collins in 1803.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MR. THUREAU—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
4. MINING BOARDS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act No. 279* and *The Electoral Amendment Act No. 548*, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employés compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 5.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 6.
Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—[25] (Issue completed.)

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[9]
Weekly Report of Divisions No. 1.
Phylloxera Vastatrix.—Report of the Inspectors of Vineyards on the Vineyards in the Geelong District. No. 17.
Hospitals for the Insane.—Report of the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums for the year ended 31st December 1877. No. 26.
Legal Professions Union Bill.—[20]
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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3. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether it is the intention of the Government to amend the Transfer of Lands Statute this session.
4. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he is aware that a very large number of skilled railway artizans and fitters are now out of employment in this city, and that many first-class workmen are reluctantly obliged to go to Sydney and Adelaide to obtain work; and, if so, can nothing be done to alter such a state of affairs.
5. MR. BILLSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will reconsider his decision whereby one train only per day is despatched to and from Beechworth.
6. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if it is his intention to grant the application of seventy-two residents and selectors of Warranbayne and Baddiginie, on the North-Eastern railway, for a passenger platform at that place.
7. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends to dismiss Warder Rushford from the Public Service because he has failed to pay to Messrs. White and McCracken, of Geelong, certain law costs which were awarded them in a civil action for an assault, in which Warder Rushford's wife was plaintiff and Messrs. White and McCracken were defendants, and Warder Rushford was necessarily joined merely for conformity as a co-plaintiff.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. CARTER : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the names of the Deputy Returning Officers despatched from Horsham to conduct the election for the Wimmera in May 1877; the distance that each deputy had to travel, the amount of money paid to each deputy, and the total expense of the Wimmera election.
2. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the weight of all wool skins, hides, and tallow received and sent from the railway stations at Inglewood and Bridgewater respectively.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. SOUTH YARRA TO OAKLEIGH RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
5. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1874 EXPLANATION BILL.—Second reading.
6. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. A. K. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1878 the sum of Two hundred pounds towards defraying the costs of constructing safety mining cages and hooks of various designs, and of submitting them to a comparative practical test.
2. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report of Mr. John Lynch, mining surveyor, concerning the advisability of purchasing certain dams at Browns, for the supply of the Boroughs of Smythesdale and Scarsdale with water.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways should revoke his order permanently disqualifying Mr. James Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works.
4. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the following Members, namely, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Andrew, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, and the Mover, be the Committee to enquire into and report upon the manner in which the Metropolitan Gas Company is carrying out its Act.

TUESDAY, 6TH AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. ZOZ : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will take immediate steps by appointing additional truant inspectors or otherwise to stringently enforce the compulsory clause in the Education Act.
2. MR. O'HEA : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether he intends to introduce this session a Bill to amend the Licensing Act with reference to retail wine licenses, with a view to reducing both the annual license fee and the amount of rent necessary in town and country to be paid by applicants in order to enable them to obtain wine licenses ; also, to amend the Act in other respects.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. O'HEA : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of certain recently discovered historical records respecting the first survey and subsequent settlement at Port Phillip Heads formed under Lieut.-Governor Collins in 1803.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT NO. 428.—ESTIMATES OF SALARIES, WAGES, ETC.—To be considered in Committee.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The number of proclamations issued under the 44th section of the Act No. 566 since the said Act came into operation.
 - (2.) The names of the localities affected by such proclamations.
 - (3.) The number of new licenses issued in each locality under the said proclamations.
 - (4.) The special circumstances which induced the action taken in each locality.
 - (5.) The name of the responsible Minister who tendered the advice in each case on which a proclamation was issued.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the second day of August 1876, and the order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, which was made on the fourth day of April last, in the last session of Parliament, be now read ; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time, and that the third reading be an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 24th instant.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Fisheries Act 1873.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MR. THUREAU—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—* That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
4. MINING BOARDS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
5. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
7. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. WILLIAM MONIE'S CONTRACT.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—* That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
9. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.
10. CORONERS' INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished ; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law," and to add after "witnesses" "in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses."

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act* No. 279 and *The Electoral Amendment Act* No. 548, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.
2. MR. BELL : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, arts galleries and museums which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue should be open to the public from seven to ten o'clock p.m. each night, Sundays excepted.
3. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That plans be prepared showing the conditions upon which all lands in the colony are held ; that lands that have not passed from the Crown appear on such plans uncolored, and that lands purchased, held under lease, or license, shall be distinguished by a distinctive color, and that as lands pass from one stage to the other they shall be colored on such map according to above terms ; and further, that such plans shall be open to the inspection of the public free of charge, at all office hours, in the respective Survey offices in whose districts such lands belong.
4. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.
5. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the question of Constitutional reform should take precedence of all business, and that it is not desirable to proceed with any legislation until this matter is definitely settled by both Houses.
6. MR. BENT : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report presented to this House during the last Session from the Select Committee upon the Inglewood and Gippsland Railways contracts.
7. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the instructions given to the classifiers under the Land Tax Act.
8. MR. KERNOT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The appointments Captain Mandeville, of the *Cerberus*, held in the Imperial Service, and the name of the vessels he commanded.
 - (2.) The amount of electrical and torpedo training he has received, and when.
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11. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
 - (1.) It is desirable to offer sufficient inducement for the establishment of an iron pipe factory.
 - (2.) That the Government be requested to take such steps as will bring about such result.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is*—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act* 1872," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament ; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.
2. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1878-9 a sum of £40,000 for the purpose of developing the gold mining industry of the Colony.

3. MR. DWYER : To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
- (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
 - (7.) Any applicant who at any Civil Service examination shall have obtained a greater number of marks than any other applicant shall be considered as of superior merit to such last-mentioned applicant.
 - (8.) If two or more of the applicants of greatest merit are on an equality as regards marks, the examiners for the Civil Service shall further examine, in such manner as they may determine, the candidates whose merits are on such equality, and shall determine their respective merits.
4. MR. MASON : To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed by ballot to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland ; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to form a quorum.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1st AUGUST.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 6.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 7.
 Dower Abolition Bill.—[33]
 Legislative Council Bill.—Clause to be proposed by Sir C. Sladen, in the place of section 47.
 (To Members of Council only.)
 Legislative Council Bill.—New Clause to be proposed by Sir C. Sladen. (To Members of Council only.)
 Legislative Council Bill.—New Schedule to be proposed by Sir C. Sladen. (To Members of Council only.)
 Legislative Council Bill.—New Clause and Schedule to be proposed by Sir C. Sladen. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 9.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[10]
 Statement of Expenditure under Schedule D to Act 18 & 19 Vict. cap. 55, during the year 1877-8. No. 41.
 Customs Duties Act 1877 Amendment Bill.—[12]
 Supreme Court Practice and Procedure Bill.—[29] (Issue completed.)
 Police Offences Statute Amendment Bill.—[30]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 6TH AUGUST 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he is aware of the number of neglected children who are about the streets of Melbourne and suburbs, evading the provisions of the Education Act; and, if so, will he take immediate steps by appointing additional truant inspectors or otherwise to stringently enforce the compulsory clause in the Education Act.
2. **MR. O'HEA** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether he intends to introduce this session a Bill to amend the Licensing Act with reference to retail wine licenses, with a view to reducing both the annual license fee and the amount of rent necessary in town and country to be paid by applicants in order to enable them to obtain wine licenses; also, to amend the Act in other respects.
3. **MR. MACKAY** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways what was the daily average number of passengers by the 4.45 a.m. train from Sandhurst to Echuca during the six months ending the 30th of June last; and whether he will make arrangements for the despatch of an early train from Sandhurst to Echuca daily.
4. **MR. BOSISTO** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will cause to be circulated 1,000 copies of the Wattle Bark Report for the general information of the public.
5. **MR. JOHNSTONE** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this session for the better management of charitable institutions, and a more comprehensive and equitable mode of distributing the annual vote.
6. **MR. MACBAIN** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if any and what steps have been taken, in connection with the Imperial Government, to enter into a new contract for the conveyance of the mails, *vid* Suez, when the present contract with the P. and O. Company terminates; and, if it is the intention of the Government to ask for tenders for the conduct of the said service.
7. **MR. LAURENS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether he will bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act, so as to make it compulsory on the part of Registrars to write the word "cancelled" across the face of rights given up to them by electors, when, under section 62 of the Act, they renew their rights.
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1. **MR. O'HEA** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of certain recently discovered historical records respecting the first survey and subsequent settlement at Port Phillip Heads formed under Lieut.-Governor Collins in 1803.
2. **MR. B. G. DAVIES** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the weight of all wool, skins, hides, and tallow received and sent from the railway stations at Inglewood and Bridgewater respectively.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the taking of land for widening railways, and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. **SOUTH YARRA TO OAKLEIGH RAILWAY BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT NO. 428.—ESTIMATE OF SALARIES, WAGES, ETC.**—To be considered in Committee.
6. **RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
7. **BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1874 EXPLANATION BILL.**—Second reading.
9. **PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
10. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
11. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.**NOTICES OF MOTION :—**

1. **MR. MUNRO :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
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 - (2.) The names of the localities affected by such proclamations.
 - (3.) The number of new licenses issued in each locality under the said proclamations.
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1. **MR. LANGRIDGE :** To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the second day of August 1876, and the order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, which was made on the fourth day of April last, in the last session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time, and that the third reading be an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 24th instant.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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1. MR. GRAVES: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act* No. 279 and *The Electoral Amendment Act* No. 548, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.
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 - (1.) It is desirable to offer sufficient inducement for the establishment of an iron pipe factory.
 - (2.) That the Government be requested to take such steps as will bring about such result.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 8TH AUGUST.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MCINTYRE: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is*—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.
2. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1878-9 a sum of £40,000 for the purpose of developing the gold mining industry of the Colony.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
 - (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
 - (7.) Any applicant who at any Civil Service examination shall have obtained a greater number of marks than any other applicant shall be considered as of superior merit to such last-mentioned applicant.
 - (8.) If two or more of the applicants of greatest merit are on an equality as regards marks, the examiners for the Civil Service shall further examine, in such manner as they may determine, the candidates whose merits are on such equality, and shall determine their respective merits.
4. MR. MASON : To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed by ballot to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to form a quorum.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulation affecting to restrain lessees under *The Land Act 1869* from dealing with their leases is illegal.
3. MR. SHARPE : To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. INCE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways—
 - (1.) If he has yet decided to comply with the prayer of the several petitions from the inhabitants of Germantown, Duneed, and Petteral, asking for a platform in the most convenient position in that locality, on the Geelong and Colac Railway, to be used as a flag station when required.
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2. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he is aware that persons who have advanced money on lands prior to the issue of leases can prevent the issue of the said leases ; and, if such be the case, will he take steps to prevent it.
3. MR. SERVICE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether any negotiations have been going on, or whether any contract has been entered into or is contemplated, for the purchase of the three acres of land belonging to Mr. Williams, near the Gas Works, on the north side of the Yarra.
4. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will cause an omission in the Return to the Order of this House on the 4th April last in reference to the expenditure upon Woods' Continuous Brake, viz. :—"That this House be informed whether any arrangement has been entered into between the Government and the proprietors of the patent for the future use of the brake ; or if any arrangement is pending between them, and, if so, what,"—to be supplied forthwith.
5. MR. SAINSBURY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if it is the determination of the Government to compel the directors of those companies shown to be entitled to participate in the prospecting vote of £20,000 to enter into an absolute and personal bond intended to affect their private interests, and altogether apart from and independent of their corporate characters as directors.
6. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction what steps he is taking towards providing school accommodation for the inhabitants of the following places :—Warragul, Moe, King Parrot Creek, Longwarry, O'Mahoney's Creek, Alberton West, Mary Vale, and Poowong.
7. MR. BOWMAN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will take the promise that he gave to a number of miners when he was on a visit to Maryborough, viz., "That in all instances where leases were held by registered mining companies (they having removed the mining machinery) he would have all such leases forfeited, and the ground thrown open to the working miner."
8. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Trade and Customs whether he will have any objection to introduce a clause in the "*Customs Duties Act 1877 Amendment Bill*" imposing a duty of 20 per cent. on all block zinc exported from this colony.
9. MR. DWYER : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will try to arrange that the motion in reference to Mr. Kelly's disqualification be taken some day this week.
10. MR. ZOx : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he is aware of the number of neglected children who are about the streets of Melbourne and suburbs, evading the provisions of the Education Act ; and, if so, will he take immediate steps by appointing additional truant inspectors or otherwise to stringently enforce the compulsory clause in the Education Act.
11. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends to dismiss Warder Rushford from the Public Service because he has failed to pay to Messrs. White and McCracken, of Geelong, certain law costs which were awarded them in a civil action for an assault, in which Warder Rushford's wife was plaintiff and Messrs. White and McCracken were defendants, and Warder Rushford was necessarily joined merely for conformity as a co-plaintiff.

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13. **MR. COPE** : To move, That there be laid before this House a list of all the persons employed in the professional and clerical branch of the Public Works Department on the 1st day of January last; also, a list of all the Inspectors of Works and their superintending officers employed at that date, distinguishing the classified and scheduled officers from the unclassified, the length of time they have been in the service, and the works they are now employed upon; also, all the persons who have been and are now employed in the different branches of the Department since that date, and the works upon which they are now engaged, and the age of each; also, a list of all the discharged servants on the 9th of January and subsequently in each branch of the Department and the length of service of each, distinguishing those who have received compensation from those who have not; also, the amounts of such compensation, their length of service, and whether any have been reinstated, and the age of each.
14. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of proclamations issued under the 44th section of the Act No. 566 since the said Act came into operation.
 - (2.) The names of the localities affected by such proclamations.
 - (3.) The number of new licenses issued in each locality under the said proclamations.
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NOTICES OF MOTION (Unopposed):—

1. **MR. BAYLES** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the selection of a piece of land by D. McG. Munro in the parish of Terrak.
2. **MR. MASON** : To move, that there be laid before this House a return of all public moneys expended on quarters of civil servants during the last five years, excluding post and telegraph offices, and lighthouses; such return to specify the amount expended on each tenement respectively.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Transfer of Lands Statute*" with regard to Easements.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **RAILWAY LOAN ACTS Nos. 331, 415, 468, 475, AND 531, ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER FOR 1878-9.**—To be considered in Committee.
3. **JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. **BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1874 EXPLANATION BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
9. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 8TH AUGUST.

Questions.

1. **MR. BAYLES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if he will place a sum of money on the Additional Estimates for the year 1878-9 for the erection of a jetty at Port Campbell.
2. **MR. LAURENS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether he will bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act, so as to make it compulsory on the part of Registrars to write the word "cancelled" across the face of rights given up to them by electors, when, under section 62 of the Act, they renew their rights.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. SOUTH YARRA TO OAKLEIGH RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.

TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. O'HEA : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of certain recently discovered historical records respecting the first survey and subsequent settlement at Port Phillip Heads formed under Lieut.-Governor Collins in 1803.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT No. 428.—ESTIMATE OF SALARIES, WAGES, ETC.—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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3. MR. DWYER : To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
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 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. F. L. SMYTH:** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employés compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 2ND AUGUST.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 8.
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Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 11.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. BAYLES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if he will place a sum of money on the Additional Estimates for the year 1878-9 for the erection of a jetty at Port Campbell.
2. MR. JOHNSTONE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether the Government contemplate completing the tunnel to the Stony Creek reservoir, and finishing other portions of the work along the aqueduct, with the view of allowing the water in the upper reservoir to run into the Lovely Banks reservoir, and thereby obviate the necessity for the use of lime for settling purposes.
3. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when he intends providing the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction with funds for the erection of State schools in districts which are at present without school accommodation.
4. MR. INCE: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways—
 - (1.) If he has yet decided on the exact site for the railway station between the Drysdale and Geelong stations.
 - (2.) If so, will he state where.
5. DR. MADDEN: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends to dismiss Warder Rushford from the Public Service because he has failed to pay to Messrs. White and McCracken, of Geelong, certain law costs which were awarded them in a civil action for an assault, in which Warder Rushford's wife was plaintiff and Messrs. White and McCracken were defendants, and Warder Rushford was necessarily joined merely as a co-plaintiff.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. BIRD: To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Report of Mr. John Lynch, mining surveyor, concerning the advisability of purchasing certain dams at Browns, for the supply of the Boroughs of Smythesdale and Scarsdale with water.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Transfer of Lands Statute*" with regard to Easements.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. SOUTH YARRA TO OAKLEIGH RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading.
3. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. RAILWAY LOAN ACTS NOS. 331, 415, 468, 475, AND 531, ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
5. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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8. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
9. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1874 EXPLANATION BILL.—Second reading.
10. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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General Business.

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1. MR. McINTYRE: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.
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6. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The number of proclamations issued under the 44th section of the Act No. 566 since the said Act came into operation.
 - (2.) The names of the localities affected by such proclamations.
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TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. O'HEA** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of certain recently discovered historical records respecting the first survey and subsequent settlement at Port Phillip Heads formed under Lieut.-Governor Collins in 1803.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT NO. 428.—ESTIMATE OF SALARIES, WAGES, ETC.—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST.

Private Bill Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the second day of August 1876, and the order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, which was made on the fourth day of April last, in the last session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time, and that the third reading be an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 24th instant.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. **MR. DOW** : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to further amend "*The Instruments and Securities Statute 1864*," by authorising liens to be granted upon growing crops.
2. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Fisheries Act 1873*."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is*—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
4. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is*—

That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act 1865*."
5. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. **MR. THUREAU**—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is*—

That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.

8. **MINING BOARDS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—***
That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
9. **CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—**Second reading.
10. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—**Second reading—Resumption of debate.
11. **WILLIAM MONIE'S CONTRACT.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—***
That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
12. **CORONERS' INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—***
That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law," and to add after "witnesses" "in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses."

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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7. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH :** To move, That plans be prepared showing the conditions upon which all lands in the colony are held; that lands that have not passed from the Crown appear on such plans uncolored, and that lands purchased, held under lease, or license, shall be distinguished by a distinctive color, and that as lands pass from one stage to the other they shall be colored on such map according to above terms; and further, that such plans shall be open to the inspection of the public free of charge, at all office hours, in the respective Survey offices in whose districts such lands belong.
8. **MR. BROPHY :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.
9. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the question of Constitutional reform should take precedence of all business, and that it is not desirable to proceed with any legislation until this matter is definitely settled by both Houses.

10. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the instructions given to the classifiers under the Land Tax Act.
11. MR. KERNOT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The appointments Captain Mandeville, of the *Cerberus*, held in the Imperial Service, and the name of the vessels he commanded.
 - (2.) The amount of electrical and torpedo training he has received, and when.
 - (3.) The length of time the two gunners recently from England, now engaged on board the *Cerberus* in torpedo manipulation, were at the Government Torpedo School of Instruction in England, and in what branch they were instructed.
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13. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House—
- (1.) It is desirable to offer sufficient inducement for the establishment of an iron pipe factory.
 - (2.) That the Government be requested to take such steps as will bring about such result.
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WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employées compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employées for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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Victorian Railways—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 2.
Assent to Bill—Message. B.—No. 3.
Land Act 1869—Order in Council—Regulations. No. 44.
Port Campbell—Report on, by Captain Payne. No. 47.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what steps he intends taking with respect to that part of the 110th section of "*The Land Act 1869*" which has reference to the reservation of lands for dams, woolsheds, and cattle-yards ; and whether, in cases where runs have been selected, he will state if, and under what conditions, he will issue Crown grants for the lands referred to.
2. MR. COOPER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will send a copy of Mr. Brough Smyth's work on the Aborigines of this Colony to all Mechanics' Institutes and Free Libraries.
3. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if that portion of the West Melbourne Swamp recently added to the Railway reserve is now used as a depôt for filth and decayed matter, and if milch cows are now grazed over it ; and, if so, whether he will have it fenced in and sown with eucalyptus as soon as possible.

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7. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT No. 428.—ESTIMATE OF SALARIES, WAGES, ETC.—To be considered in Committee.
8. TRANSFER OF LANDS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law," and to add after "witnesses" "in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses."

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament ; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.
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 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
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 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
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 - (8.) If two or more of the applicants of greatest merit are on an equality as regards marks, the examiners for the Civil Service shall further examine, in such manner as they may determine, the candidates whose merits are on such equality, and shall determine their respective merits.
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7. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH :** To move, That plans be prepared showing the conditions upon which all lands in the colony are held ; that lands that have not passed from the Crown appear on such plan uncolored, and that lands purchased, held under lease, or license, shall be distinguished by a distinctive color, and that as lands pass from one stage to the other they shall be colored on such map according to above terms ; and further, that such plans shall be open to the inspection of the public free of charge, at all office hours, in the respective Survey offices in whose districts such lands belong.
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 - (3.) The length of time the two gunners recently from England, now engaged on board the *Cerberus* in torpedo manipulation, were at the Government Torpedo School of Instruction in England, and in what branch they were instructed.
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1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the correspondence between their Honors the Judges and the Honorable the Attorney-General respecting the promulgation of rules providing for reciprocity in the admission of legal practitioners in this and other Australian colonies.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 9TH AUGUST.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 9.
Constitution of Council Bill.—[16] As reported 7th August. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 13.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[14]
Authority to Mine on Certain Reserved Lands—Order in Council. No. 40.
Redgum—Report from the Secretary of Agriculture on the Redgum Forests of Gunbower and Barmah. No. 50.
Leather and Leatherware—Return, &c. No. 51.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH AUGUST 1878.

Questions.

1. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he intends to dismiss Warder Rushford from the Public Service because he has failed to pay to Messrs. White and McCracken, of Geelong, certain law costs which were awarded them in a civil action for an assault, in which Warder Rushford's wife was plaintiff and Messrs. White and McCracken were defendants, and Warder Rushford was necessarily joined merely for conformity as a co-plaintiff.
2. MR. JOHNSTONE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether he is aware that the Police Court of Geelong is in an unsafe and dilapidated condition ; if so, will he place a sum of money upon Additional Estimates for the year 1878-9 for the erection of a suitable building.
3. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what steps he intends taking with respect to that part of the 110th section of " *The Land Act 1869*" which has reference to the reservation of lands for dams, woolsheds, and cattle-yards ; and whether, in cases where runs have been selected, he will state if, and under what conditions, he will issue Crown grants for the lands referred to.
4. MR. L. L. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if that portion of the West Melbourne Swamp recently added to the Railway reserve is now used as a depôt for filth and decayed matter, and if milch cows are now grazed over it ; and, if so, whether he will have it fenced in and sown with eucalyptus as soon as possible.

Private Bill Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the second day of August 1876, and the order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, which was made on the fourth day of April last, in the last session of Parliament, be now read ; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time, and that the third reading be an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 24th instant.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. MR. DOW : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to further amend " *The Instruments and Securities Statute 1864,*" by authorising liens to be granted upon growing crops.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend " *The Fisheries Act 1873.*"
3. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal the " *Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"

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15. **MR. BENT** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report presented to this House during the last Session from the Select Committee upon the Inglewood and Gippsland Railways contracts.
16. **MR. GAUNSON** : To move, That the following Members, namely, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Andrew, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, and the Mover, be the Committee to enquire into and report upon the manner in which the Metropolitan Gas Company is carrying out its Act.

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2. **MR. O'HEA** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of certain recently discovered historical records respecting the first survey and subsequent settlement at Port Phillip Heads formed under Lieut.-Governor Collins in 1803.
3. **MR. MUNRO** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 (1.) The number of proclamations issued under the 44th section of the Act No. 566 since the said Act came into operation.
 (2.) The names of the localities affected by such proclamations.
 (3.) The number of new licenses issued in each locality under the said proclamations.
 (4.) The special circumstances which induced the action taken in each locality.
 (5.) The name of the responsible Minister who tendered the advice in each case on which a proclamation was issued.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACTS Nos. 331, 415, 468, 475, AND 531, ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER FOR 1878-9.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SOUTH YARRA TO OAKLEIGH RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading.
3. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1874 EXPLANATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
7. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT NO. 428.—ESTIMATE OF SALARIES, WAGES, ETC.—To be considered in Committee.
8. TRANSFER OF LANDS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
12. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
14. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 15TH AUGUST.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LAURENS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount derived by the Government from the sale of land in the town of Hotham, marked in the first and every succeeding plan as proposed reserves for public squares and gardens, prior and up to 1872 ; and also, the area of land taken for State school purposes from such proposed reserves.
2. **MR. COPE** : To move, That there be laid before this House a list of all the persons employed in the professional and clerical branch of the Public Works Department on the 1st day of January last ; also, a list of all the Inspectors of Works and their superintending officers employed at that date, distinguishing the classified and scheduled officers from the unclassified, the length of time they have been in the service, and the works they are now employed upon ; also, all the persons who have been and are now employed in the different branches of the Department since that date, and the works upon which they are now engaged, and the age of each ; also, a list of all the discharged servants on the 9th of January and subsequently in each branch of the Department and the length of service of each, distinguishing those who have received compensation from those who have not ; also, the amounts of such compensation, their length of service, and whether any have been reinstated, and the age of each.

TUESDAY, 20TH AUGUST.

Question.

1. MR. STORY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction how many male and female head teachers in State schools are paid less than £150 per year each; also, how many male and female assistant teachers in such schools have less than £150 per year each.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. McINTYRE: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.
2. MR. GRAVES: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act* No. 279 and *The Electoral Amendment Act* No. 548, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.
3. MR. TUCKER: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.
4. MR. A. K. SMITH: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1878 the sum of Two hundred pounds towards defraying the costs of constructing safety mining cages and hooks of various designs, and of submitting them to a comparative practical test.

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- Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 10.
- Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—New clause by the Hon. Sir C. Sladen. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 14.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[15]

Report of the Inspector-General of Penal Establishments on the Working and Management of Prisons in Great Britain and Ireland, Europe, and America. No. 45.

Press Messages—Order in Council. No. 52.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 15TH AUGUST 1878.

Questions

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary—
 - (1.) On whose recommendation the Government consented to the cutting down of the *Nelson* battle-ship.
 - (2.) How long is it likely to be before the *Nelson* will be in a condition to leave the Alfred Graving Dock.
2. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if arrangements could not be made to permit a majority of the hands engaged on the electric telegraph to leave their offices at the same time with the letter-carriers on Saturday afternoons.
3. MR. JOHNSTONE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if there is a rule in the Education Department that teachers are only allowed two trials when being examined in school management and penmanship for a first-class certificate; and, if so, will he modify the rule, so as to allow three trials in these subjects to those who have passed a full second-class certificate and have also passed the literary part of the first-class certificate at the first attempt.
4. MR. COPE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to take any steps towards the establishment of an Assurance Fund for the benefit of the Civil Servants and other servants of the Crown, in the event of their becoming superannuated or disabled by sickness or accident, from performing their duties; and if so, when.
5. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what steps he intends taking with respect to that part of the 110th section of "*The Land Act 1869*" which has reference to the reservation of lands for dams, woolsheds, and cattle-yards; and whether, in cases where runs have been selected, he will state if, and under what conditions, he will issue Crown grants for the lands referred to.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. NIMMO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of telegraph messages issued in Melbourne and the suburbs after two o'clock p.m., on each Saturday during the last eight weeks.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACTS Nos. 331, 415, 468, 475, AND 531—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE UNDER FOR 1878-9—Resolutions to be reported.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT NO. 428.—ESTIMATE OF SALARIES, WAGES, ETC.—To be considered in Committee.
6. TRANSFER OF LANDS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
10. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business.

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4. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the following Members, namely, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Andrew, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Fincham, Mr. Mover, be the Committee to enquire into and report upon the manner in which the Metropolitan Gas Company is carrying out its Act.

TUESDAY, 20TH AUGUST.

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1. MR. STORY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction how many male and female head teachers in State schools are paid less than £150 per year each ; also, how many male and female assistant teachers in such schools have less than £150 per year each.
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3. MR. JOHNSTONE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice whether he is aware that the Police Court of Geelong is in an unsafe and dilapidated condition ; if so, will he place a sum of money upon Additional Estimates for the year 1878-9 for the erection of a suitable building.

Government Business.

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1. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST.

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1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if the practice, hitherto followed by the Department in preparing the Annual Railway Report, of keeping the expenditure and income of the several lines separate, has been adhered to in preparing the report for the year ending 30th June 1878 ; and, if not, has the Minister any objection to supply the House with a statement showing how much the Consolidated Revenue has lost or gained by each of the several lines of railway in the colony for the past year.

Private Bill Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Meibourne Harbor Trust Act 1876*."
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That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act 1865*."
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6. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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12. CORONERS' INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished ; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "*Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law,*" and to add after "*witnesses*" "*in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses.*"

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.
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9. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.
10. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the question of Constitutional reform should take precedence of all business, and that it is not desirable to proceed with any legislation until this matter is definitely settled by both Houses.
11. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the instructions given to the classifiers under the Land Tax Act.
12. MR. KERNOT : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The appointments, Captain Mandeville, of the *Cerberus*, held in the Imperial Service, and the name of the vessels he commanded.
 - (2.) The amount of electrical and torpedo training he has received, and when.
 - (3.) The length of time the two gunners recently from England, now engaged on board the *Cerberus* in torpedo manipulation, were at the Government Torpedo School of Instruction in England, and in what branch they were instructed.
13. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of Messrs. Overend and Robb, for works in connection with their contracts for aqueducts and basin at Yan Yean ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cope, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacBain, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
14. MR. KERNOT : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Samuel Fieldhouse ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tytherleigh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cope, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. MR. FERGUSSON : To move, That there be laid before this House a Schedule showing the distribution of last year's Agricultural Vote, with the names of the societies, and the amount each society got.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.
2. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
 - (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
 - (7.) Any applicant who at any Civil Service examination shall have obtained a greater number of marks than any other applicant shall be considered as of superior merit to such last-mentioned applicant.
 - (8.) If two or more of the applicants of greatest merit are on an equality as regards marks, the examiners for the Civil Service shall further examine, in such manner as they may determine, the candidates whose merits are on such equality, and shall determine their respective merits.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. F. L. SMYTH :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. **MR. GAUNSON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulation affecting to restrain lessees under *The Land Act 1869* from dealing with their leases is illegal.
3. **MR. SHARPE :** To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
4. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways should revoke his order permanently disqualifying Mr. J. Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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Customs Act 1877 Amendment Bill.—[12] As reported 13th August. (To Members of Assembly only.)

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3. RAILWAY LOAN ACT No. 531—SECOND SCHEDULE—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
4. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
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Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL**.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 22ND AUGUST.

Question.

1. **MR. DOW**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
 Whether he will take steps (1.) to reduce the very high survey fees charged to selectors under the 49th section of the Land Act; and
 (2.) In cases where selectors' applications are rejected on account of mining objections under the same Act, to refund the survey fees paid.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **POSTAGE RATES**.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. **POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL**.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL**.—Second reading.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.

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Estimates of Revenue, Special Appropriations, and Further Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 30th June 1879. B.—No. 4.

Officers of Railways and Public Works Departments—Return. C.—No. 2.

Industrial and Reformatory Schools—Report of the Inspector of—on the working and management of those Institutions in Great Britain and Ireland, and America. No. 49.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST AUGUST 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if the practice, hitherto followed by the Department in preparing the Annual Railway Report, of keeping the expenditure and income of the several lines separate, has been adhered to in preparing the report for the year ending 30th June 1878; and, if not, has the Minister any objection to supply the House with a statement showing how much the Consolidated Revenue has lost or gained by each of the several lines of railway in the colony for the past year.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice when he intends to comply with petitions from various parts of the Wimmera district, asking for the appointment of additional magistrates.
3. MR. COOPER: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines when he proposes to reduce the rent of mining leases, according to his promise to a deputation at Ballarat.
4. MR. E. H. CAMERON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether he has provided, or proposes to provide, money for the Hoddle's Creek, Warburton, and Reefton roads; and, if so, when is the money likely to be available.
5. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if arrangements cannot be made to have the salaries of those in charge of Post and Telegraph offices, which are only indirectly attached to his department, paid monthly or quarterly instead of half-yearly as at present.
6. MR. ZOX: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when he will be prepared to pay instalments of the annual grant-in-aid to the various charitable institutions.

Private Bill Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the second day of August 1876, and the order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, which was made on the fourth day of April last, in the last session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time, and that the third reading be an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 24th instant.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS:—

1. MR. DOW: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to further amend "*The Instruments and Securities Statute 1864*," by authorising liens to be granted upon growing crops.
2. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Fisheries Act 1873*."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—Second reading.
3. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876*."
4. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act 1865*."
5. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. MR. THUREAU—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
8. MINING BOARDS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
9. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
11. WILLIAM MONIE'S CONTRACT.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
12. CORONERS' INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "*Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law,*" and to add after "*witnesses*" "*in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses.*"

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.
2. MR. GRAVES : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act* No. 279 and *The Electoral Amendment Act* No. 548, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.
3. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.
4. MR. A. K. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1878 the sum of Two hundred pounds towards defraying the costs of constructing safety mining cages and hooks of various designs, and of submitting them to a comparative practical test.
5. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1878-9 a sum of £40,000 for the purpose of developing the gold mining industry of the Colony.
6. MR. MASON : To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to form a quorum.
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15. MR. COPE : To move, That there be laid before this House a list of all the persons employed in the professional and clerical branch of the Public Works Department on the 1st day of January last; also, a list of all the Inspectors of Works and their superintending officers employed at that date, distinguishing the classified and scheduled officers from the unclassified, the length of time they have been in the service, and the works they are now employed upon; also, all the persons who have been and are now employed in the different branches of the Department since that date, and the works upon which they are now engaged, and the age of each; also, a list of all the discharged servants on the 9th of January and subsequently in each branch of the Department and the length of service of each, distinguishing those who have received compensation from those who have not; also, the amounts of such compensation, their length of service, and whether any have been reinstated, and the age of each.
16. MR. BENT : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report presented to this House during the last Session from the Select Committee upon the Inglewood and Gippsland Railways contracts.
17. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That the following Members, namely, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Fincham, Mr. Graves, Mr. Andrew, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Bent, and the Mover, be the Committee to enquire into and report upon the manner in which the Metropolitan Gas Company is carrying out its Act.

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2. MR. SERVICE: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all claims for compensation (remaining undealt with on 20th August instant) which have been made by public servants discharged from the various departments, giving the names of the claimants and the dates of the claims.
3. MR. LAURENS: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount derived by the Government from the sale of land in the town of Hotham, marked in the first and every succeeding plan as proposed reserves for public squares and gardens, prior and up to 1872; and also, the area of land taken for State school purposes from such proposed reserves.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BERRY: To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as fixes four o'clock as the hour of meeting on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, be read and rescinded, and that the hour of meeting on such days be two o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT 1872—SECOND SCHEDULE—WATER SUPPLY—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
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7. TRANSFER OF LANDS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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12. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 22ND AUGUST.

Questions.

1. MR. DOW: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
Whether he will take steps (1.) to reduce the very high survey fees charged to selectors under the 49th section of the Land Act; and
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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of plans, specifications, quantities, estimates, and the original tenders, both for brick and stone, and all correspondence and papers connected with the contracts for the Law Courts; also, the estimated cost in detail, of completion of Law Courts, with the fittings and furniture for same.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is*—
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2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 21st August.

LIBRARY—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 16TH AUGUST.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 12.
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Railway Construction Act 1877 Amendment Bill.—[13] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
South Yarra to Oakleigh Railway Bill.—[32] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

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Weekly Report of Divisions No. 2.
Public Works Loan Act of 1872—Water Supply—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 7.
Railway Loan Act 1876, No. 531—An Estimate, &c. A.—No. 8.
Public Library, Museums, and National Gallery of Victoria—Report of the Trustees, &c. No. 7.
Land Act 1869—Report of Proceedings taken under the provisions of, during the year ending 31st December 1877. No. 22.

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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LALOR : To move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the law relating to the importation of mineral oils, and for other purposes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.—(Till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act 1865.*"
3. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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2. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulation affecting to restrain lessees under *The Land Act* 1869 from dealing with their leases is illegal.
3. MR. SHARPE : To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways should revoke his order permanently disqualifying Mr. J. Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works.
5. MR. MCINTYRE : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the introduction of Woods' continuous brake upon the State railways.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 27th August.

LAW COURTS' BUILDINGS—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 22ND AUGUST.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 12.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 13.

Weekly Report of Divisions No. 1.

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—Words proposed to be added to clause 2 by Hon. R. S. Anderson. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 18.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[19]

Officers of Railways and Public Works Departments.—Completion of Return. C.—No. 2.*

Chief Inspector of Mines—Report of the—to the Honorable the Minister of Mines, for the Year 1877. No. 20.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 27TH AUGUST 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. JAMES: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the Government intend to adopt the suggestions made in the report on the outbreak at the Jika Reformatory submitted to them by the Board on the 15th May last.
2. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when he intends to fulfil the promises he has made on various occasions for the erection of new schools in the Wimmera district.
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Whether he will take steps (1.) to reduce the very high survey fees charged to selectors under the 49th section of the Land Act; and
(2.) In cases where selectors' applications are rejected on account of mining objections under the same Act, to refund the survey fees paid.
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5. MR. STORY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction how many male and female head teachers in State schools are paid less than £150 per year each; also, how many male and female assistant teachers in such schools have less than £150 per year each.
6. MR. MASON: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if arrangements cannot be made to have the salaries of those in charge of Post and Telegraph offices, which are only indirectly attached to his department, paid monthly or quarterly instead of half-yearly as at present.

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Government Business.

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2. MINERAL OILS IMPORTATION.—Resolutions to be considered in Committee.
3. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT 1872—SECOND SCHEDULE—WATER SUPPLY—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
4. RAILWAY LOAN ACT No. 531—SECOND SCHEDULE—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT No. 428.—ESTIMATE OF SALARIES, WAGES, ETC.—To be considered in Committee.
6. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
7. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
8. TRANSFER OF LANDS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
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MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 27th August.

LAW COURTS BUILDINGS—at half-past three o'clock.

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Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 19.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH AUGUST 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if he is aware of a practice that prevails in the Lands Department of charging all applicants for land One pound (£1), which is called a registration fee; and if he will amend the regulation in this matter so as to cause this fee to be refunded to all unsuccessful applicants for land.
2. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Survey whether he will discontinue the practice of charging intending selectors £1 for registering their application to select lands under the 19th section of the present Land Act.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till twenty-five minutes past four o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LALOR: To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider amendments of "*The Duties of Customs Act 1877.*"
2. SIR B. O'LOGHLEN, Bart.: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to permit liens to be given upon growing crops.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT 1872—SECOND SCHEDULE—WATER SUPPLY—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
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10. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
12. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.

Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE: To move, That the Petition for the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill, which was presented on the second day of August 1876, and the order of leave for bringing in the said Bill, which was made on the fourth day of April last, in the last session of Parliament, be now read; and that thereupon the said Bill be read a first and second time, and that the third reading be an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 24th instant.

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is*—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
(2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
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3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
4. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Second reading.
5. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—
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That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
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That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
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That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
13. **CORONERS' INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—***
That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law," and to add after "witnesses" "in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses."

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12. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the question of Constitutional reform should take precedence of all business, and that it is not desirable to proceed with any legislation until this matter is definitely settled by both Houses.
13. **MR. YOUNG :** To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the instructions given to the classifiers under the Land Tax Act.
14. **MR. KERNOT :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The appointments Captain Mandeville, of the *Cerberus*, held, in the Imperial Service, and the name of the vessels he commanded.
 - (2.) The amount of electrical and torpedo training he has received, and when.
 - (3.) The length of time the two gunners recently from England, now engaged on board the *Cerberus* in torpedo manipulation, were at the Government Torpedo School of Instruction in England, and in what branch they were instructed.
15. **MR. LANGRIDGE :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of Messrs. Overend and Robb, for works in connection with their contracts for aqueducts and basin at Yan Yean; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cope, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacBain, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
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17. **MR. COPE :** To move, That there be laid before this House a list of all the persons employed in the professional and clerical branch of the Public Works Department on the 1st day of January last; also, a list of all the Inspectors of Works and their superintending officers employed at that date, distinguishing the classified and scheduled officers from the unclassified, the length of time they have been in the service, and the works they are now employed upon; also, all the persons who have been and are now employed in the different branches of the Department since that date, and the works upon which they are now engaged, and the age of each; also, a list of all the discharged servants on the 9th of January and subsequently in each branch of the Department and the length of service of each, distinguishing those who have received compensation from those who have not; also, the amounts of such compensation, their length of service, and whether any have been reinstated, and the age of each.
18. **MR. BENT :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report presented to this House during the last Session from the Select Committee upon the Inglewood and Gippsland Railways contracts.
19. **MR. WILLIAMS :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the weight of all agricultural produce, implements, machinery, and general goods, and the number of live stock carried to and from all stations on the Sandhurst and Inglewood Railway for the past twelve months.
20. **MR. GAUNSON :** To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as directs that, on Wednesday in each week Private Bills, Notices of Motion relating to Bills and Orders of the Day, and Notices of Motion other than Government business, shall have precedence from half-past four until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock be read, and the words "from half-past four" be rescinded, and that instead thereof the words "from the hour of meeting" be inserted.
21. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of Mining Boards; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cooper, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Wright, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
22. **MR. RICHARDSON :** To move, That leave be given to the Supreme Court Buildings Committee to report, from day to day, the evidence taken before the Committee.
23. **MR. GAUNSON :** To move, That leave be given to the Metropolitan Gas Company's Committee to report, from day to day, the evidence taken before the Committee.
24. **MR. LANGRIDGE :** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of plans, specifications, quantities, estimates, and the original tenders, both for brick and stone, and all correspondence and papers connected with the contracts for the Law Courts; also, the estimated cost in detail, of completion of Law Courts, with the fittings and furniture for same.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL**—**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL**—**RESUMPTION OF DEBATE**—*The question is*—
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act 1865.*"
3. **ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.**—**Second reading**—**Resumption of debate.**

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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6. MR. BELL : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Railway workshops should be erected at large centres of population on the Victorian Railways, besides Williamstown and Melbourne.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 29th August.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at twelve o'clock.

Tuesday, 3rd September.

SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at one o'clock.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 13.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 14.

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—Proviso to clause 2. By Sir C. Sladen. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 20.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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THURSDAY, 29TH AUGUST 1878.

Question.

1. MR. HUNT : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works whether, in compliance with promises recently made, he will undertake to give certain local bodies a subsidy for the erection of bridges swept away by floods.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LALOR : To move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider amendments of " *The Duties of Customs Act 1877.*"

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TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will, as early as possible, start a morning passenger train from Sandhurst to Echuca at a reasonable hour.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ROSSTOWN RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading.

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
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WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. KERNOT :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Samuel Fieldhouse ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tytherleigh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cope, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulation affecting to restrain lessees under *The Land Act* 1869 from dealing with their leases is illegal.
3. MR. SHARPE : To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
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7. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all railway works, except repairs, be let by contract.

In Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that the vote for fencing and improving public parks and gardens under the control of borough councils, trustees, &c., be increased by £6,000.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 29th August.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at twelve o'clock.

Tuesday, 3rd September.

SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at one o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH AUGUST.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 14.

Annual Rateable Value in Provinces—Return. A 2.

Constitution of Council Bill—Times of holding Elections for the Provinces and Numbers to be elected in each. Proposed by the Hon. Sir C. Sladen. (To Members of Council only.)

Constitution of Council Bill—To follow section 40. To be proposed by the Hon. Sir C. Sladen. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 21.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[22]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will, as early as possible, start a morning passenger train from Sandhurst to Echuca at a reasonable hour.
2. MR. BELL: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will purchase, or lease, a large workshop on Ballarat (at a reasonable price) fitted up with suitable machinery and other appliances for the repair of, or manufacturing railway rolling stock, so as to give employment to unemployed mechanics in the country, as he is doing in Melbourne.
3. MR. BOSISTO: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands if it is his intention, at an early date, to consider and act upon that part of the Wattle Bark Report having reference to the appointment of a Forest Board.
4. MR. ORR: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he will cause the reef in the Goulburn river at Tabilk to be reported on by an officer of his Department with a view to its removal.
5. MR. SERVICE: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when he will be able to lay on the Table of the House the supplementary list showing the claims for compensation by dismissed employes in the Railway department which remained unsettled on 20th August instant.
6. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will consider the advisability of running the 30 minutes past 11 a.m., or the evening train from Ballarat to Melbourne, as an express train.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT.—To be considered in Committee.
2. VICTORIAN EXHIBITION—MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
3. LOANS—MESSAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
4. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT 1872—SECOND SCHEDULE—WATER SUPPLY—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878—9.—Resolution to be reported.
5. RAILWAY LOAN ACT No. 531—SECOND SCHEDULE—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878—9.—Resolution to be reported.
6. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACT No. 428.—ESTIMATE OF SALARIES, WAGES, ETC.—Resolution to be reported.
7. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.—Second reading.
10. TRANSFER OF LANDS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
14. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
16. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
17. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER.

Question.

1. MR. BOWMAN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will give instruction that Saturday excursion tickets shall issue during the winter months, the same as are issued during the summer months.

Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ROSSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading.

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act 1865.*"
3. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.

5. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
7. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Second reading.
8. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—
RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
10. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. MR. THUREAU—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
13. MINING BOARDS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
14. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. WILLIAM MONIE'S CONTRACT.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
16. CORONERS' INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law," and to add after "witnesses" "in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses."

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872,*" with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.
2. MR. DWYER : To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
 - (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
 - (7.) Any applicant who at any Civil Service examination shall have obtained a greater number of marks than any other applicant shall be considered as of superior merit to such last-mentioned applicant.
 - (8.) If two or more of the applicants of greatest merit are on an equality as regards marks, the examiners for the Civil Service shall further examine, in such manner as they may determine, the candidates whose merits are on such equality, and shall determine their respective merits.
3. MR. MCINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.
4. MR. GRAVES : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act* No. 279 and *The Electoral Amendment Act* No. 548, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.
5. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.
6. MR. A. K. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1878 the sum of Two hundred pounds towards defraying the costs of constructing safety mining cages and hooks of various designs, and of submitting them to a comparative practical test.

7. **MR. BROPHY :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying, that he will be pleased to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1878-9 a sum of £40,000 for the purpose of developing the gold mining industry of the Colony.
8. **MR. MASON :** To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland ; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to form a quorum.
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12. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the question of Constitutional reform should take precedence of all business, and that it is not desirable to proceed with any legislation until this matter is definitely settled by both Houses.
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NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 3rd September.

SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at one o'clock.

Wednesday, 4th September.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 30TH AUGUST.

Constitution of Council Bill—Final Report of Select Committee ; with Proceedings of Committee, Schedule, and Appendices. D 2.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 22.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[23]

Constitution Act Alteration and Amendment Bill.—Amendments proposed to be moved by Mr. Kernot. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. BOWMAN: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will give instruction that Saturday excursion tickets shall be issued during the winter months, the same as are issued during the summer months.
2. MR. D. CAMERON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will try the experiment of Sunday excursion trains during the coming summer.
3. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will consider the advisability of running the 11.30 a.m. train from Ballarat to Melbourne as an express train.
4. MR. KERNOT: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if any application has been made during the last six months for a site for a woollen mill on the banks of the Barwon or police paddock at Geelong; if so, has the same been refused.
5. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice if it is his intention to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Jarrawonga; and, if so, when.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till twenty-five minutes past four o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VICTORIAN RAILWAYS—ACTS NOS. 531, 580, 603, 604—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
2. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT.—Resolutions to be reported.
3. VICTORIAN EXHIBITIONS.—Resolution to be reported.
4. LOANS.—Resolution to be reported.
5. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
6. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.—Second reading.
9. TRANSFER OF LANDS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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16. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ROSSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading.

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL:—

1. MR. BENT: To move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Prevention of Contagious Diseases.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Electoral Act 1865.*"
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3. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways should revoke his order permanently disqualifying Mr. J. Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works.
4. MR. MCINTYRE : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the introduction of Woods' continuous brake upon the State railways.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 4th September.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 10th September.

SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 30TH AUGUST.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 15.

Constitution of Council Bill—Report of Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee and Appendix. D 1.

Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—[25] As reported 3rd September. (To Members of Council only.)

Constitution of Council Bill—New Clauses to be proposed by the Honorable Sir C. Sladen. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 23.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[24]

Victorian Railways—Estimate, &c. A.—No. 9.

Victorian Exhibitions—Message. B.—No. 5.

Railway and other Loans—Message. B.—No. 6.

Assent to Bills—Message. B.—No. 7.

Supreme Court Buildings—Progress Report from Select Committee. D.—No. 1.

Metropolitan Gas Company—Progress Report from Select Committee. D.—No. 2.

Reports of the Mining Surveyors and Registrars—Quarter ended 30th June 1878. No. 34.

Lunatic Asylums—Return of the Inspector, &c. No. 43.

Public Works Loan Account Application Bill.—[34] (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. RICHARDSON** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will cause an examination to be held periodically for persons desirous of entering the State schools as pupil teachers ; and if he will make such examination the test of fitness for employment.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **VICTORIAN RAILWAYS—ACTS NOS. 531, 580, 603, 604—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.**—Resolution to be reported.
2. **VICTORIAN EXHIBITIONS BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **LOANS BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).**—Second reading.
5. **TRANSFER OF LANDS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
6. **BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
9. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
10. **CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
11. **TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
12. **PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
13. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
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*Business.**Private Bill*—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ROSSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading.

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. BENT : To move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Prevention of Contagious Diseases.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Second reading.
4. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is*—
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
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Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 15.

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Public Works Loan Account Application Bill.—[34] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Constitution of Council Bill.—New clause to be proposed by the Hon. F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 24.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[25]

Education—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1877-8. No. 53. (To Members of both Houses.)

Public Works Loan Account Application Bill.—[34] (Issue completed.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. RICHARDSON: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if he will cause an examination to be held periodically for persons desirous of entering the State schools as pupil teachers; and if he will make such examination the test of fitness for employment.
2. MR. D. CAMERON: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether he will try the experiment of Sunday excursion trains during the coming summer.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. COPE: To move, That there be laid before this House a list of all the persons employed in the professional and clerical branch of the Public Works Department on the 1st day of January last; also, a list of all the Inspectors of Works and their superintending officers employed at that date, distinguishing the classified and scheduled officers from the unclassified, the length of time they have been in the service, and the works they are now employed upon; also, all the persons who have been and are now employed in the different branches of the Department since that date, and the works upon which they are now engaged, and the age of each; also, a list of all the discharged servants on the 9th of January and subsequently in each branch of the Department and the length of service of each, distinguishing those who have received compensation from those who have not; also, the amounts of such compensation, their length of service, and whether any have been reinstated, and the age of each.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LALOR: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act 1873.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. TRANSFER OF LANDS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
3. LOANS BILL.—Second reading.
4. VICTORIAN EXHIBITIONS BILL.—Second reading.
5. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.
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14. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
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General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MIRAMS: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the grounds, terms, and conditions upon which the compromise said to have been effected between the Crown and the contractors, or their representatives, for the construction of the Geelong and Ballarat Railway was arranged; further, whether such grounds of compromise were legitimate, and whether such terms and conditions were duly complied with by the parties to the said compromise; and also whether in such terms and conditions and their fulfilment or otherwise the just claims of each and all the contractors were fully provided for and satisfied; and otherwise to investigate and report upon the claims of Mr. W. R. Merry in relation to the said contract; such Committee to consist of Mr. Casey, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Bell, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Orr, Mr. Zox, Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart., and the Mover, three to form a quorum; and to have power to call for persons and papers; the Committee to have leave to sit upon days when the House does not meet.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ROSSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading.

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL:—

1. MR. BENT: To move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Prevention of Contagious Diseases.

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1. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
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That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law," and to add after "witnesses" "in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses."

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14. **MR. KERNOT** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
- (1.) The appointments Captain Mandeville, of the *Cerberus*, held in the Imperial Service, and the name of the vessels he commanded.
 - (2.) The amount of electrical and torpedo training he has received, and when.
 - (3.) The length of time the two gunners recently from England, now engaged on board the *Cerberus* in torpedo manipulation, were at the Government Torpedo School of Instruction in England, and in what branch they were instructed.
15. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of Messrs. Overend and Robb, for works in connection with their contracts for aqueducts and basin at Yan Yean ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cope, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacBain, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers ; three to form a quorum.
16. **MR. BENT** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report presented to this House during the last Session from the Select Committee upon the Inglewood and Gippsland Railways contracts.
17. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the weight of all agricultural produce, implements, machinery, and general goods, and the number of live stock carried to and from all stations on the Sandhurst and Inglewood Railway for the past twelve months.
18. **MR. GAUNSON** : To move, That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as directs that, on Wednesday in each week Private Bills, Notices of Motion relating to Bills and Orders of the Day, and Notices of Motion other than Government business, shall have precedence from half-past four until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock be read, and the words "from half-past four" be rescinded, and that instead thereof the words "from the hour of meeting" be inserted.
19. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of Mining Boards ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cooper, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Wright, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
20. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of plans, specifications, quantities, estimates, and the original tenders, both for brick and stone, and all correspondence and papers connected with the contracts for the Law Courts ; also, the estimated cost in detail, of completion of Law Courts, with the fittings and furniture for same.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
4. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. MINING BOARDS.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
 - (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
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7. **MR. SERVICE :** To call the attention of the House to certain hindrances that are improperly interposed in the Lands Department through, apparently, political influences, to the ordinary course of business as authorized by law.
8. **MR. SERVICE :** To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.

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Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 16.
 Constitution of Council Bill.—[16] As reported 4th September. (To Members of Council only.)

Notes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 25.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[26]
 Victorian Exhibitions Bill.—[22]
 Liens upon Growing Crops Bill.—[42]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will inform the House of the number of diamond drills he has ordered for Victoria ; also, when he expects the arrival of said drills, and under what arrangements and terms he intends granting the use of the same.
2. **MR. R. CLARK (Wimmera)** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he has taken into consideration the advisability of extending the telegraph to the following places in the Wimmera district, viz. :—St. Arnaud to Donald, Horsham to Dimboola, Harrow to Edenhope and Apsley, or to any of the places named ; and, if so, when does he intend to begin the erection of the same.
3. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the report is true that some of the civil servants who have been reinstated have received their pay from the time they were dismissed, and that others have not ; and, if so, what course the Government intend to adopt in the latter cases.
4. **MR. SHARPE** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when the Government will be in a position to call for tenders for the construction of the Goulburn Valley Railway.
5. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if the regulation prescribing five miles as the limit within which present selectors may select is alterable at his discretion.
6. **MR. SHARPE** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will pay the usual subsidy to local bodies during the present month.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till twenty-five minutes past four o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BERRY** : To move, for leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the conversion of Victorian Government stock into debentures.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VICTORIAN EXHIBITIONS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LOANS BILL.—Second reading.
4. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ROSSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading.

General.

NOTICES OF MOTION RELATING TO BILLS :—

1. **MR. BENT** : To move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Prevention of Contagious Diseases.
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 - (3.) The length of time the two gunners recently from England, now engaged on board the *Cerberus* in torpedo manipulation, were at the Government Torpedo School of Instruction in England, and in what branch they were instructed.

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THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Sir JOHN O'SHANASSY : To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that provision be made to give effect to a measure further to amend the law relating to Education.
 - (2.) That a Bill be brought in to carry out the foregoing resolution.

TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
3. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
4. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. MINING BOARDS.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.

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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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In Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that the vote for fencing and improving public parks and gardens under the control of borough councils, trustees, &c., be increased by £6,000.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

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Thursday, 12th September.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 17th September.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 6TH SEPTEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 17.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[27]

Railway Loan Bill.—[4]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER 1878.

Question.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will have the various parliamentary papers which are usually provided for the Press forwarded to the up-country newspapers free of charge.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VICTORIAN EXHIBITIONS BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LOANS BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
4. VICTORIAN STOCK CONVERSION BILL.—Second reading.
5. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
7. LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.—Second reading.
8. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
12. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
13. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ROSSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading—Resumption of debate.

General.

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 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
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That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
7. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
8. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Report of Select Committee—To be considered in Committee.

9. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
10. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. INSTRUMENTS AND SECURITIES STATUTE 1864 AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).—Second reading.
12. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
13. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. MR. THUREAU—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
15. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
16. WILLIAM MONIE'S CONTRACT.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
17. CORONERS' INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law," and to add after "witnesses" "in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses."
18. SESSIONAL BUSINESS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as directs that, on Wednesday in each week Private Bills, Notices of Motion relating to Bills and Orders of the Day, and Notices of Motion other than Government business, shall have precedence from half-past four until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock be read, and the words "from half-past four" be rescinded, and that instead thereof the words "from the hour of meeting" be inserted.

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3. MR. MUNRO: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566.
4. MR. KERNOT: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Samuel Fieldhouse; such Committee to consist of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tytherleigh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cope, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
5. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872,*" with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.
6. MR. MCINTYRE: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.

7. MR. GRAVES : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act No. 279* and *The Electoral Amendment Act No. 548*, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.
8. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.
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11. MR. MASON : To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland ; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to form a quorum.
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15. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the question of Constitutional reform should take precedence of all business, and that it is not desirable to proceed with any legislation until this matter is definitely settled by both Houses.
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WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

*Business.**General.*—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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8. MR. SERVICE : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

*Tuesday, 17th September.*METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.
SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 12TH SEPTEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 17.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 18.
Constitution of Council Bill.—[16] As reported 10th September. (To Members of Council only.)Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 27.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[28]
Victorian Exhibitions Bill.—[22] As reported 11th September. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether, before the Estimates of the Mining Department are considered, he will state the amount of the expenses of Mining Boards from their formation to the present time.
2. MR. DOW: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways whether he will, as early as possible, take into his consideration the desirability, from a national point of view, of reducing the railway freight upon agricultural produce, especially the staple products of wheat and flour.
3. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will have the various parliamentary papers which are usually provided for the Press forwarded to the up-country newspapers free of charge.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOANS, BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. VICTORIAN STOCK CONVERSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.
6. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.
8. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
9. LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.—Second reading.
10. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
14. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
15. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Sir JOHN O'SHANASSY: To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that provision be made to give effect to a measure further to amend the law relating to Education.
 - (2.) That a Bill be brought in to carry out the foregoing resolution.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER.

Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ROSSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY BILL.—Third reading—Resumption of debate.

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

*Business.**General.*—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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Questions.

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2. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether, before the Estimates of the Mining Department are considered, he will state the amount of the expenses of Mining Boards from their formation to the present time.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till twenty-five minutes past four o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
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11. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
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Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. SIR JOHN O'SHANASSY : To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that provision be made to give effect to a measure further to amend the law relating to Education.
 - (2.) That a Bill be brought in to carry out the foregoing resolution.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

*Business.**General.*—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all tenders sent in for the conveyance of mails since January 1878 ; showing the amount of each tender, and name of each person tendering, and the name of the successful tenderer, and amount of tender.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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8. MR. SERVICE : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.

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1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that the vote for fencing and improving public parks and gardens under the control of borough councils, trustees, &c., be increased by £6,000.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 19th September.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 24th September.

SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 13TH SEPTEMBER.

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Legal Professions Union Bill.—[20] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Mining on Private Property Bill.—[48]

Mining on Private Property Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. J. A. Wallace. (To Members of Council only.)

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Railway Loan Bill.—[4] As reported 17th September. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Electoral Act 1865 Amendment Bill.—[46]

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways whether commercial travellers and others who have purchased quarterly or annual tickets for the Government lines are allowed to travel on the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway free.
2. **MR. BIRD** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will allow copies of Mr. Brough Smyth's work on the Aborigines of Victoria to be distributed free of cost to the various Mechanics' Institutes and Free Libraries in Victoria.
3. **MR. BARR** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if, before the estimates of the Mining Department are considered, he will state the amount of expenses of the Mining Department from its formation to the present time.

NOTICES OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. GILLIES** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of agricultural implements consigned to stations between Sandhurst and Echuca, including the latter station, during the year 1877 ; also, a return of grain and other farm produce from the same stations to Melbourne during the same period.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VICTORIAN STOCK CONVERSION BILL.—Consideration of Report.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.
4. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.
7. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
8. LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
13. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
14. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the original application of Charles W. G. Whitakers, under sec. 19 of the Land Act, 1869, for 320 acres of land in the parish of Loy Yang ; also, the applications of Hall, Brown, Feely, and Long for the same land ; together with all minutes, memorandums, reports, and recommendations, and all other documents relating to the said applications.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

*Business.**General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MINING BOARDS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
5. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
6. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—
RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
8. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. MR. THUREAU—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
10. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. WILLIAM MONIE'S CONTRACT.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
12. CORONERS' INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law," and to add after "witnesses" "in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses."
13. SESSIONAL BUSINESS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as directs that, on Wednesday in each week Private Bills, Notices of Motion relating to Bills and Orders of the Day, and Notices of Motion other than Government business, shall have precedence from half-past four until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock be read, and the words "from half-past four" be rescinded, and that instead thereof the words "from the hour of meeting" be inserted.
14. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Report of Select Committee—To be considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BOWMAN: To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all tenders sent in for the conveyance of mails since January 1878; showing the amount of each tender, and name of each person tendering, and the name of the successful tenderer, and amount of tender.
2. MR. DWYER: To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise:—
 - (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
 - (7.) Any applicant who at any Civil Service examination shall have obtained a greater number of marks than any other applicant shall be considered as of superior merit to such last-mentioned applicant.
 - (8.) If two or more of the applicants of greatest merit are on an equality as regards marks, the examiners for the Civil Service shall further examine, in such manner as they may determine, the candidates whose merits are on such equality, and shall determine their respective merits.
3. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1878-9 the sum of £1,000 towards defraying the expenses of holding an Industrial Exhibition at Sandhurst.

4. **MR. MUNRO :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566.
5. **MR. KERNOT :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Samuel Fieldhouse; such Committee to consist of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tytherleigh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cope, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
6. **MR. MCINTYRE :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.
7. **MR. GRAVES :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act* No. 279 and *The Electoral Amendment Act* No. 548, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.
8. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.
9. **MR. A. K. SMITH :** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1878 the sum of Two hundred pounds towards defraying the costs of constructing safety mining cages and hooks of various designs, and of submitting them to a comparative practical test.
10. **MR. BROPHY :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1878-9 a sum of £40,000 for the purpose of developing the gold mining industry of the Colony.
11. **MR. MASON :** To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to form a quorum.
12. **MR. MASON :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of providing civil servants with quarters, fuel, light, and water should be discontinued.
13. **MR. BELL :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, arts galleries and museums which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue should be open to the public from seven to ten o'clock p.m. each night, Sundays excepted.
14. **MR. BROPHY :** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.
15. **MR. A. T. CLARK :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the question of Constitutional reform should take precedence of all business, and that it is not desirable to proceed with any legislation until this matter is definitely settled by both Houses.
16. **MR. YOUNG :** To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the instructions given to the classifiers under the Land Tax Act.
17. **MR. KERNOT :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing—
 - (1.) The appointments Captain Mandeville, of the *Cerberus*, held in the Imperial Service, and the name of the vessels he commanded.
 - (2.) The amount of electrical and torpedo training he has received, and when.
 - (3.) The length of time the two gunners recently from England, now engaged on board the *Cerberus* in torpedo manipulation, were at the Government Torpedo School of Instruction in England, and in what branch they were instructed.
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19. **MR. WILLIAMS :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the weight of all agricultural produce, implements, machinery, and general goods, and the number of live stock carried to and from all stations on the Sandhurst and Inglewood Railway for the past twelve months.
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WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)**ORDERS OF THE DAY :—**

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

Business.**General Business.**—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)**ORDERS OF THE DAY :—**

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
3. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament ; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.

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PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 19TH SEPTEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 19.

Victorian Exhibitions Bill.—[22] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Transfer of Land Statute Amendment Bill.—[35] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 30.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[31]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 1878.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
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4. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
5. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.
6. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
5. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER.

Government Business—Morning Sitzings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
 - (2.) That all newspapers printed and published in this colony should be post free, and that they should leave the colony by rail or steamer free.
2. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
3. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.

THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways should revoke his order permanently disqualifying Mr. J. Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works.
4. MR. BELL : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Railway workshops should be erected at large centres of population on the Victorian Railways, besides Williamstown and Melbourne.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all railway works, except repairs, be let by contract.
6. MR. SERVICE : To call the attention of the House to certain hindrances that are improperly interposed in the Lands Department through, apparently, political influences, to the ordinary course of business as authorized by law.
7. MR. SERVICE : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.

In Committee of Supply:—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that the vote for fencing and improving public parks and gardens under the control of borough councils, trustees, &c., be increased by £6,000.
2. MR. BROPHY : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is desirable that the vote for prospecting for gold be increased by £40,000.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 24th September.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.
SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 20TH SEPTEMBER.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 31.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[32]
Legislative Council Constitution Alteration Bill.—[16] From Council. (To Members of Assembly only).
Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—[25] From Council. (To Members of Assembly only).
Fisheries Act Amendment Bill.—[36]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. MCINTYRE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if he will extend the same privileges to the Sandhurst and Echuca line, in reference to fares of passengers and goods, as are advertised to take place on the Melbourne to Geelong, Colac, Ballarat, Ararat, and Stawell lines, on the occasion of the approaching National Show to be held at Geelong.
2. MR. A. K. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he received a Petition from the Clerks in the Industrial Schools Department, asking that the increments recommended by the head of the department for 1878-9 be paid; and, if so, does he intend to grant the same, as they have not received any increments since 1876.
3. MR. D. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General, if it is his intention to introduce a Bill constituting a final Court of Appeal in this colony.
4. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he purposes introducing a Bill during the present Session of Parliament providing for the continuance of the subsidy to local bodies.
5. MR. D. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if his attention has been called to the manner in which Benches of Magistrates are said to be packed on particular occasions; and whether he purposes to remedy the evil.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MASON : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the retirement of ex-Constable John Flynn from the police force.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
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4. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
5. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.
6. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—
To be considered in Committee.
9. LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
14. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
15. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MINING BOARDS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
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THURSDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER.

General Business.

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WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
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2. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
3. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

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THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 27th September.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 1st October.

ROSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY—at 11 o'clock.

SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 20TH SEPTEMBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 20.

Railway Loan Bill.—[4] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Victorian Stock Conversion Bill.—[47] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 32.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[33]

Assent to Act—Message. B.—No. 10.

Statistical Register for 1877. Part V.—Vital Statistics, &c. No. 38.

Echuca Bridge—Reports of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into and report upon the various matters connected with the design and construction of the Railway and Road Bridge over the Murray River at Echuca; with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, &c. No. 57.

Juries Statute 1876 Amendment Bill.—[39]

Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill.—[50]

Education Law Amendment Bill.—[54]

Electoral Act 1865 Amendment Bill.—New clause to be proposed by Mr. Casey. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Constitution Act Alteration and Amendment Bill.—Amendment to be proposed by Sir B. O'Loghlen, Bart. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. COPE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when the return relating to the remuneration of Members of Parliament, ordered by the House on the 11th December 1877, will be laid before this House.
2. MR. SERVICE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he intends to lay before this House the conditions of the New Postal Contract before publicly announcing the same for competition.
3. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Survey whether he will place a sufficient sum on an Additional Estimate for 1878-9 for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings on the Experimental Farm at Dookie South, near Benalla.
4. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if any, and what correspondence has taken place between Captain Stanley and the Honorable the Chief Secretary relative to the alleged filthy condition of the *Victoria*.
5. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether it is the intention of the Department to rent, or to erect a new building for the Post-office at Linton.
6. MR. SERVICE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what clause of "*The Stock Conversion Bill*" gives the Treasurer power to hypothecate the debentures proposed to be issued under the authority of that Bill.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all sums of money claimed by persons as having been overpaid, or wrongly paid, as duty under the Act called "*Duties on the Estate of Deceased Persons Statute, 1870.*"

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LONGMORE : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Land Act 1869.*"
2. MR. LALOR : To move, That on Tuesday next the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the imposition of certain Duties of Customs.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
6. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.
7. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.
10. LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
12. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
15. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the grounds, terms, and conditions upon which the compromise said to have been effected between the Crown and the contractors, or their representatives, for the construction of the Geelong and Ballarat Railway was arranged ; further, whether such grounds of compromise were legitimate, and whether such terms and conditions were duly complied with by the parties to the said compromise ; and also whether in such terms and conditions and their fulfilment or otherwise the just claims of each and all the contractors were fully provided for and satisfied ; and otherwise to investigate and report upon the claims of Mr. W. R. Merrý in relation to the said contract ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Casey, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Bell, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Orr, Mr. Zox, Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart., and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; and to have power to call for persons and papers ; the Committee to have leave to sit upon days when the House does not meet.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Report of Select Committee—To be considered in Committee.

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4. ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, AND PROCTORS ADMISSION BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. MINING BOARDS.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*

That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
6. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
7. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. MR. THUREAU.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*

That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
10. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. WILLIAM MONIE'S CONTRACT.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*

That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of William Monie, for works in connection with Contract No. 117, Victorian Water Supply; such Committee to consist of Mr. Mirams, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Cook, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
12. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.
2. MR. BOWMAN: To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all tenders sent in for the conveyance of mails since January 1878; showing the amount of each tender, and name of each person tendering, and the name of the successful tenderer, and amount of tender.
3. MR. DWYER: To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
 - (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
 - (7.) Any applicant who at any Civil Service examination shall have obtained a greater number of marks than any other applicant shall be considered as of superior merit to such last-mentioned applicant.
 - (8.) If two or more of the applicants of greatest merit are on an equality as regards marks, the examiners for the Civil Service shall further examine, in such manner as they may determine, the candidates whose merits are on such equality, and shall determine their respective merits.
4. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1878-9 the sum of £1,000 towards defraying the expenses of holding an Industrial Exhibition at Sandhurst.
5. MR. MUNRO: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566.

6. MR. KERNOT : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Samuel Fieldhouse; such Committee to consist of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tytherleigh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cope, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
7. MR. McINTYRE : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.
8. MR. GRAVES : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act* No. 279 and *The Electoral Amendment Act* No. 548, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.
9. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.
10. MR. A. K. SMITH : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1878 the sum of Two hundred pounds towards defraying the costs of constructing safety mining cages and hooks of various designs, and of submitting them to a comparative practical test.
11. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1878-9 a sum of £40,000 for the purpose of developing the gold mining industry of the Colony.
12. MR. MASON : To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to form a quorum.
13. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of providing civil servants with quarters, fuel, light, and water should be discontinued.
14. MR. BELL : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, arts galleries and museums which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue should be open to the public from seven to ten o'clock p.m. each night, Sundays excepted.
15. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.
16. MR. A. T. CLARK : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the question of Constitutional reform should take precedence of all business, and that it is not desirable to proceed with any legislation until this matter is definitely settled by both Houses.
17. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the instructions given to the classifiers under the Land Tax Act.
18. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of Messrs. Overend and Robb, for works in connection with their contracts for aqueducts and basin at Yan Yean; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cope, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacBain, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
19. MR. WILLIAMS : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the weight of all agricultural produce, implements, machinery, and general goods, and the number of live stock carried to and from all stations on the Sandhurst and Inglewood Railway for the past twelve months.
20. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of Mining Boards; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cooper, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Wright, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
21. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of plans, specifications, quantities, estimates, and the original tenders, both for brick and stone, and all correspondence and papers connected with the contracts for the Law Courts; also, the estimated cost in detail, of completion of Law Courts, with the fittings and furniture for same.
22. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulation prescribing five miles as the limit within which present selectors may, under the Land Act 1869, select, be amended, by inserting the words "two hundred and" before the word "five."
23. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
24. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the question of costs in the case of *Ince versus Levien*; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bell, Mr. Rees, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Billson, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.

THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

*Business.**General.*—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—
RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
5. CORONERS' INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law," and to add after "witnesses" "in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses."
6. SESSIONAL BUSINESS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as directs that, on Wednesday in each week Private Bills, Notices of Motion relating to Bills and Orders of the Day, and Notices of Motion other than Government business, shall have precedence from half-past four until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock be read, and the words "from half-past four" be rescinded, and that instead thereof the words "from the hour of meeting" be inserted.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he has any objection to furnish a list of articles on which duties are imposed in the Colony of Victoria, and the amount of import and export duty on which such articles are charged.
2. MR. COOPER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will consider the propriety of appointing a Board, or Royal Commission, to enquire into the general management of the Hospitals and other charitable institutions receiving aid from the State.
3. MR. GRAVES : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General if he will take into his consideration the necessity to amend the penal clause of the 16th section of "*The Police Offences Statute 1865.*"
4. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if the claim of the widow of the late Mr. Edwards, who met his death in the discharge of his duties as a teacher in the Protestant Orphanage, Emerald Hill, has been remitted to a Board for consideration.
5. MR. COPE : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary when the return relating to the remuneration of Members of Parliament, ordered by the House on the 11th December 1877, will be laid before this House.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MAJOR SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to protect insectivorous and other birds.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
4. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
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2. MR. MIRAMS : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the grounds, terms, and conditions upon which the compromise said to have been effected between the Crown and the contractors, or their representatives, for the construction of the Geelong and Ballarat Railway was arranged ; further, whether such grounds of compromise were legitimate, and whether such terms and conditions were duly complied with by the parties to the said compromise ; and also whether in such terms and conditions and their fulfilment or otherwise the just claims of each and all the contractors were fully provided for and satisfied ; and otherwise to investigate and report upon the claims of Mr. W. R. Merry in relation to the said contract ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Casey, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Bell, Mr. R. Clark (Sandhurst), Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Orr, Mr. Zox, Sir B. O'Loughlen, Bart., and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; and to have power to call for persons and papers ; the Committee to have leave to sit upon days when the House does not meet.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Report of Select Committee—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. STORY : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what steps the Government intend to take with the petition from the residents in this colony, presented to this House on the 25th September last, asking that New Guinea might be attached to this Colony.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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1. POSTAGE RATES.—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is*—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the postage upon all letters delivered within the colony of Victoria shall be at the uniform rate of one penny.
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That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
10. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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12. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.
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21. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of plans, specifications, quantities, estimates, and the original tenders, both for brick and stone, and all correspondence and papers connected with the contracts for the Law Courts ; also, the estimated cost in detail, of completion of Law Courts, with the fittings and furniture for same.
22. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulation prescribing five miles as the limit within which present selectors may, under the Land Act 1869, select, be amended, by inserting the words "two hundred and" before the word "five."
23. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.
24. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the question of costs in the case of *Ince versus Levien* ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bell, Mr. Rees, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Billson, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.

THURSDAY, 3RD OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

4. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the “Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.”
5. CORONERS’ INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, coroners’ inquests should be abolished; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners’ juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit “Coroners’ Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law,” and to add after “witnesses” “in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses.”
6. SESSIONAL BUSINESS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as directs that, on Wednesday in each week Private Bills, Notices of Motion relating to Bills and Orders of the Day, and Notices of Motion other than Government business, shall have precedence from half-past four until twenty-five minutes past six o’clock be read, and the words “from half-past four” be rescinded, and that instead thereof the words “from the hour of meeting” be inserted.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o’clock to four o’clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o’clock to six o’clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways should revoke his order permanently disqualifying Mr. J. Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works.
4. MR. BELL : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Railway workshops should be erected at large centres of population on the Victorian Railways, besides Williamstown and Melbourne.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all railway works, except repairs, be let by contract.
6. MR. SERVICE : To call the attention of the House to certain hindrances that are improperly interposed in the Lands Department through, apparently, political influences, to the ordinary course of business as authorized by law.
7. MR. SERVICE : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.
8. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight on grain and flour should be reduced to a penny per ton per mile.

In Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that the vote for fencing and improving public parks and gardens under the control of borough councils, trustees, &c., be increased by £6,000.
2. MR. BROPHY : To move, That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is desirable that the vote for prospecting for gold be increased by £40,000.

J. JAMES,
Deputy-Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 27th September.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o’clock.

Tuesday, 1st October.

ROSTOWN JUNCTION RAILWAY—at eleven o’clock.
SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at two o’clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 27TH SEPTEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 21.

Mining on Private Property Bill.—[48] As reported 25 September. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 34.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[35]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. STORY: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what steps the Government intend to take with the petition from the residents in this colony, presented to this House on the 25th September last, asking that New Guinea might be attached to this Colony.
2. MR. SHARPE: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if it is the intention of the Department to erect State schools in the following places, viz., Hill Plains, Stewartown, Boosey, Bunamine South, and Bungeet; and, if so, when.
3. MR. PURVES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether it would not be expedient, in the public interest, to postpone proposed sales by auction of areas of land adjoining surveyed lines of projected railways in Mornington, until the formation or otherwise of such railways be definitely determined.
4. MR. RAMSAY: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he will be able to call for tenders for the construction of the line of telegraph to Yan Yean and Whittlesea.
5. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he has any objection to furnish a list of articles on which duties are imposed in the Colony of Victoria, and the amount of import and export duty on which such articles are charged.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. SERVICE: To move, That there be laid before this House copies of any correspondence between the Honorable the Chief Secretary and Staff-Commander Stanley relative to the statement made by the Honorable the Chief Secretary as to the condition of the *Victoria* when handed over to the Chief Harbor Master by Captain Stanley; also the notes of any evidence taken on inquiry into the facts of the case.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION—

1. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, Bart.: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to render judgments which have been obtained in the Supreme Court of any of the other Australian Colonies effectual in Victoria.
2. SIR BRYAN O'LOGHLEN, Bart.: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law with reference to bankers' books evidence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
6. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS.—Message from His Excellency the Governor—To be considered in Committee.
8. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.
12. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
15. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
16. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
17. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL:—

1. MR. D. CAMERON: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Councils of Municipal Districts to impose extra rates in particular subdivisions.

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Government Business.**ORDER OF THE DAY :—**

1. **INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

Business.**General.**—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)**ORDERS OF THE DAY:—**

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
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5. CORONERS' INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
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Consolidated Revenue Bill (2).—[53] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 35.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[36]

Industrial and Reformatory Schools—Report of the Inspector for the year 1877. No. 48.

Constitution Act Alteration and Amendment Bill.—New clause to be proposed by Mr. R. Clark (*Sandhurst*). (To Members of Assembly only.)

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3. **MR. PURVES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether it would not be expedient, in the public interest, to postpone proposed sales by auction of areas of land adjoining surveyed lines of projected railways in Mornington, until the formation or otherwise of such railways be definitely determined.
4. **MR. RAMSAY** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he will be able to call for tenders for the construction of the line of telegraph to Yan Yean and Whittlesea.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **SUPPLY**.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. **MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS**.—Resolution to be reported.
3. **LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
4. **SUPPLY**.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. **FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
6. **BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL (2)**.—Second reading.
7. **MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
8. **DUTIES OF CUSTOMS**.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
9. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—To be further considered in Committee.
10. **CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2)**.—Second reading.
11. **TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
12. **PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
13. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL**.—Second reading.
14. **WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL**.—Second reading.
15. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
16. **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL**.—Second reading.

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Government Business.

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3. BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.—Second reading.
4. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
5. LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.—Consideration of Report.
6. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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7. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
8. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
9. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. MINING BOARDS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
11. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
12. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
13. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. MR. THUREAU—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
15. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
16. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.
17. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BOWMAN: To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all tenders sent in for the conveyance of mails since January 1878; showing the amount of each tender, and name of each person tendering, and the name of the successful tenderer, and amount of tender.
2. MR. DWYER: To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise:—
 - (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
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4. **MR. MUNRO**: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566.
5. **MR. KERNOT**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Samuel Fieldhouse; such Committee to consist of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tytherleigh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cope, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
6. **MR. MCINTYRE**: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.
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8. **MR. TUCKER**: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.
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10. **MR. BROPHY**: To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1878-9 a sum of £40,000 for the purpose of developing the gold mining industry of the Colony.
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16. **MR. LANGRIDGE**: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of Messrs. Overend and Robb, for works in connection with their contracts for aqueducts and basin at Yan Yean; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cope, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacBain, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
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WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

*Business.**General Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)*

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "
- The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*
- ," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament ; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.

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Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 36.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[37]

Bank Liabilities and Assets—Summary of Sworn Returns for the Quarter ended 30th June 1878.

A.—No. 10.

Ballarat Public Gardens Land Vesting Bill.—[43] (To Members of Assembly only.)

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Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **SIR B. O'LOGHLEN, Bart.** : To move, That the Attorneys Solicitors and Proctors Admission Bill be referred for consideration and report to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. J. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Graves, Mr. Macgregor, Dr. Madden, Mr. Ramsay, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. LIEN UPON GROWING CROPS BILL.—Consideration of Report.
3. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
4. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
5. BALLARAT PUBLIC GARDENS LAND VESTING BILL (2).—Third reading.
6. MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY RAILWAY PURCHASE — MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
7. CONSTITUTION ACT ALTERATION AND AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
8. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.—Second reading.
11. SUPREME COURTS JUDGMENTS BILL.—Second reading.
12. BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.—Second reading.
13. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
14. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
15. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
16. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.
17. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
18. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
19. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
20. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
21. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
22. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER.

*Business.**General.*—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament ; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways should revoke his order permanently disqualifying Mr. J. Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works.
4. MR. BELL : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Railway workshops should be erected at large centres of population on the Victorian Railways, besides Williamstown and Melbourne.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all railway works, except repairs, be let by contract.
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7. MR. SERVICE : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.
8. MR. DOW : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight on grain and flour should be reduced to a penny per ton per mile.
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In Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That in the opinion of this Committee it is desirable that the vote for fencing and improving public parks and gardens under the control of borough councils, trustees, &c., be increased by £6,000.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 9th October.

SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at one o'clock.

Thursday, 10th October.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 4TH OCTOBER.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 37.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[38]

Australian Steam Postal Service. No. 60.

Constitution Act Alteration and Amendment Bill.—[1] As reported 2nd October. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Juries Statute 1876 Amendment Bill.—[39] As reported 2nd October. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Liens upon Crops Bill.—[42] As re-reported 2nd October. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Ballarat Public Gardens Land Vesting Bill.—[43] (Issue completed.)

Mining on Private Property Bill.—[48] From Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

Constitution Act Alteration and Amendment Bill.—New clause to be proposed by Mr. Casey on the consideration of the Report. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 1878.

Questions.

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2. **MR. ZOX** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs whether, in the event of gold mining companies importing diamond drills for their own use, the Government would be disposed to take the necessary steps to allow them to be landed duty free.
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Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That the Report from the Select Committee upon the Rosstown Junction Railway Bill be now taken into consideration.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

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22. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH :** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the original application of Charles W. G. Whitakers, under sec. 19 of the Land Act, 1869, for 320 acres of land in the parish of Loy Yang ; also, the applications of Hall, Brown, Feely, and Long for the same land ; together with all minutes, memorandums, reports, and recommendations, and all other documents relating to the said applications.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. BELL :** To move, That there be laid before this House the report of Mr. Murray on the drainage of the Sebastopol plateau.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
2. RABBIT NUISANCE SUPPRESSION—MESSAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
3. DURHAM AND SEBASTOPOLE LEADS DRAINAGE—MESSAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—To be considered in Committee.
4. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
5. INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.—Second reading.
6. BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.—Second reading.
7. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY RAILWAY SALE.—Resolution to be reported.
10. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
12. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
14. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
15. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
16. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
17. SUPREME COURTS JUDGMENTS BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Second reading.
2. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
3. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
4. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. **DR. MADDEN :** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if, in pursuance of a promise which he gave to a deputation of fishermen, he intends to make provision for some system of rewards to encourage the destruction of sharks within Port Phillip Bay.
2. **MR. MACBAIN :** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works what steps he intends to take regarding the freestone used in the construction of the new Law Courts.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General Business.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament ; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Basista, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.

TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1878.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employés compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employés for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
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7. MR. SERVICE : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 10th October.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.

ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at twelve o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 4TH OCTOBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 23.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 24.
Trust Funds—Credits and Investments—Return. A 5.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 33.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[39]
Weekly Report of Divisions No. 4.
Assent to Act—Message. B.—No. 11.
Assent to Acts—Message. B.—No. 12.
Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Purchase—Message. B.—No. 13.
Insectivorous Birds Protection Bill.—[3]
Forfeitures for Treason and Felony Abolition Bill.—[8]
Differential Rating Bill.—[57]
Bankers' Books Evidence Bill.—[59]
Medical Practitioners Statute 1865 Amendment Bill.—[60]
Rosstown Junction Railway Bill.—(*Private.*) (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

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2. **MR. MACBAIN** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works what steps he intends to take regarding the freestone used in the construction of the new Law Courts.
3. **MR. KERNOT** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands—
 - (1.) If it is his intention to issue another lease, upon the expiry of the present one in 1879, of the land on the banks of the Yarra originally leased to Mr. Fieldhouse for the erection of a paper mill ;
 - (2.) If any application has been made for a lease of the land, and from whom, and for what term ;
 - (3.) If the clause in Fieldhouse's lease declaring "that the lessee, his executors, administrators, or assigns shall not be entitled to any valuation or compensation for any improvements effected on the said land and premises, or to any renewal of the lease," will be taken into consideration if any further lease be granted.
4. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will modify the conditions under which the prospecting vote is to be expended, provided it can be shown that the purposes for which this money was voted will be accomplished.
5. **MR. SERGEANT** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he intends to call for tenders for the erection of a passenger station at Hamilton.
6. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works—
 - (1.) If the £24,500 voted in the Appropriation Bill of 1877-8 for erection of court-houses was fully expended.
 - (2.) If the erection of a court-house at Mansfield, at an expense of £1,600, was recommended by the Honorable the Minister of Justice in those years and at present ; and, if so, whether he will be pleased to give effect to those recommendations.
7. **MR. RAMSAY** : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when it is intended to distribute among the local bodies interested the vote of £10,000 as an allowance for the abolition of tolls.
8. **MR. GRAVES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he has decided to take any action regarding a number of mining leases in the Wood's Point and Matlock districts, which have been lately brought under his notice, the lessees of which, it is stated, neither use the ground themselves nor allow others to do so.
9. **MR. PURVES** : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether it would not be expedient, in the public interest, to postpone proposed sales by auction of areas of land adjoining surveyed lines of projected railways in Mornington, until the formation or otherwise of such railways be definitely determined.
10. **MR. RAMSAY** : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he will be able to call for tenders for the construction of the line of telegraph to Yan Yean and Whittlesea.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*) :—

1. **MR. R. CLARK** (*Wimmera*) : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and other documents in connection with the valuation of property on the railway line between Stawell and Horsham.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **RABBIT NUISANCE SUPPRESSION.**—Resolution to be reported.
2. **SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE.**—Resolution to be reported.
3. **MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY RAILWAY SALE.**—Resolution to be reported.
4. **FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Third reading.
5. **SUPPLY.**—To be further considered in Committee.
6. **INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
7. **BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
9. **MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.**—Second reading.
10. **LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
11. **DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.**—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
12. **CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).**—Second reading.
13. **MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
14. **WAYS AND MEANS.**—To be further considered in Committee.
15. **PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
16. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL.**—Second reading.
17. **WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.**—Second reading.
18. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
19. **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.**—Second reading.
20. **SUPREME COURTS JUDGMENTS BILL.**—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BENT : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers and correspondence with respect to the purchase of certain lands at Springvale for cemetery purposes.
2. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of the original application of Charles W. G. Whitakers, under sec. 19 of the Land Act, 1869, for 320 acres of land in the parish of Loy Yang ; also, the applications of Hall, Brown, Feely, and Long for the same land ; together with all minutes, memorandums, reports, and recommendations, and all other documents relating to the said applications.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WOODS : To move for leave to introduce a Railway Construction Bill.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING BOARDS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—* That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
2. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
3. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—
RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
6. CORONERS' INQUESTS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished ; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit "Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law," and to add after "witnesses" "in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses."
7. SESSIONAL BUSINESS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That so much of the Sessional Order of the Assembly as directs that, on Wednesday in each week Private Bills, Notices of Motion relating to Bills and Orders of the Day, and Notices of Motion other than Government business, shall have precedence from half-past four until twenty-five minutes past six o'clock be read, and the words "from half-past four" be rescinded, and that instead thereof the words "from the hour of meeting" be inserted.
8. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
9. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
10. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.
12. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872,*" with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament ; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.
2. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Royal Commission be appointed to enquire into the usages and practice of the two branches of the legal profession, and the relations in which they stand to each other.
3. MR. BOWMAN : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of all tenders sent in for the conveyance of mails since January 1878 ; showing the amount of each tender, and name of each person tendering, and the name of the successful tenderer, and amount of tender.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
(1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
(2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette.*

- (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
 - (7.) Any applicant who at any Civil Service examination shall have obtained a greater number of marks than any other applicant shall be considered as of superior merit to such last-mentioned applicant.
 - (8.) If two or more of the applicants of greatest merit are on an equality as regards marks, the examiners for the Civil Service shall further examine, in such manner as they may determine, the candidates whose merits are on such equality, and shall determine their respective merits.
5. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst):** To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will cause to be placed on an Additional Estimate for 1878-9 the sum of £1,000 towards defraying the expenses of holding an Industrial Exhibition at Sandhurst.
 6. **MR. KERNOT:** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Samuel Fieldhouse; such Committee to consist of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tytherleigh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cope, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
 7. **MR. MCINTYRE:** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.
 8. **MR. TUCKER:** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.
 9. **MR. MASON:** To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to form a quorum.
 10. **MR. MASON:** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of providing civil servants with quarters, fuel, light, and water should be discontinued.
 11. **MR. BELL:** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, arts galleries and museums which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue should be open to the public from seven to ten o'clock p.m. each night, Sundays excepted.
 12. **MR. BROPHY:** To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.
 13. **MR. YOUNG:** To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the instructions given to the classifiers under the Land Tax Act.
 14. **MR. LANGRIDGE:** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of Messrs. Overend and Robb, for works in connection with their contracts for aqueducts and basin at Yan Yean; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cope, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacBain, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
 15. **MR. WILLIAMS:** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the weight of all agricultural produce, implements, machinery, and general goods, and the number of live stock carried to and from all stations on the Sandhurst and Inglewood Railway for the past twelve months.
 16. **MR. BOWMAN:** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of Mining Boards; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cooper, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Wright, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
 17. **MR. LANGRIDGE:** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of plans, specifications, quantities, estimates, and the original tenders, both for brick and stone, and all correspondence and papers connected with the contracts for the Law Courts; also, the estimated cost in detail of completion of Law Courts, with the fittings and furniture for same.
 18. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH:** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulation prescribing five miles as the limit within which present selectors may, under the Land Act 1869, select, be amended, by inserting the words "two hundred and" before the word "five."
 19. **MR. DWYER:** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the question of costs in the case of Ince *versus* Levien; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bell, Mr. Rees, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Billson, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
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TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

*Business.**General.*—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. MR. THUREAU—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
5. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566.
2. MR. GRAVES: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act* No. 279 and *The Electoral Amendment Act* No. 548, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 10th October.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.

ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at one o'clock.

Tuesday, 15th October.

PRINTING COMMITTEE—at four o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 10TH OCTOBER:

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[40]

Rabbit Nuisance Suppression—Message. B.—No. 14.

Durham and Sebastopol Leads Drainage Bill—Message. B.—No. 15.

Rosstown Junction Railway Bill.—(*Private.*) (Issue completed.)

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands when the report of the Secretary for Agriculture, concerning the Experimental Farm at Dookie, will be laid before this House.
2. MR. MACBAIN : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he has made any definite arrangement with the Horsham Railway contractors to finish the railway to Horsham by the 31st January 1879.
3. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if, in pursuance of a promise which he gave to a deputation of fishermen, he intends to make provision for some system of rewards to encourage the destruction of sharks within Port Phillip Bay.
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7. MR. RAMSAY : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he will be able to call for tenders for the construction of the line of telegraph to Yan Yean and Whittlesea.

Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LANGRIDGE : To move, That “ *The Rosstown Junction Railway Bill* ” be now read a third time.

General.

NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO BILL :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend “ *The Insolvency Statute 1871.* ”

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MINING BOARDS—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Mining Boards be abolished.
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That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the “ *Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.* ”
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That, in the opinion of this House, coroners' inquests should be abolished ; and that, pending such an alteration of the law, coroners' juries should be paid at the same rate as Crown witnesses, to which an amendment has been moved to omit “ Coroners' Inquests should be abolished, and that pending such an alteration of the law, ” and to add after “ witnesses ” “ in the Supreme Court and that Crown witnesses in the Supreme Court should be paid at the same rates as Crown witnesses. ”
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8. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
9. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
10. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.
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7. **MR. MCINTYRE** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is undesirable that any general reduction in the salaries of State school teachers should take place until this House shall have an opportunity of discussing the matter.
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12. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.
13. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the instructions given to the classifiers under the Land Tax Act.
14. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of Messrs. Overend and Robb, for works in connection with their contracts for aqueducts and basin at Yan Yean; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cope, Mr. A. T. Clark, Mr. Francis, Mr. Zox, Mr. Fincham, Mr. MacBain, and the Mover, with power to call for persons and papers; three to form a quorum.
15. **MR. WILLIAMS** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the weight of all agricultural produce, implements, machinery, and general goods, and the number of live stock carried to and from all stations on the Sandhurst and Inglewood Railway for the past twelve months.
16. **MR. BOWMAN** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of Mining Boards; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cooper, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Wright, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers.
17. **MR. LANGRIDGE** : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of plans, specifications, quantities, estimates, and the original tenders, both for brick and stone, and all correspondence and papers connected with the contracts for the Law Courts; also, the estimated cost in detail, of completion of Law Courts, with the fittings and furniture for same.
18. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulation prescribing five miles as the limit within which present selectors may, under the Land Act 1869, select, be amended, by inserting the words "two hundred and" before the word "five."
19. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the question of costs in the case of Ince *versus* Levien; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bell, Mr. Rees, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Billson, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
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1. MR. TUCKER: To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the names of tenants of Crown lands on the south side of the Yarra, the area occupied by each, the annual rental payable for the same, the nature of the industry carried on on each of the leased allotments, the term and date of each lease, and whether renewable, and, if so, for what term; also, a copy of the form of lease entered into by the Government with the lessees.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION—

1. MR. WOODS: To move for leave to introduce a Railway Construction Bill.
2. MR. BERRY: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to further amend the law relating to Neglected and Criminal Children.
3. MR. BERRY: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend and continue "*The Diseases in Vines Act 1877.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
4. INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.—Second reading.
6. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Second reading.
8. SUPPLY.—Resolution to be reported.
9. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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13. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
14. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
16. SUPREME COURTS JUDGMENTS BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of men employed at the Sandhurst Railway works during the past three months, with the name of each; also, all papers connected with such appointments.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—Message of His Excellency the Governor to be considered in Committee.
2. RABBIT NUISANCE SUPPRESSION BILL.—Second reading.
3. SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
4. MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY RAILWAY SALE BILL.—Second reading.
5. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.

TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. DOW: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he will modify the regulation relating to the leaving of a chain frontage to all watercourses in such manner as will facilitate the settlement of land in mountainous districts.
2. MR. MACBAIN: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works what steps he intends to take regarding the freestone used in the construction of the new Law Courts.
3. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he has decided to take any action regarding a number of mining leases in the Wood's Point and Matlock districts, which have been lately brought under his notice, the lessees of which, it is stated, neither use the ground themselves nor allow others to do so.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
2. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.

General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. MR. THUREAU—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is*—
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
5. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 566.
2. MR. GRAVES: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act No. 279* and *The Electoral Amendment Act No. 548*, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. SHARPE: To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
3. MR. DWYER: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways should revoke his order permanently disqualifying Mr. J. Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works.
4. MR. BELL: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Railway workshops should be erected at large centres of population on the Victorian Railways, besides Williamstown and Melbourne.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all railway works, except repairs, be let by contract.
6. MR. SERVICE: To call the attention of the House to certain hindrances that are improperly interposed in the Lands Department through, apparently, political influences, to the ordinary course of business as authorized by law.
7. MR. SERVICE: To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.
8. MR. DOW: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight on grain and flour should be reduced to a penny per ton per mile.
9. MR. A. K. SMITH: To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1878 the sum of Two hundred pounds towards defraying the costs of constructing safety mining cages and hooks of various designs, and of submitting them to a comparative practical test.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 16th October.

MR. W. R. MERRY—at eleven o'clock.
SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at two o'clock.

Thursday, 17th October.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.
ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at half-past two o'clock.
REPORTING PROCEEDINGS IN PARLIAMENT—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 10TH OCTOBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 24.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 25.
Constitution Act Amendment Bill.—[1] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
Juries Statute 1876 Amendment Bill.—[39] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 39 and No. 40.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[41]
Land—Hotham—Return. C.—No. 3.
S.S. "Victoria"—Return. C.—No. 5.
Mr. W. H. Gaunt, late Police Magistrate at Ballarat—Despatch respecting a Petition to the Queen from. No. 58.
Land Act 1869—Regulations to provide for the stripping and removal of Bark from Wattle-trees on Crown Land. No. 62.
Moneys "Legally available"—Despatch transmitting the opinion of the Law Officers in England respecting. No. 64.
Professor Pearson's Report—Despatch respecting. No. 66.
Order in Council—Mining operations authorized on certain lands at Maldon revoked. No. 67.
Rabbit Nuisance Suppression Bill.—[58]
Police Offences Statute Amendment Bill.—New clause to be proposed by Mr. Graves. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*): To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when the bye-law or regulation for the reduction of freights on farm produce will come into force.
2. MR. BIRD: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether, in the amended Mining Statute, he will reduce the amount on business licenses on the gold-fields.
3. MR. GILLIES: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is prepared to ask the consent of Parliament to abolish the import duty on such reaping and binding machines as are patented in this colony.
4. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he will endeavor to meet the competition from Sydney for the Riverina trade by abolishing the wharfage rates on the Murray river.
5. MR. A. T. CLARK: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Government will refrain from paying over any further public moneys to the Melbourne Harbour Trust until its position has been satisfactorily established.
6. DR. MADDEN: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if, in pursuance of a promise which he gave to a deputation of fishermen, he intends to make provision for some system of rewards to encourage the destruction of sharks within Port Phillip Bay.
7. MR. WILLIAMS: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will modify the conditions under which the prospecting vote is to be expended, provided it can be shown that the purposes for which this money was voted will be accomplished.
8. MR. RAMSAY: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when it is intended to distribute among the local bodies interested the vote of £10,000 as an allowance for the abolition of tolls.
9. MR. PURVES: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether it would not be expedient, in the public interest, to postpone proposed sales by auction of areas of land adjoining surveyed lines of projected railways in Mornington, until the formation or otherwise of such railways be definitely determined.
10. MR. RAMSAY: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he will be able to call for tenders for the construction of the line of telegraph to Yan Yean and Whittlesea.

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General Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.

*Business.**General.*—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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Business.**General.**—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

On going into Committee of Supply:—

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2. MR. SHARPE: To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 17th October.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.
 MR. W. R. MERRY—at half-past eleven o'clock.
 CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL—at half-past eleven o'clock.
 ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at half-past two o'clock.
 REPORTING PROCEEDINGS IN PARLIAMENT—at half-past two o'clock.

Tuesday, 22nd October.

SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 17TH OCTOBER.

Liens upon Growing Crops Bill.—[42] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Ballarat Public Gardens Land Vesting Bill.—[43] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 41.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[42]

Remuneration to Members of Parliament—Return. C.—No. 4.

Crown Lands Commission of Inquiry—Progress Report on the agricultural settlement of the country under the existing system, and upon all matters connected therewith; together with suggestions for an Amending Land Bill. No. 65.

Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Sale Bill.—[31]

Insolvency Statute 1871 Amendment Bill.—[64] (To Members of both Houses.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. DOW**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether he will modify the regulation relating to the leaving of a chain frontage to all watercourses in such manner as will facilitate the settlement of land in mountainous districts.
2. **MR. MACBAIN**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works what steps he intends to take regarding the freestone used in the construction of the new Law Courts.
3. **MR. GRAVES**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he has decided to take any action regarding a number of mining leases in the Wood's Point and Matlock districts, which have been lately brought under his notice, the lessees of which, it is stated, neither use the ground themselves nor allow others to do so.
4. **MR. BROPHY**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will cause regulations to be made under the Mining Statute making the attendance of brakemen, at the time of raising or lowering men, compulsory; and also for the introduction of adequate brake gear, where sliding plummer-blocks are in use, with a view of preventing accidents and loss of life in the future.
5. **MR. MASON**: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he will take steps to provide goods sheds for the various stations on the Gippsland Railway.
6. **MR. JOHNSTONE**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways when he will be prepared to call for tenders for the construction of a passenger station at Geelong.
7. **MR. MASON**: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will cause instructions to be issued to the Receiver of Revenue to visit Traralgon fortnightly instead of monthly; and if he will order him to devote a whole day to his duties.
8. **MR. GILLIES**: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is prepared to ask the consent of Parliament to abolish the import duty on such reaping and binding machines as are patented in this colony.
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11. **MR. WILLIAMS**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines if he will modify the conditions under which the prospecting vote is to be expended, provided it can be shown that the purposes for which this money was voted will be accomplished.
12. **MR. RAMSAY**: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer when it is intended to distribute among the local bodies interested the vote of £10,000 as an allowance for the abolition of tolls.
13. **MR. PURVES**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether it would not be expedient, in the public interest, to postpone proposed sales by auction of areas of land adjoining surveyed lines of projected railways in Mornington, until the formation or otherwise of such railways be definitely determined.
14. **MR. RAMSAY**: To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General when he will be able to call for tenders for the construction of the line of telegraph to Yan Yean and Whittlesea.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. **MR. TUCKER**: To move, That there be laid before this House a Return showing the names of tenants of Crown lands on the south side of the Yarra, the area occupied by each, the annual rental payable for the same, the nature of the industry carried on on each of the leased allotments, the term and date of each lease, and whether renewable, and, if so, for what term; also, a copy of the form of lease entered into by the Government with the lessees.

Government Business.**ORDERS OF THE DAY :—**

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
3. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
4. MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY RAILWAY SALE BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. RABBIT NUISANCE SUPPRESSION BILL.—Second reading.
9. NEGLECTED AND CRIMINAL CHILDREN LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. DISEASES IN VINES ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
12. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.
13. SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
14. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
15. INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
16. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Second reading.
17. SUPPLY.—Resolution to be reported.
18. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
19. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
20. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
21. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
22. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
23. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
24. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
25. SUPREME COURTS JUDGMENTS BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.**NOTICES OF MOTION :—**

1. MR. MASON : To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland ; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to form a quorum.
2. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of providing civil servants with quarters, fuel, light, and water should be discontinued.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the question of costs in the case of *Ince versus Levie* ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bell, Mr. Rees, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Billson, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.

Question.

1. MR. BARR : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it is his intention to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the working of the police, reformatory, and penal establishments during the recess.

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
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6. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
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MR. W. R. MERRY.—at half-past two o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 18TH OCTOBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 25.

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Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[43]

Forests' Management—Message. B.—No. 16.

Successory Trusts Bill.—[51]

Land Act 1869 Amendment Bill.—[52]

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LÉGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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 - (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
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13. **MR. WILLIAMS :** To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the weight of all agricultural produce, implements, machinery, and general goods, and the number of live stock carried to and from all stations on the Sandhurst and Inglewood Railway for the past twelve months.
14. **MR. BOWMAN :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of Mining Boards ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Cooper, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Kerferd, Mr. Wright, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers.
15. **MR. LANGRIDGE :** To move, That there be laid before this House copies of plans, specifications, quantities, estimates, and the original tenders, both for brick and stone, and all correspondence and papers connected with the contracts for the Law Courts ; also, the estimated cost in detail, of completion of Law Courts, with the fittings and furniture for same.
16. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the regulation prescribing five miles as the limit within which present selectors may, under the Land Act 1869, select, be amended, by inserting the words "two hundred and" before the word "five."
17. **MR. MASON :** To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland ; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to form a quorum.
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NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. MACBAIN: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing all the words "expurgated," by order of the Education Department, from the "Nelson series" Royal Reader, recently introduced to our State schools; and also giving all the words substituted in the place of same.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. SIR B. O'LOGHLEN, BART.: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the process, practice, and mode of pleading in, and to improve the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Victoria, and for other purposes connected therewith, and to erect a new Primary Court of Appeal.
2. SIR B. O'LOGHLEN: To move for leave to introduce a Bill to continue various expiring laws.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
3. FORESTS MANAGEMENT.—Resolution to be reported.
4. MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY RAILWAY SALE BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. RABBIT NUISANCE SUPPRESSION BILL.—Second reading.
9. NEGLECTED AND CRIMINAL CHILDREN LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. DISEASES IN VINES ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
12. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.
13. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
14. SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
15. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
16. INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
17. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Second reading.
18. SUPPLY.—Resolution to be reported.
19. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
20. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
21. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
22. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
23. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
24. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
25. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
26. SUPREME COURTS JUDGMENTS BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 23rd October.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL—at half-past ten o'clock.
REPORTING PROCEEDINGS IN PARLIAMENT—at eleven o'clock.
MR. W. R. MERRY—at half-past eleven o'clock.
SUPREME COURT BUILDINGS—at three o'clock.

Thursday, 24th October.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.
ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at twelve o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 18TH OCTOBER.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 26.
Mr. W. H. Gaunt, late Police Magistrate at Ballarat—Despatch respecting a Petition to the Queen from. A 6.
Professor Pearson's Report—Despatch respecting. A 7.
Moneys "Legally available"—Despatch transmitting the opinion of the Law Officers in England respecting. A 8.
Victorian Exhibitions Bill.—Amendments by the Hon. H. Cuthbert. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 43.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[44]
Weekly Report of Divisions No. 5.
Government Advertisements—Return. C.—No. 6.
General Election and Census Cost—Return. C.—No. 7.
Telegraphic Cable Duplication—Return. C.—No. 8.
Sebastopol Plateau Drainage—Return. C.—No. 9.
Land Act—Petition. E.—No. 1.
Abolition of Mining Boards—Petition. E.—No. 2.
Statistical Register for 1877. Part VI.—Accumulation. No. 37.
Observatory—Thirteenth Report of the Board of Visitors; with Annual Report of the Government Astronomer. No. 56.
Australian Steam Postal Service—Amended Advertisement, &c. No. 63.
Rosstown Junction Railway Bill—Report from Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee and Minutes of Evidence. (*Private.*)
Diseases in Vines Act Amendment Bill.—[37]
Neglected and Criminal Children Act Amendment Bill.—[56]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 24TH OCTOBER 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. LANGRIDGE:** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if he is aware that, in calling for tenders for the various public works in Melbourne and the suburbs, the contractors are compelled to obtain the bricks specified to be used on the Government works from some particular maker or district; and if, in the future, this will be thrown open to public competition.
2. **MR. A. T. CLARK:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he intends taking any steps to comply with the petition presented from the ballastmen of Hobson's Bay, asking to be relieved from the jurisdiction of the Melbourne Harbor Trust.
3. **MR. GILLIES:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is prepared to ask the consent of Parliament to abolish the import duty on such reaping and binding machines as are patented in this colony.
4. **MR. A. T. CLARK:** To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he will take steps to dredge the New Railway Pier, Williamstown, so as to render it available for shipping.
5. **DR. MADDEN:** To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if, in pursuance of a promise which he gave to a deputation of fishermen, he intends to make provision for some system of rewards to encourage the destruction of sharks within Port Phillip Bay.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY RAILWAY SALE BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. RABBIT NUISANCE SUPPRESSION BILL.—Second reading.
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20. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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General Business.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. ZOX:** To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Government, during the recess, will take into consideration the great necessity that exists for appointing Government Auditors to audit the accounts of Building Societies and other public institutions where the people invest their savings.
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Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
2. FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
4. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

Business.*General.*—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of report.
4. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
6. INSOLVENCY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
8. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—
RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
9. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
10. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
12. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.

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THURSDAY, 31ST OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURTS JUDICATURE BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. **MR. THUREAU**—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 24th October.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.
ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at twelve o'clock.
CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL—at one o'clock.

Friday, 25th October.

MR. W. R. MERRY—at three o'clock.

Tuesday, 29th October.

REPORTING PROCEEDINGS IN PARLIAMENT—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 24TH OCTOBER.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 44.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[45]

Police Offences Statute 1865 Amendment Bill.—[30] As reported 23rd October. (To Members of Assembly only.)

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3. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands what is the present position held by Mr. A. J. Skene in the public service of the colony.
4. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether Mr. Callanan reported in favor of the Springvale site in preference of any other site for cemetery purposes.
5. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will, during the recess, consider upon the advisableness of adopting, in connection with the Postal Department, a system of life assurance and Government annuities, similar to that in operation in New Zealand and in Great Britain.
6. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if provision is made for the completion of the General Post-Office from the loan about to be floated.
7. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will take into consideration the necessity of bringing in a measure to regulate the number of hours per day during which it shall be lawful to employ any person in driving any public vehicle used for the conveyance of passengers.
8. MR. A. T. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he intends taking any steps to comply with the petition presented from the ballastmen of Hobson's Bay, asking to be relieved from the jurisdiction of the Melbourne Harbor Trust.
9. MR. GILLIES : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is prepared to ask the consent of Parliament to abolish the import duty on such reaping and binding machines as are patented in this colony.
10. MR. A. T. CLARK : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he will take steps to dredge the New Railway Pier, Williamstown, so as to render it available for shipping.
11. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if, in pursuance of a promise which he gave to a deputation of fishermen, he intends to make provision for some system of rewards to encourage the destruction of sharks within Port Phillip Bay.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.—Third reading.
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. RABBIT NUISANCE SUPPRESSION BILL.—Consideration of report.
4. NEGLECTED AND CRIMINAL CHILDREN LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—
Resumption of debate.
5. DISEASES IN VINES ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
7. MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY RAILWAY SALE BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
12. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
13. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Second reading.
14. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
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16. INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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21. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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24. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
25. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
26. SUPREME COURTS JUDGMENTS BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

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1. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Royal Commission be appointed to enquire into the practice and discipline of the two branches of the legal profession, and the relations in which they stand to each other.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of report.
4. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
5. SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.—Second reading.
6. INSOLVENCY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
8. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
9. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
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11. OFFICIALS-IN-PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
12. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.

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1. MR. GRAVES : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act No. 279* and *The Electoral Amendment Act No. 548*, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.
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THURSDAY, 31ST OCTOBER.

Government Business.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURTS JUDICATURE BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. **MR. THUREAU**—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is*—
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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7. MR. SERVICE : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 25th October.

MR. W. R. MERRY—at three o'clock.

Tuesday, 29th October.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL—at three o'clock.

LIBRARY—at half-past three o'clock.

Wednesday, 30th October.

REPORTING PROCEEDINGS IN PARLIAMENT—at eleven o'clock.

ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 25TH OCTOBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 26.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 45.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[46]

Rabbit Destruction Bill.—[58] As reported 24th October. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. JAMES : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether it is his intention to grant any applications for mining leases on the Sebastopol and Durham plateau, within the area shown in the plan lately issued by the department, until the drainage question now before the House be dealt with.
2. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction when he expects to be placed in funds by the Treasurer so as to enable the department to go on with the erection of school buildings now urgently required.
3. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he will authorize Mr. John Lynch, Mining Surveyor, to report on the practicability, or otherwise, of constructing an adit below the Grand Trunk Claim, Springdallah, to drain the Smythesdale, Happy Valley, and Linton Leads.
4. MR. NIMMO : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is aware of the manner in which the business of the Land Tax Commission is being conducted, and if the appeals that are being sustained against the protests of Mr. Commissioner Skene will not materially reduce the estimated revenue from that source.
5. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether or not Government Stock, purchased in the name of the Treasurer, under orders of the Supreme Court, and standing to the credit of certain causes pending in the Supreme Court is affected by "*The Stock Conversion Act 1878.*"
6. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he will proceed with the Sebastopol and Durham Leads Drainage Bill this session, and, if so, when.
7. MR. ZOx : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Government, during the recess, will take into consideration the great necessity that exists for appointing Government Auditors to audit the accounts of Building Societies and other public institutions where the people invest their savings.
8. MR. BENT : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether Mr. Callanan reported in favor of the Springvale site in preference of any other site for cemetery purposes.
9. MR. GILLIES : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is prepared to ask the consent of Parliament to abolish the import duty on such reaping and binding machines as are patented in this colony.

Morning sittings (Till half-past four o'clock.)

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
4. EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
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18. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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21. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
22. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
23. SUPREME COURTS JUDGMENTS BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

Private Bill—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DWYER : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Banks and Currency Statute 1864.*"
2. MR. GAUNSON : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to alter the law relating to the distribution of estates of persons dying intestate, and for other purposes.

General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of report.
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13. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 506.
2. MR. BELL : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, Art Galleries and Museums which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue should be open to the public from seven to ten o'clock p.m. each night in the week, Sundays excepted.
3. MR. GRAVES : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act No. 279* and *The Electoral Amendment Act No. 548*, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.
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THURSDAY, 31ST OCTOBER.

Questions.

1. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice when he will be able to authorize the holding of a County Court at Kerang.
2. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, on reconsideration of the circumstances under which the clause relating to appellants' costs in the Land Tax Bill was struck out, he will cause the costs of the successful appellants to be paid to them agreeably to the order of the Land Tax Commissioners.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPREME COURTS JUDICATURE BILL.—Second reading.
2. NEGLECTED AND CRIMINAL CHILDREN LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

Business.

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MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 30th October.

ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at eleven o'clock.
REPORTING PROCEEDINGS IN PARLIAMENT—at eleven o'clock.
MR. W. R. MERRY—at half-past eleven o'clock.
CONTAGIOUS DISEASES BILL—at twelve o'clock.

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Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 27.
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. CASEY : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Justice when he will be able to authorize the holding of a County Court at Kerang.
2. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, on reconsideration of the circumstances under which the clause relating to appellants' costs in the Land Tax Bill was struck out, he will cause the costs of the successful appellants to be paid to them agreeably to the order of the Land Tax Commissioners.
3. MR. E. H. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether any money is available for general prospecting for gold, and, if not, will he place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for that purpose.
4. MR. ORR : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction if, when any of the holidays allowed by the Education Department fall on a Saturday, the schools will be allowed to take Monday instead.
5. MR. SAINSBURY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways if he is in a position to inform this House when the permanent survey of the Carlsruhe and Daylesford line will be so far completed that tenders already called for, and returnable on the 25th instant, may be accepted and the works commenced.
6. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether or not Government Stock purchased in the name of the Treasurer, under orders of the Supreme Court, and standing to the credit of certain causes pending in the Supreme Court is affected by "The Stock Conversion Act 1878."
7. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether the Government, during the recess, will take into consideration the great necessity that exists for appointing Government Auditors to audit the accounts of Building Societies and other public institutions where the people invest their savings.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 360—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
3. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
5. NEGLECTED AND CRIMINAL CHILDREN LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
6. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Third reading.
7. FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY RAILWAY SALE BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. DISEASES IN VINES ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
10. SUPREME COURTS JUDICATURE BILL.—Second reading.
11. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876 No. 531—FURTHER ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
12. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
13. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
14. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of Report.
15. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
16. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
17. INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
18. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Second reading.
19. SUPPLY.—Resolution to be reported.
20. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
21. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
22. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
23. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
24. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
25. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
26. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
27. SUPREME COURTS JUDGMENTS BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ORR : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amounts paid as compensation for the loss of colonial wine forwarded in defective casks, giving the names of the parties forwarding the said wines, and to whom the amounts in question have been paid.
2. MR. MUNRO : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 506.

3. **MR. GRAVES :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act* No. 279 and *The Electoral Amendment Act* No. 548, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.
4. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.
5. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the question of costs in the case of *Ince versus Levien*; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bell, Mr. Rees, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Billson, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.
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7. **MR. MASON :** To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet; three to form a quorum.
8. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Royal Commission be appointed to enquire into the practice and discipline of the two branches of the legal profession, and the relations in which they stand to each other.
9. **MR. DWYER :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **BANKS AND CURRENCY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
5. **EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
6. **CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER.

Questions.

1. **MR. BIRD :** To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether, on Thursday the 21st November, the day of the Hardie's Hill and Mount Mercer's Agricultural Society's Show, he will grant a holiday to the State schools at Buninyong, Durham, Grenville, and Hardie's Hill.
2. **MR. D. M. DAVIES :** To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will cause sheet railway time tables to be posted up outside of all Post Offices except those in large towns.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **MR. THUREAU—MOTION RESPECTING—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—***
That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.
3. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL COMMITTEE.**—Report from Select Committee to be taken into consideration.
4. **LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **SUPREME COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BILL.**—Second reading.
6. **INSOLVENCY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
8. **MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—***
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
9. **DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.**—Second reading.
10. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
11. **INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.**—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. KERNOT :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Samuel Fieldhouse; such Committee to consist of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tytherleigh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cope, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

2. MR. TUCKER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.
3. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.
4. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the instructions given to the classifiers under the Land Tax Act.
5. MR. MASON : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of providing civil servants with quarters, fuel, light, and water should be discontinued.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COOPER : To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a Board should be appointed to deal with the general question of prospecting.
 - (2.) That such Board consist of the Secretary for Mines, the Junior Audit Commissioner, with the Wardens for Ballarat, Sandhurst, and Gippsland.
 - (3.) That such Board shall have power to appoint a Secretary, and to meet at such times and places as they may appoint.
 - (4.) That the time, place, and manner in which all public money is to be spent in prospecting shall be determined by such Board.
 - (5.) That the said Board may lend money to Mining Companies doing *bonâ fide* prospecting work, on such terms and conditions as the said Board may approve; but not more than one-half of the money available in any one year shall be lent to such companies; the time and manner of repaying such loans shall be determined by the said Board.
 - (6.) That the said Board shall have power to prospect for coal, gold, or other minerals, either by boring or otherwise.
 - (7.) That when the prospecting operations of the said Board prove successful, they shall be entitled to mark out two claims of the usual size allowed for twenty men, on any lead, reef, or seam proved by them.
 - (8.) That when the said Board has proved the payable character of any claim held by them, they shall dispose of the same either by public auction or otherwise, as they may decide, and all money realised by such sale or sales shall be placed to the credit of the prospecting fund, so also shall all money received in repayment of loans.
 - (9.) That all rules and regulations made by the said Board must be approved by the Governor in Council, and shall be forthwith laid before Parliament.
 - (10.) That the Governor in Council may, from time to time, remove any member of the said Board, and may appoint such other person or persons as he may deem fit.
 - (11.) That the House shall, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to place a sum of £50,000 on an Additional Estimate for prospecting purposes; in accordance with the above resolutions.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. SHARPE : To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
3. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways should revoke his order permanently disqualifying Mr. J. Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works.
4. MR. BELL : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Railway workshops should be erected at large centres of population on the Victorian Railways, besides Williamstown and Melbourne.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*): To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all railway works, except repairs, be let by contract.
6. MR. SERVICE : To call the attention of the House to certain hindrances that are improperly interposed in the Lands Department through, apparently, political influences, to the ordinary course of business as authorized by law.

7. **MR. SERVICE** : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.
8. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight on grain and flour should be reduced to a penny per ton per mile.
9. **MR. A. K. SMITH** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1878 the sum of Two hundred pounds towards defraying the costs of constructing safety mining cages and hooks of various designs, and of submitting them to a comparative practical test.
10. **MR. BENT** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, provision should be made for the continuance of endowment to municipalities until 1884 inclusive, upon such terms and conditions as this Honorable House may determine.
11. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That all appointments to be in future made by Government shall be made in accordance with, and subject to the following rules, and not otherwise :—
- (1.) Merit alone shall determine which of the applicants for any appointment shall receive it.
 - (2.) Before any appointment is made on the professional or clerical side of the Civil Service, and whether to the classified or unclassified branches, notice of intention to make it, and that applications will be received for it during the ensuing fortnight shall be first published in the *Government Gazette*.
 - (3.) Applicants who have passed the Civil Service examination shall be taken to be of superior merit to applicants who have not.
 - (4.) In future the number of marks which any person shall have obtained at any Civil Service examination shall be set after his name, and the maximum number of marks for every Civil Service examination shall be always the same.
 - (5.) The marks obtained by examinees at any Civil Service examination shall be considered indicative of the merits of the examinees.
 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
 - (7.) Any applicant who at any Civil Service examination shall have obtained a greater number of marks than any other applicant shall be considered as of superior merit to such last-mentioned applicant.
 - (8.) If two or more of the applicants of greatest merit are on an equality as regards marks, the examiners for the Civil Service shall further examine, in such manner as they may determine, the candidates whose merits are on such equality, and shall determine their respective merits.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 31st October.

MR. W. R. MERRY—at eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 6th November.

ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 31ST OCTOBER.

- Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 27.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 28.
 Report of the Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to confer with similar Committee of Legislative Assembly on the subject of the Reform of the Constitution and certain Bills.
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 Fisheries Act 1873 Amendment Bill.—[36] As reported 30th October. (To Members of Council only.)
 Juries Statute 1876 Amendment Bill.—[39] As reported 30th October. (To Members of Council only.)
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 Lunacy Statute Amendment Bill.—[70] (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Intestate Estates Law Alteration Bill.—[73] (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether, on Thursday the 21st November, the day of the Hardie's Hill and Mount Mercer's Agricultural Society's Show, he will grant a holiday to the State schools at Buninyong, Durham, Grenville, and Hardie's Hill.
2. MR. D. M. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will cause sheet railway time tables to be posted up outside of all Post Offices except those in large towns.
3. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works when he proposes to distribute the £10,000 subsidy passed to local bodies to compensate them for the loss of tolls ; and whether he will lay, as soon as practicable, before this House a list of the proposed plan of distribution.
4. MR. E. H. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works if he has, according to promise, sent an engineer to inspect and report on the condition of the Hoddle's Creek, Warburton, and Reefton Roads, and if it is his intention to submit for revote the unexpended votes of last year for this district.
5. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether or not Government Stock purchased in the name of the Treasurer, under orders of the Supreme Court, and standing to the credit of certain causes pending in the Supreme Court is affected by "*The Stock Conversion Act 1878.*"

Government Business—Morning Sittings—(Till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ACT 360—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—Resolution to be reported.
2. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Third reading.
3. MELBOURNE AND HOBSON'S BAY RAILWAY SALE BILL.—Consideration of Report.
4. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
6. FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.
8. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876 No. 531—FURTHER ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
9. SUPREME COURTS JUDICATURE BILL.—Second reading.
10. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
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Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1878 the sum of £600 towards defraying the cost of printing a mining report and diagrams, compiled by Mr. Thureau, on the latest discoveries of mining appliances.

3. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL COMMITTEE.—Report from Select Committee to be taken into consideration.
4. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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6. INSOLVENCY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
8. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—
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That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
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13. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
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1. MR. KERNOT : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Samuel Fieldhouse; such Committee to consist of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tytherleigh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cope, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
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THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Reporting Proceedings of Parliament," presented to this House on 31st October last, be now taken into consideration.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER.

*Business.**General.*—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COOPER : To move—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a Board should be appointed to deal with the general question of prospecting.
- (2.) That such Board consist of the Secretary for Mines, the Junior Audit Commissioner, with the Wardens for Ballarat, Sandhurst, and Gippsland.
- (3.) That such Board shall have power to appoint a Secretary, and to meet at such times and places as they may appoint.
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- (6.) That the said Board shall have power to prospect for coal, gold, or other minerals, either by boring or otherwise.
- (7.) That when the prospecting operations of the said Board prove successful, they shall be entitled to mark out two claims of the usual size allowed for twenty men, on any lead, reef, or seam proved by them.
- (8.) That when the said Board has proved the payable character of any claim held by them, they shall dispose of the same either by public auction or otherwise, as they may decide, and all money realised by such sale or sales shall be placed to the credit of the prospecting fund, so also shall all money received in repayment of loans.
- (9.) That all rules and regulations made by the said Board must be approved by the Governor in Council, and shall be forthwith laid before Parliament.
- (10.) That the Governor in Council may, from time to time, remove any member of the said Board, and may appoint such other person or persons as he may deem fit.
- (11.) That the House shall, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to place a sum of £50,000 on an Additional Estimate for prospecting purposes, in accordance with the above resolutions.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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 - (6.) Any person who has passed any Civil Service examination may present himself for examination at any other such examination, and the marks obtained by him at any such subsequent examination shall be the marks indicating his merit.
 - (7.) Any applicant who at any Civil Service examination shall have obtained a greater number of marks than any other applicant shall be considered as of superior merit to such last-mentioned applicant.
 - (8.) If two or more of the applicants of greatest merit are on an equality as regards marks, the examiners for the Civil Service shall further examine, in such manner as they may determine, the candidates whose merits are on such equality, and shall determine their respective merits.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 1st November.

MR. W. R. MERRY—at half-past eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 6th November.

ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 1ST NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 28.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 29.
 Rabbit Nuisance Suppression Bill.—[58] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 48.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[49]
 Railway Construction—Estimate, &c. A.—No. 12.
 Railway Loan Act 1876, No. 531—A further Estimate, &c. A.—No. 13.
 Public Works Department—Officers—Return. C.—No. 10.
 General Elections 1871, 1874, 1877—Voters at—Return. C.—No. 11.
 Forests Management Bill.—[49]
 Public Health Conservation Bill.—[50] As reported from the Select Committee. (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Sebastopol and Durham Leads Drainage Bill.—[68] (Issue completed.)
 Lunacy Statute Amendment Bill.—[70] (Issue completed.)
 Intestate Estates Law Alteration Bill.—[73] (Issue completed.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 1878.

Question.

1. MR. D. M. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will cause sheet railway time tables to be posted up outside of all Post Offices except those in large towns.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAY LOAN ACCOUNT APPLICATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. CUSTOMS ACT 1877 AMENDMENT BILL (2).—Third reading.
4. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Second reading.
6. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
7. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Further consideration.
8. FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
10. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876 NO. 531—FURTHER ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
11. SUPREME COURT JUDICATURE BILL.—Second reading.
12. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
13. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
14. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
15. INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
16. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Second reading.
17. SUPPLY.—Resolution to be reported.
18. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
19. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
20. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
21. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
22. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
23. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
24. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
25. SUPREME COURT JUDGMENTS BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Reporting Proceedings of Parliament," presented to this House on 31st October last, be now taken into consideration.
2. MR. NIMMO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount appropriated and expended in the maintenance of the following lifeboat and rocket apparatus stations :—Portland, Belfast, Warrnambool, Queenscliff, Port Albert, Point Lonsdale, and Point Nepean ; also, the last reports of the inspecting officers, showing the actual condition of the lifeboat, rocket, and mortar apparatus, specifying (1) the ages of the lifeboats, the cost respectively of maintenance, crews, &c. ; (2) the amount of drill exercise of the various crews attached to the life-boats, rocket and mortar apparatus.
3. MR. BROPHY : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.
4. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the question of costs in the case of *Ince versus Levien* ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bell, Mr. Rees, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Billson, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
2. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.
3. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.**NOTICE OF MOTION :—**

1. **MR. L. L. SMITH :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.**—Third reading.
2. **BANKS AND CURRENCY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
3. **INTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.**—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER.

Business.**General.**—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)**ORDERS OF THE DAY :—**

1. **LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **INSOLVENCY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
3. **DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.**—Second reading.
4. **OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
5. **EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. COOPER :** To move—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a Board should be appointed to deal with the general question of prospecting.
 - (2.) That such Board consist of the Secretary for Mines, the Junior Audit Commissioner, with the Wardens for Ballarat, Sandhurst, and Gippsland.
 - (3.) That such Board shall have power to appoint a Secretary, and to meet at such times and places as they may appoint.
 - (4.) That the time, place, and manner in which all public money is to be spent in prospecting shall be determined by such Board.
 - (5.) That the said Board may lend money to Mining Companies doing *bonâ fide* prospecting work, on such terms and conditions as the said Board may approve; but not more than one-half of the money available in any one year shall be lent to such companies; the time and manner of repaying such loans shall be determined by the said Board.
 - (6.) That the said Board shall have power to prospect for coal, gold, or other minerals, either by boring or otherwise.
 - (7.) That when the prospecting operations of the said Board prove successful, they shall be entitled to mark out two claims of the usual size allowed for twenty men, on any lead, reef, or seam proved by them.
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2. **MR. KERNOT :** To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Samuel Fieldhouse; such Committee to consist of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tytherleigh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cope, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, and the Mover, three to form a quorum; with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.
3. **MR. TUCKER :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is not necessary to fill up the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, and that the number of Supreme Court Judges should be permanently reduced to four.
4. **MR. YOUNG :** To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the instructions given to the classifiers under the Land Tax Act.
5. **MR. MUNRO :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the imperative duty of the Government to secure the effective administration of the Act No. 506.
6. **MR. BELL :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, Art Galleries and Museums which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue should be open to the public from seven to ten o'clock p.m. each night in the week, Sundays excepted.

7. **MR. MASON :** To move, That a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, formerly of the parish of Langwarry, Gippsland ; such Committee to have power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet ; three to form a quorum.
8. **MR. GRAVES :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act* No. 279 and *The Electoral Amendment Act* No. 548, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. F. L. SMYTH :** To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
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12. MR. BENT : To move, That, while not denying the propriety, as a general rule, of appointing persons who have been Members of the House to offices in the Civil Service, still, this House is of opinion that it is unparliamentary and corrupt to induce any Member to vacate his seat for the purpose of enabling another person to be elected, on the understanding that, at the expiration of six months, the time allowed by law, the Member vacating his seat should receive a Government appointment.
13. MR. DWYER : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Royal Commission be appointed to enquire into the practice and discipline of the two branches of the legal profession, and the relations in which they stand to each other.
14. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 7th November.

MR. W. R. MERRY—at half-past eleven o'clock.
METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at one o'clock.
ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at one o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 1st NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 29.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 30.
Victorian Exhibitions Bill.—[22] As reported 6th November. (To Members of Council only.)
Police Offence Statute 1865 Amendment Bill.—[30] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
Diseases in Vines Act 1877 Amendment Bill.—[37] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
Expiring Laws Continuation Bill (2).—[67] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
Rabbit Nuisance Suppression Bill.—Amendments to be proposed by the Hon. Sir C. Sladen. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 49.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[50]
Report from the Select Committee upon reporting Proceedings in Parliament ; with Proceedings of Committee. D.—No. 15.
Telegraphic Communication *via* Java—Further Correspondence. No. 70.
Closed Roads—Progress Report of the Royal Commission ; with Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, &c. No. 72.
Melbourne and Hobson's Bay United Railway Sale Bill.—[31] As reported 31st October; (To Members of Assembly only.)
Railway Loan Liquidation and Construction Account Application Bill.—[71] (To Members of Assembly only.)
Banks and Currency Statute 1864 Amendment Bill.—[74] (To Members of Assembly only.)
Land Act Amendment Bill. New clause to be proposed by Mr. F. L. Smyth. (To Members of Assembly only.)
Land Act Amendment Bill. New clauses to be proposed by Mr. Graves. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if, in view of the number of leases now becoming due, and the delay in issuing them, he will provide additional professional assistance in his department.
2. MR. DOW : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines whether he will take an early opportunity of revising the auriferous reserves, commonly known as "lands within the pink," for the purpose of throwing open for selection such lands as are not required for auriferous purposes.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CHARITABLE TRUST PROPERTY VESTING BILL.—Consideration of Report.
3. LIEN ON GROWING CROPS BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council—To be taken into consideration.
4. BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council—To be taken into consideration.
5. JURIES STATUTE 1876 AMENDMENT BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council.—To be taken into consideration.
6. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council—To be taken into consideration.
7. VICTORIAN EXHIBITIONS BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council—To be taken into consideration.
8. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Further consideration.
10. FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
11. SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
12. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876 No. 531—FURTHER ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9—To be considered in Committee.
13. SUPREME COURT JUDICATURE BILL.—Second reading.
14. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
15. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
16. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
17. INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
18. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Second reading.
19. SUPPLY.—Resolution to be reported.
20. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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22. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
23. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
24. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
25. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
26. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
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General Business.

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2. MR. R. CLARK (*Sandhurst*) : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the country should be called upon to decide, either by dissolution of the Assembly or otherwise, as to the propriety of a reference to the Imperial Parliament on the question of reform of the Constitution.
3. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of Mr. Lutz on certain dams for water supply at Browns and Scarsdale.
4. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Reporting Proceedings of Parliament," presented to this House on 31st October last, be now taken into consideration.
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7. MR. DWYER : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the question of costs in the case of *Ince versus Leven*; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bell, Mr. Rees, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Billson, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Third reading.
2. BANKS AND CURRENCY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
5. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.
6. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. INSOLVENCY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
3. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
4. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
5. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.

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 - (3.) That such Board shall have power to appoint a Secretary, and to meet at such times and places as they may appoint.
 - (4.) That the time, place, and manner in which all public money is to be spent in prospecting shall be determined by such Board.
 - (5.) That the said Board may lend money to Mining Companies doing *bonâ fide* prospecting work, on such terms and conditions as the said Board may approve; but not more than one-half of the money available in any one year shall be lent to such companies; the time and manner of repaying such loans shall be determined by the said Board.
 - (6.) That the said Board shall have power to prospect for coal, gold, or other minerals, either by boring or otherwise.
 - (7.) That when the prospecting operations of the said Board prove successful, they shall be entitled to mark out two claims of the usual size allowed for twenty men, on any lead, reef, or seam proved by them.
 - (8.) That when the said Board has proved the payable character of any claim held by them, they shall dispose of the same either by public auction or otherwise, as they may decide, and all money realised by such sale or sales shall be placed to the credit of the prospecting fund, so also shall all money received in repayment of loans.
 - (9.) That all rules and regulations made by the said Board must be approved by the Governor in Council, and shall be forthwith laid before Parliament.
 - (10.) That the Governor in Council may, from time to time, remove any member of the said Board, and may appoint such other person or persons as he may deem fit.
 - (11.) That the House shall, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to place a sum of £50,000 on an Additional Estimate for prospecting purposes, in accordance with the above resolutions.
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8. MR. GRAVES: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, a General Election for Members ought not to take place until the numerous defects of the present *Electoral Act No. 279* and *The Electoral Amendment Act No. 548*, under which Acts elections are now held, are remedied.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. **MR. F. L. SMYTH** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
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7. **MR. SERVICE** : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.
8. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight on grain and flour should be reduced to a penny per ton per mile.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 12th November.

ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at eleven o'clock.
MR. W. R. MERRY—at half-past eleven o'clock.
METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at two o'clock.
LIBRARY—at half-past three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 8TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 30.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 31.
Police Offences Statute 1865 Amendment Bill.—[30] As reported 7th November. (To Members of Council only.)
Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Sale Bill.—[31] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
Neglected and Criminal Children Bill.—[56] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 50.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[51]

**Second Further Estimates of Expenditure under Votes for the year ending 30th June 1879—
Message. B.—No. 19. (To Members of both Houses.)**

Aborigines—Fourteenth Report of the Board for the Protection of the. No. 71.

**Charitable Trust Property Vesting Bill.—[51] As reported 7th November. (To Members of
Assembly only.)**

Railway Loan Liquidation and Construction Account Application Bill.—[71] (Issue completed.)

Banks and Currency Statute 1864 Amendment Bill.—[74] (Issue completed.)

Land Act Amendment Bill.—New clauses by Mr. Sharpe. (To Members of Assembly only.)

**Victorian Exhibitions Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of
Assembly only.)**

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. D. CAMERON : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary whether he will cause a searching enquiry to be made into the origination of the Kelly outbreak, and the subsequent action of the police authorities in taking the preliminary steps for their arrest.
2. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands when it is his intention to throw more land open for selection at Apollo Bay.
3. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he is aware that the endowment due to the Wimmera Shire Council in the month of September last has not yet been paid ; and if he will take steps to have the money paid without further delay.
4. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if, in the event of mortgagees having to foreclose for default on the part of selectors (who are borrowing on their leases), he would allow said mortgagees to pay up the balance of the rent and obtain the Crown grants.
5. MR. R. CLARK (*Wimmera*) : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary what action the Government intend to take in connection with the question of the closed roads.

Government Business—(From two o'clock till half-past four o'clock.)

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BERRY : To move, That, so much of the Sessional Order as precludes the taking of new business after 11 o'clock at night be read and rescinded, so far as Government business is concerned.
2. MR. BERRY : To move, That, so much of the several Sessional Orders of the Assembly as fix the days and hours of meeting of the Assembly be read and rescinded, and that Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in each week be the days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business, and that 2 o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LOAN ACT NO. 608—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
3. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—AMENDMENTS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be considered.
4. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Further consideration.
6. FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
8. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876 NO. 531—FURTHER ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
9. SUPREME COURT JUDICATURE BILL.—Second reading.
10. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
11. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
12. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
13. INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
14. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Second reading.
15. SUPPLY.—Resolution to be reported.
16. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
17. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
18. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
19. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
20. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.
21. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
22. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
23. SUPREME COURT JUDGMENTS BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. INSOLVENCY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
3. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
4. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
5. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
7. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Third reading.
8. BANKS AND CURRENCY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
9. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
10. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
11. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.
12. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COOPER : To move—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a Board should be appointed to deal with the general question of prospecting.
- (2.) That such Board consist of the Secretary for Mines, the Junior Audit Commissioner, with the Wardens for Ballarat, Sandhurst, and Gippsland.
- (3.) That such Board shall have power to appoint a Secretary, and to meet at such times and places as they may appoint.
- (4.) That the time, place, and manner in which all public money is to be spent in prospecting shall be determined by such Board.
- (5.) That the said Board may lend money to Mining Companies doing *bonâ fide* prospecting work, on such terms and conditions as the said Board may approve; but not more than one-half of the money available in any one year shall be lent to such companies; the time and manner of repaying such loans shall be determined by the said Board.
- (6.) That the said Board shall have power to prospect for coal, gold, or other minerals, either by boring or otherwise.
- (7.) That when the prospecting operations of the said Board prove successful, they shall be entitled to mark out two claims of the usual size allowed for twenty men, on any lead, reef, or seam proved by them.
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- (9.) That all rules and regulations made by the said Board must be approved by the Governor in Council, and shall be forthwith laid before Parliament.
- (10.) That the Governor in Council may, from time to time, remove any member of the said Board, and may appoint such other person or persons as he may deem fit.
- (11.) That the House shall, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to place a sum of £50,000 on an Additional Estimate for prospecting purposes, in accordance with the above resolutions.

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9. MR. DWYER : To move, That there be laid before this House a copy of the contract recently entered into between the Government and the banks.

10. MR. L. L. SMITH : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the working of "*The Diseases in Stock Act 1872*," with power to call for persons and papers, and to take evidence as to the existence of different diseases of stock in the colony, and to collect evidence and report upon the best means of amending the present Act, which lapses at the termination of this Parliament; such Committee to consist of Mr. MacBain, Mr. Graves, Mr. Dow, Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Richardson, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.

11. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of Mr. Lutz on certain dams for water supply at Browns and Scarsdale.

12. MR. RICHARDSON : To move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Reporting Proceedings of Parliament," presented to this House on 31st October last, be now taken into consideration.

13. MR. NIMMO : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount appropriated and expended in the maintenance of the following lifeboat and rocket apparatus stations:—Portland, Belfast, Warrnambool, Queenscliff, Port Albert, Point Lonsdale, and Point Nepean; also, the last reports of the inspecting officers, showing the actual condition of the lifeboat, rocket, and mortar apparatus, specifying (1) the ages of the lifeboats, the cost respectively of maintenance, crews, &c.; (2) the amount of drill exercise of the various crews attached to the life-boats, rocket and mortar apparatus.

14. **MR. BROPHY** : To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.
15. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the question of costs in the case of Ince *versus* Levien ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Bosisto, Mr. Bell, Mr. Rees, Mr. A. K. Smith, Mr. Billson, Mr. Nimmo, and the Mover ; with power to call for persons and papers, three to form a quorum.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 13th November.

ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL—at one o'clock.

Thursday, 14th November.

MR. W. R. MERRY—at half-past eleven o'clock.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at half-past twelve o'clock.

LIBRARY—at half-past one o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 8TH NOVEMBER.

- Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 31. -
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 32.
 Treason and Felony Law Amendment Bill.—[8] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Customs Duties Act 1877 Amendment Bill.—[38] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Railway Loan Account Application Bill.—[71] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Rabbit Nuisance Suppression Bill.—[75]—Incorporated Amendments as proposed by the Hon. Sir C. Sladen. (To Members of Council only.)
 Neglected and Criminal Children Bill.—Clause proposed by Hon. R. S. Anderson. (To Members of Council only.)

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- Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 51.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[52]
 Second Further Estimates of Expenditure under Votes for the year ending 30th June 1879—
 Message. B.—No. 19. (Issue completed.)
 Third Further Estimates of Expenditure under Votes for the year ending 30th June 1879—
 Message. B.—No. 20. (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Police Offences Statute Amendment Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. SAINSBURY : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Mines if, during the recess, he will appoint a Commission to inquire into the depressed condition of the mining interest, and report as to the best plan for relieving it ; such report to embrace—
 - (1.) What assistance can with advantage be given for prospecting in new districts.
 - (2.) Whether such assistance should be given altogether from the general revenue.
 - (3.) Whether assistance should be given to mines worked by companies, and, if so, to what extent, and on what conditions.
 - (4.) A plan for the distribution of such assistance.
2. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways when he expects to be in a position to call for tenders for the construction of the Shepparton Railway.
3. MR. TUCKER : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works when he purposes extending the Yan Yean reticulation at North Fitzroy and Clifton Hill.
4. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether, in view of the construction of a railway from Benalla to Yarrawonga, he will ask the Government of New South Wales to join with the Victorian Government in constructing a bridge over the Murray River at the township of Yarrawonga.
5. MR. B. G. DAVIES : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if it be true that a lad named Wm. Larkin, who had been ordered by the Flemington Bench of Magistrates to be detained in a reformatory for 12 months, was discharged after a short detention.
6. DR. MADDEN : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands if, in the event of mortgagees having to foreclose for default on the part of selectors (who are borrowing on their leases), he would allow said mortgagees to pay up the balance of the rent and obtain the Crown grants.

Government Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MAJOR W. C. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce a Bill to vest in the Minister of Public Instruction a piece of land situated in the Albert Park for the purposes of a school site.
2. MR. BERRY : To move, That, so much of the several Sessional Orders of the Assembly as fix the days and hours of meeting of the Assembly be read and rescinded, and that Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in each week be the days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business, and that 2 o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AFTER ELEVEN O'CLOCK.—Resumption of debate—*The question is*, "That, so much of the Sessional Order as precludes the taking of new business after 11 o'clock at night be read and rescinded, so far as Government business is concerned."
2. SUPPLY.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LOAN ACT NO. 608—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
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5. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
6. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Further consideration.
7. FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
8. SEBASTOPOL AND DURHAM LEADS DRAINAGE BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
9. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876 NO. 531—FURTHER ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
10. SUPREME COURT JUDICATURE BILL.—Second reading.
11. SUPPLY.—Resolution to be reported.
12. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
13. DUTIES OF CUSTOMS.—Resolution to be considered in Committee.
14. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL.—Second reading.
15. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL.—Second reading.
16. INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS PROTECTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
17. MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OF POWERS BILL.—Second reading.
18. MINING STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
19. PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
20. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
21. WIDENING OF RAILWAYS BILL.—Second reading.

22. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
 23. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
 24. SUPREME COURT JUDGMENTS BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RAMSAY : To move, That there be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the appointment of Mr. George Wallder to the Commission of the Peace for the Central Bailliwick.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Third reading.
3. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
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5. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
7. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
8. BANKS AND CURRENCY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER.

General Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. KERNOT : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the case of Mr. Samuel Fieldhouse ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Tytherleigh, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cope, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Johnstone, and the Mover, three to form a quorum ; with power to call for persons and papers, and to sit on days on which the House does not meet.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. INSOLVENCY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
3. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
4. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION :—

On going into Committee of Supply :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year ; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.

2. **MR. SHARPE** : To move, That it is the opinion of this House, having in view the scarcity of money in the colony at present, that the Government should float a loan of say not less than two millions, with a view of lending same to selectors at a reasonable rate of interest, so as to enable these men to retain possession of their holdings.
3. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways should revoke his order permanently disqualifying Mr. J. Kelly as a contractor to the Board of Land and Works.
4. **MR. BELL** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Railway workshops should be erected at large centres of population on the Victorian Railways, besides Williamstown and Melbourne.
5. **MR. R. CLARK (Sandhurst)** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all railway works, except repairs, be let by contract.
6. **MR. SERVICE** : To call the attention of the House to certain hindrances that are improperly interposed in the Lands Department through, apparently, political influences, to the ordinary course of business as authorized by law.
7. **MR. SERVICE** : To call attention to the circumstances connected with the alienation of certain land near the Gasworks, Melbourne, to Mr. Williams, and to the recent agreement for the leasing of the said land and premises thereon from Mr. Williams.
8. **MR. DOW** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the railway freight on grain and flour should be reduced to a penny per ton per mile.
9. **MR. A. K. SMITH** : To move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to cause to be placed upon the Additional Estimates for 1878 the sum of Two hundred pounds towards defraying the costs of constructing safety mining cages and hooks of various designs, and of submitting them to a comparative practical test.
10. **MR. BENT** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, provision should be made for the continuance of endowment to municipalities until 1884 inclusive, upon such terms and conditions as this House may determine.
11. **MR. BENT** : To move, That, while not denying the propriety, as a general rule, of appointing persons who have been Members of the House to offices in the Civil Service, still, this House is of opinion that it is unparliamentary and corrupt to induce any Member to vacate his seat for the purpose of enabling another person to be elected, on the understanding that, at the expiration of six months, the time allowed by law, the Member vacating his seat should receive a Government appointment.
12. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Royal Commission be appointed to enquire into the practice and discipline of the two branches of the legal profession, and the relations in which they stand to each other.
13. **MR. DWYER** : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which the name of Mr. J. Ryan, of Bacchus Marsh, was removed from the Commission of the Peace ; such Committee to consist of Mr. Brophy, Mr. Dow, Mr. F. L. Smyth, Mr. Gaunson, Mr. Hunt, Dr. Madden, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum, with power to call for persons and papers.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 14TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 32.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 33.
 Charitable Trust Property Vesting Bill.—[51] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Neglected and Criminal Children Law further Amendment Bill.—[56] As reported 13th November. (To Members of Council only.)
 Neglected and Criminal Children Bill.—New clause proposed by the Hon. F. T. Sargood. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 52.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[53]
 Third Further Estimates of Expenditure under Votes for the year ending 30th June 1879—Message. B.—No. 20. (Issue completed.)
 Importation of Cattle and Sheep from Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, and the United States of America—Orders in Council. No. 73.
 Imports Consumed in Victoria—Value of. No. 74.
 Products Exported—Value of. No. 75.
 Products Exported—Value of. No. 76.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. SHARPE : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Mines, seeing that diamond drills are now being cheaply manufactured in this colony, will he call for tenders to supply a sufficient number of those drills to test the character of those districts in the colony supposed to be auriferous.
2. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Speaker whether it is in accordance with parliamentary practice for an honorable Member to call for a division in a case where it is not his intention to vote with the Members who are declared by the chair to be in a minority.
3. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Speaker if it is according to parliamentary law for an honorable Member to give his voice with the "Noes" and afterwards to vote with the "Ayes," or *vice versa*.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ALBERT PARK SCHOOL BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LOAN ACT NO. 608—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
3. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—AMENDMENTS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—To be considered.
4. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Further consideration.
6. FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
7. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876 NO. 531—FURTHER ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
8. SUPREME COURT JUDICATURE BILL.—Second reading.
9. SUPPLY.—Resolutions to be reported.
10. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
11. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
12. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
13. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. INSOLVENCY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
3. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
4. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Third reading.
7. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
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9. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
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11. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
12. BANKS AND CURRENCY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 19th November.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 15TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 33.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 34.
 Draft Address from Legislative Council to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the question of Constitutional Reform. (To Members of Council only.)
 Treason and Felony Law Amendment Bill.—[8] As reported 14th November. (To Members of Council only.)
 Neglected and Criminal Children Law further Amendment Bill.—[56] As reported 14th November. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 53.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[54]
 Weekly Report of Divisions No. 7.
 Victorian Railways—Estimate of Expenditure under Loan Act No. 608. A.—No. 15.
 Albert Park School Bill.—[77]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Treasurer whether it is true that James Flynn was dismissed on the 18th instant from the paid Naval Force for writing a letter to the *Argus*, published 11th October last, to deny that he had corroborated the evidence of Mr. Heathcote and Gunner Richards, and that he had refused to sign a statement that the bilges of the *Victoria* were "beastly dirty."
2. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Instruction whether, in his re-arrangement of teachers' salaries, it is his intention to give sewing mistresses the salaries they had previous to the recent reductions being made.
3. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will take early steps to provide the township of Drouin, on the Gippsland railway, with a telegraph office.
4. MR. TYTHERLEIGH : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the manner in which the Lands Commission is performing its duties is satisfactory to the Government; and, if not, whether the Commission is to continue its sittings during the Parliamentary recess.
5. MR. R. MURRAY SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Speaker whether it is in accordance with parliamentary practice for an honorable Member to call for a division in a case where it is not his intention to vote with the Members who are declared by the chair to be in a minority.

Government Business—(From two o'clock till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RABBIT NUISANCE SUPPRESSION BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
2. NEGLECTED AND CRIMINAL CHILDREN LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
3. TREASON AND FELONY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
4. ALBERT PARK SCHOOL BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LOAN ACT NO. 608—ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE.—To be considered in Committee.
6. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be considered.
7. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
8. LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Further consideration.
9. FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876 NO. 531—FURTHER ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
11. SUPREME COURT JUDICATURE BILL.—Second reading.
12. WAYS AND MEANS.—To be further considered in Committee.
13. DOWER ABOLITION BILL.—Second reading.
14. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
15. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LUNACY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. INSOLVENCY STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
3. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
4. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Third reading.
7. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—
RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
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9. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
10. DIFFERENTIAL RATING BILL.—Second reading.
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12. BANKS AND CURRENCY LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 20th November.

ATTORNEYS BILL—at twelve o'clock.
STANDING ORDERS—at one o'clock.

Thursday, 21st November.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 15TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 34.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 35.
Rabbit Nuisance Suppression Bill—[75] As reported 14th November. (To Members of Council only.)

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Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 54.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[55].
Weekly Report of Divisions No. 8.
Yan Yean Water Supply—Cash Statement and Balance Sheet, year ending 30th June 1878. A.—No. 11.
Proclamations under Licensed Publicans Act—Return. C.—No. 12.
Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill—Report from Select Committee ; with Proceedings of Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices. D.—No. 14. (To Members of Assembly only.)
Metropolitan Gas Company—Progress Report from Select Committee. D.—No. 16.
Rabbit Nuisance Suppression Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)
Treason and Felony Law Amendment Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)
Neglected and Criminal Children Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. TYTHERLEIGH** : To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if the manner in which the Land Tax Commission is performing its functions is satisfactory to the Government, and also, whether the Commission is to sit during the Parliamentary recess.
2. **MR. R. MURRAY SMITH** : To ask the Honorable the Speaker whether it is in accordance with parliamentary practice for an honorable Member to call for a division in a case where it is not his intention to vote with the Members who are declared by the Chair to be in a minority.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BERRY** : To move, That, so much of the several Sessional Orders of the Assembly as fix the days and hours of meeting of the Assembly be read, and that the Assembly meet on Friday next for the despatch of business, and that two o'clock be the hour of meeting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—Resolution to be reported.
2. **ALBERT PARK SCHOOL BILL**.—Consideration of Report.
3. **RAILWAY LOAN APPLICATION BILL**.—Second reading.
4. **POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL**.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be considered.
5. **LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL**.—Further consideration of amendments after third reading.
6. **RABBIT NUISANCE SUPPRESSION BILL**.—Amendments of Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
7. **RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876 No. 531—FURTHER ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9**.—To be considered in Committee.
8. **ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL**.—To be further considered in Committee.
9. **FORESTS MANAGEMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
10. **SUPREME COURT JUDICATURE BILL**.—Second reading.
11. **DOWER ABOLITION BILL**.—Second reading.
12. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**.—Second reading.
13. **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL**.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. YOUNG** : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all papers connected with an enquiry made by Messrs. Pascoe and Reynell into the conduct of Bailiff McLean and others re allotment in the parish Moolort, selected and afterwards forfeited by Wm. Parker, and afterwards applied for by George Macarthur, 1868.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL.—Third reading.
2. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
4. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—
RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
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7. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.
8. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

J. JAMES,
Deputy-Speaker.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 21st November.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at eleven o'clock.
ATTORNEYS BILL—at twelve o'clock.
STANDING ORDERS—at one o'clock.
PRINTING—at half-past one o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 21st NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 35.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 36.
Neglected and Criminal Children Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council, dealt with by the Legislative Assembly, and agreed to with amendments. (To Members of Council only.)
Treason and Felony Law Amendment Bill.—Amendments made by the Legislative Council, dealt with by the Legislative Assembly, and disagreed to. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 55.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[56]
Assent to Bill—Message. B.—No. 18.
First Report of the Printing Committee. D.—No. 12.
Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill—Report from Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices. D.—No. 14. (Issue completed.)
Albert Park School Bill.—[77] As reported 20th November. (To Members of Assembly only.)
Railway Loan Application Bill.—[78] (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER 1878.

Question.

1. MR. GAVAN DUFFY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if, in the construction of the Goulburn Valley Railway, he will take care that the bridges over the Goulburn are so constructed that the navigation of the river shall not be impeded.

NOTICE OF MOTION (*Unopposed*):—

1. MR. NIMMO: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the amount appropriated and expended in the maintenance of the following lifeboat and rocket apparatus stations:—Portland, Belfast, Warrnambool, Queenscliff, Port Albert, Point Lonsdale, and Point Nepean; also, the last reports of the inspecting officers, showing the actual condition of the lifeboat, rocket, and mortar apparatus, specifying (1) the ages of the lifeboats, the cost respectively of maintenance, crews, &c.; (2) the amount of drill exercise of the various crews attached to the life-boats, rocket and mortar apparatus.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876 NO. 531—FURTHER ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—To be considered in Committee.
2. ELECTORAL ACT 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Arts Gallery and Museum, which are supported wholly or in part out of the general revenue, should be open to the public on Sundays from two o'clock to four o'clock p.m. during the months of May, June, July, and August, and from two o'clock to six o'clock p.m. on Sundays during the other months of the year; due provision being made, with the consent and approval of the trustees, for securing to all persons employed in those institutions one clear day of rest at least in every seven days, or at the option of the employes compensation in the form of additional annual salary to be given to such employes for such extra employment imposed upon them.
2. MR. YOUNG: To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all papers connected with an enquiry made by Messrs. Pascoe and Reynell into the conduct of Bailiff McLean and others re allotment in the parish Moolort, selected and afterwards forfeited by Wm. Parker, and afterwards applied for by George Macarthur, 1868.
3. MR. RICHARDSON: To move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Reporting Proceedings of Parliament," presented to this House on 31st October last, be now taken into consideration.
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5. MR. BIRD: To move, That there be laid before this House the report of Mr. Lutz on certain dams for water supply at Browns and Scarsdale.
6. MR. BROPHY: To move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to consider the case of the Alma Consols Company, and Mr. Edward O'Farrell, with a view to present an Address to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to cause to be placed a sum of money upon the Estimates to carry out the recommendations of such Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
3. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
5. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
6. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.
7. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS—ISSUED—22ND NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 36.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 37.
Weekly Report of Divisions No. 2.
Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill.—[50] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
Lunacy Statute Amendment Bill.—[70] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 56.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[57]
Supreme Court Buildings.—Report from Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee and
Minutes of Evidence. D.—No. 13.
Railway Loan Application Bill.—[78] (Issue completed.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. GAUNSON: To ask the Honorable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to the agitation in other colonies respecting the Chinese, and whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in any Bill either for levying a poll-tax on them, or otherwise dealing with the Chinese difficulty.
2. MR. GAVAN DUFFY: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Railways if, in the construction of the Goulburn Valley Railway, he will take care that the bridges over the Goulburn are so constructed that the navigation of the river shall not be impeded.
3. MR. GAUNSON: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether it has not been sufficiently ascertained that the health of Mr. Justice Stephen is so precarious as to necessitate his retirement from the Supreme Court Bench.
4. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he is aware that the local municipal bodies, and the public through the press, within the districts where the police officers were so cruelly murdered over a month since, complain that the police have been removed from the townships nearest to the scenes of these murders, thereby leaving the residents and banks in those townships unprotected.
5. MR. GAUNSON: To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether Mr. Higinbotham has been asked by the Government to take the vacant Supreme Court Judgeship, arising out of the decease of the late Mr. Justice Fellows.
6. MR. GRAVES: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if, in the interests of this colony, and in view of the approaching International Exhibition to be held in Melbourne, he will take into his consideration the desirability of having published an authorized Handbook of Victoria.
7. MR. GAUNSON: To ask the Honorable the Premier whether it is the intention of the Government to dismantle the Gaol of this metropolis, with the view to the sale of the site.

Government Business—(From two o'clock till half-past four o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAY LOAN ACT 1876 No. 531.—FURTHER ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1878-9.—Resolution to be reported.
2. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

Business.

General.—(From half-past four o'clock till twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.)

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
3. INTESATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
5. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL.—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE.—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
6. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.
7. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GAUNSON: To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of all buildings and walls to be dismantled in connection with the Melbourne Gaol, and what is the estimate of the total value of such site for purposes of sale, apart from the value of the dismantled materials.
2. MR. GRAVES: To move, That there be laid before this House all papers in reference to the unsatisfied claims of Joshua Dyason, whose horses were impressed by the police when in pursuit of escort robbers.
3. MR. YOUNG: To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all papers connected with an enquiry made by Messrs. Pascoe and Reynell into the conduct of Bailiff McLean and others re allotment in the parish Moolort, selected and afterwards forfeited by Wm. Parker, and afterwards applied for by George Macarthur, 1868.
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C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 27th November.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at one o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 22ND NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 37.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 38.
 Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill.—[50] As reported 26th November. (To Members of Council only.)
 Land Act 1869 Amendment Bill.—[52] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Appropriation of Revenue, 1878-9.—[76] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Albert Park School Bill.—[77] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)
 Railway Loan Application Bill.—[78] From Assembly. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 57.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[58]
 Weekly Report of Divisions No. 9.
 Finance, 1877-8—The Treasurer's Statement, &c. A.—No. 14. (To Members of both Houses.)
 Assent to Bills—Messages. B.—No. 21 and B.—No. 22.
 Duties on Estates of Deceased Persons Statute 1870—Return. C.—No. 13.
 Defences of Victoria—Despatches, &c. No. 77.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

THURSDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs if he will take into his favorable consideration the prayer of a large body of selectors who petitioned himself and his colleague, the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works, some time ago, relative to the removal of certain obstructions to navigation in the Franklin River, South Gippsland.
2. MR. ZOX : To ask the Honorable the Attorney-General whether it is the intention of the Government, during the recess, to appoint a Judge in place of the late Mr. Justice Fellows.
3. MR. GAUNSON : To ask the Honorable the Minister administering the Postal Department whether it is true that, by introducing the system known as the "double staff system," he has caused a loss to many of the employés (whose average earnings are about £100 a year) of from £3 to £5 a month, earned by such employés for overtime prior to the introduction of such system.
4. MR. MASON : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General if he will consider the claims of certain selectors near Drouin, whose properties have been damaged by the Telegraph department in the construction of a telegraph line from the railway station at Drouin to Buln Buln.
5. MR. BIRD : To ask the Honorable the Postmaster-General whether he intends taking steps towards renting new premises for the Post Office at Linton.
6. MR. MUNRO : To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Customs whether the Harbor Trust Commissioners have intimated, in reply to a Memorial from certain Victorian Manufacturers, forwarded by the Commissioner of Customs to that body, that they decline to accept his recommendation that the wharfage dues on return empty packages shall in future be remitted.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. POLICE OFFENCES STATUTE 1865 AMENDMENT BILL.—Message from the Legislative Council to be taken into consideration.
2. RESOLUTIONS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—Message to be taken into consideration.
3. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH : To move, That, in the opinion of this House, provision ought to be made on next year's Estimates for funds to be appropriated to the Sunday schools of every religious denomination throughout the colony of Victoria ; and that the Government bring in a Bill during the next session of Parliament to effect that object.
2. MR. GAUNSON : To move, That there be laid before this House a return showing the total cost of all buildings and walls to be dismantled in connection with the Melbourne Gaol, and what is the estimate of the total value of such site for purposes of sale, apart from the value of the dismantled materials.
3. MR. YOUNG : To move, That there be laid before this House a return of all papers connected with an enquiry made by Messrs. Pascoe and Reynell into the conduct of Bailiff McLean and others *re* allotment in the parish Moolort, selected and afterwards forfeited by Wm. Parker, and afterwards applied for by George Macarthur, 1868.
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6. MR. BIRD : To move, That there be laid before this House the report of Mr. Lutz on certain dams for water supply at Browns and Scarsdale.

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1. MELBOURNE HARBOR TRUST ACT REPEAL BILL.—MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTRODUCE BILL—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
2. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
4. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.
7. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 28th November.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at twelve o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 28TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 38.
 Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 39.
 Albert Park School Bill.—[77] As reported 27th November. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 58.
 Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[59]
 Finance, 1877-8—The Treasurer's Statement, &c. A.—No. 14. (Issue completed.)
 Report from Select Committee upon Mr. W. R. Merry's claim; with Proceedings of Committee,
 Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices. D.—No. 17. (To Members of Assembly only.)
 Constitutional Reform.—Resolutions proposed by Mr. Casey. (To Members of Assembly only.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 1878.

Question.

1. MR. COOK: To ask the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works if it is true that in some Government buildings the specifications require that the bricks shall be those of the Hoffman Patent Brick Company to the exclusion of all hand-made bricks; and that where the kind of bricks is not specified, the officers in charge of the works use coercion or persuasion to induce the contractors to use the Hoffman bricks, notwithstanding the fact that hand-made bricks have been used in our State schools, the mint, post-office, custom-house, goods sheds Spencer street, the Melbourne Town-hall, and a host of public buildings; and if such be the case, will he take such steps as will permit of free competition in the supply of bricks required for public works.

Government Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RESOLUTIONS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—MESSAGE TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION—RESUMPTION OF DEBATE—*The question is—*
That the resolutions transmitted by Message from the Legislative Council involve an infraction of the Rights and Privileges of the Legislative Assembly, without in any way providing for the Bills carried in this House being ultimately passed into law within any definite period, and that this House declines to consider such Resolutions.
2. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. F. L. SMYTH: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, provision ought to be made on next year's Estimates for funds to be appropriated to the Sunday schools of every religious denomination throughout the colony of Victoria; and that the Government bring in a Bill during the next session of Parliament to effect that object.
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3. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
4. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.
7. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 3rd December.

METROPOLITAN GAS COMPANY—at three o'clock.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 29TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 39.
Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 40.

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 59.
Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[60]
Report from Select Committee upon Mr. W. R. Merry's Claim; with Proceedings of Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices D.—No. 17. (Issue completed.)
Education Act 1872—Regulations. No. 79.
Parliament Buildings—Second Report of Royal Commission. No. 80.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 1878.

Questions.

1. **MR. F. L. SMYTH**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Lands whether some means cannot be devised for sparing selectors the trouble and expense of taking up land, and after paying survey fees, and also having been recommended by local land board, being then notified by the Mining Department that mining objections prevent them from getting their selections.
2. **MR. NIMMO**: To ask the Honorable the Treasurer if he will join in a case being stated for the decision of the Supreme Court, to determine whether a grocer's transfer license should, under the 111th section of the Licensing Act No. 566, be regarded in the light of a new one, and the amount of fee payable to the Treasury.
3. **MR. F. L. SMYTH**: To ask the Honorable the Chief Secretary if he will, during the recess, devise means whereby the Mining Department and the Lands Department may be amalgamated.
4. **MR. F. L. SMYTH**: To ask the Honorable the Minister of Public Works whether any and what means will be taken in future, previously to the commencing of any buildings or other works to be erected or constructed at the public expense, that the full and complete costs of such buildings or public works will be ascertained, and brought under the notice and consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

Government Business.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. BERRY**: To move, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Friday, 6th December instant, at four o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. F. L. SMYTH**: To move, That, in the opinion of this House, provision ought to be made on next year's Estimates for funds to be appropriated to the Sunday schools of every religious denomination throughout the colony of Victoria; and that the Government bring in a Bill during the next session of Parliament to effect that object.
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That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the "*Melbourne Harbor Trust Act 1876.*"
2. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
4. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.—Resumption of debate.
6. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported.—Resumption of debate.
7. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED SINCE 29TH NOVEMBER.

Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 40.

Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 41.

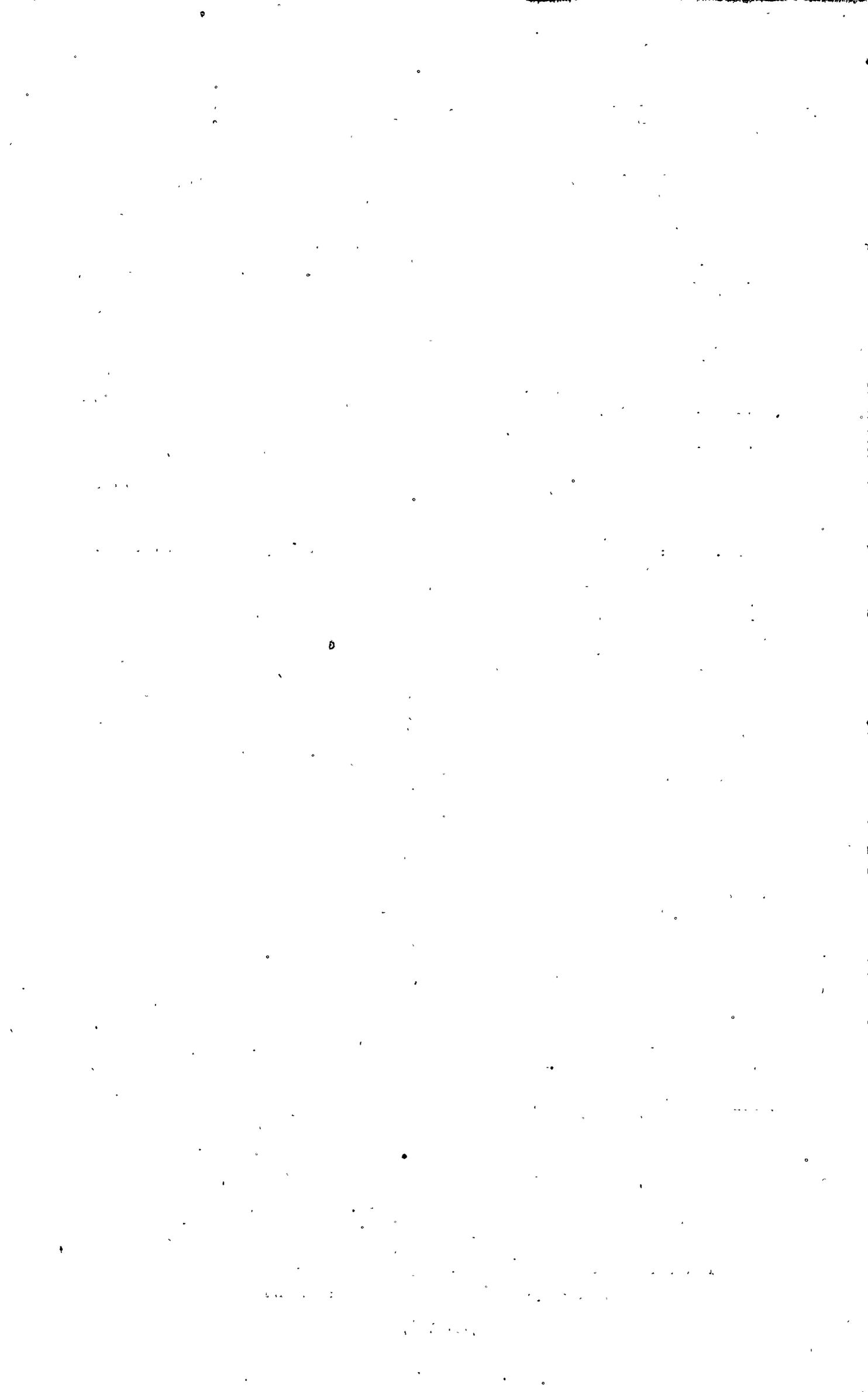
Free Passes by Railways—Report from Select Committee; with Proceedings of Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices. D 5.

Land Act 1869 Amendment Bill.—[52] As reported 3rd December. (To Members of Council only.)

Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 60.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[61]

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.

FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER 1878.

General Business.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. EDUCATION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
2. OFFICIALS IN PARLIAMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
3. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW ALTERATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading—Resumption of debate.
5. INGLEWOOD AND GIPPSLAND RAILWAY CONTRACTS.—Resolution to be reported—Resumption of debate.
6. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Speaker.

PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS ISSUED 5TH DECEMBER.

- Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 41.
- Proof of Minutes of Proceedings of Legislative Council No. 42.
- First Report of the Printing Committee. D 4.

- Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly No. 61.
- Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day.—[62]
- Railway Loan Act 1878—Education Department. A.—No. 17.
- Crown Lands Tenants, South side of Yarra—Return. C.—No. 14.
- Statistical Register for 1877. Part VII.—Law, Crime, &c. No. 54.

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